



Bowmen of Rutland Archery Club Membership Policy

Club Membership

The Members from time to time shall be those persons listed in the Club's register of members which shall be maintained by the Membership Secretary.

The Committee may establish classes of membership with different rights and obligations; these will be agreed at AGM or EGM and such changes shall be recorded in the club constitution.

Admission to Membership

Any person who wishes to be a Member must apply by submitting a membership form to the Secretary. The application will then be considered by the committee.

Membership of the Club is open to all without discrimination and may only be refused where admission to membership would be contrary to the best interests of sport or the good conduct and interests of the Club. No person shall be denied membership of the Club on the grounds of race, ethnic origin, colour, age, disability, sex, occupation, sexual orientation, religion, political or other beliefs. A person may appeal against any denial of membership, an Investigation Committee of 3 persons (one of whom is nominated as the chairman) to hear the appeal. The Investigation Committee is to meet within 28 days of an appeal being lodged. The findings of the Investigation Committee to be reported to the person within 7 days of the appeals meeting.

The Club annual subscription rates shall be decided at the AGM and be payable on 1st April. Annual subscription will be the same for full and associate members. Dues, other than annual subscription rates, shall be decided by the Committee.

The Committee shall use its best endeavours to ensure that any such fees or subscriptions do not preclude open membership of the Club.

Membership is not transferable to anyone else, and no refund of membership payment is available should a member resign membership or transfer to another club.

Conditions of Membership

These Rules and the club's rules of shooting, risk assessments and Archery GB Rules of Shooting shall form a binding agreement between each Member and Members shall comply with these Rules and guidelines.

Members shall pay annual club fees set at the AGM according to 8.2.1 of the constitution. In addition, they will pay shooting fees for each shooting session.

Subject to the club's rules and guidelines and the general law, the Members shall so exercise their rights, powers and duties and should where appropriate use their best endeavours to ensure that others conduct themselves so that the business and affairs of the Club are carried out in furtherance of the objectives and in accordance with the rules and regulations of Archery GB for the time being in force.

Cessation of Membership

Membership of the Club shall terminate if:

- the Member dies.
- the Member resigns by notice in writing to the Club by giving at least seven days' notice in writing to the Club provided that upon such resignation the number of Members is not less than one.
- the Member is in arrears to the Club and his or her subscriptions or any other payments are at least three months overdue.
- the Member is removed from membership by a resolution of the Committee as a result of application of the Club's or Archery GB's disciplinary policy.
- the Member, being an individual, is convicted of a criminal offence which involves dishonesty or any other offence, relating to safeguarding, drugs, any crime involving violence, any convictions relating to children at the committee's discretion.

Disciplinary matters, the Club may suspend affected members pending investigation. During this time the committee may exclude the Member from the Club's premises until the Investigating Committee has met to consider this matter (save that he or she shall be entitled to attend the meeting in question for the purpose of making representations to the meeting). A person may appeal against a decision to remove him or her from the membership in accordance with 9.8 of the constitution.

Any person ceasing to be a Member forfeits all rights in relation to and claims upon the Club, its property and its funds and has no right to the return of any part of his or her subscription fee.

In the event of a Member's resignation or expulsion, his or her name shall be removed from the Club's register of members.