

## **Membership Applications, Payment and Approval**

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

Submission of a membership application and/or payment of any membership fee does not create an automatic right to membership and does not constitute acceptance as a member of the Club.

All applications for membership are subject to review and formal approval by the Club Committee in accordance with the Club's constitution, rules, policies and procedures. Any payment accepted or processed through the Club's online membership system is received on the basis that the associated membership application remains subject to this approval process.

The availability of an online application or payment facility, the successful processing of a payment, or participation in any Club activity while an application is under consideration must not be taken as confirmation that membership has been granted.

The Club Committee reserves the right to approve or decline an application for membership where permitted by, and in accordance with, the Club's constitution, rules and applicable law. In considering an application, the Committee may take into account matters relevant to the proper management of the Club, the safety and welfare of its members and participants, safeguarding considerations, previous conduct, and the interests and objectives of the Club.

Membership will only take effect once the application has been formally approved by the Club. Until that approval has been given, the applicant must not represent themselves as a member or rely upon payment as evidence of membership.

Where an application is declined, any membership fee paid in respect of the unsuccessful application will be refunded, subject to any lawful deductions or charges expressly provided for in the Club's published terms and policies.

Nothing in this provision permits the Club to act unlawfully, including in relation to its obligations under applicable equality and anti-discrimination legislation.