



General

This policy should be read in conjunction with other Club policies which are available for inspection on the Club website, and in particular the Data Protection Policy and the Code of Conduct of the Club.

The Club is committed to its statutory obligations under the Employment Equality Acts 1998–2015 and the Equal Status Acts 2000–2015 in creating an organisation which does not discriminate on the grounds of gender, civil status, family status, sexual orientation, religion, disability, age, membership of the travelling community or race.

Criteria for Applying Membership for

Any person who has had a diagnosis of breast cancer may apply for membership of the Plurabelle Paddlers. Applications are made to the Membership Committee of the Club.

Applications will be approved by the Membership Committee subject to compliance with the above criterion. The Membership Committee reserve the right to seek medical evidence prior to approving membership.

Categories of Membership

1. Paddling Member: may participate in all Club activities.
2. Non-Paddling Members: Members who no longer engage in paddling (with the exception of designated social paddle events) but participate in other club activities. Reduced membership fee applies.
3. Applicant Member: Individuals exploring the option of joining the Club, may participate in a maximum of 3 “try-out” sessions. Thereafter if they wish to continue they are required to apply for Full membership and pay the applicable fee.

OTHER Memberships which do not absolutely require a diagnosis of Breast Cancer

4. Honorary Member: May be awarded at the Board’s discretion, to an individual who, for example, may provide skills or services for the benefit of the Club.
5. Visiting Paddler: An individual may paddle with the Club on a once-off basis, only following invitation from, or approval through the Board.

Voting

All fully paid up members have voting rights at the AGM with the exception of Guest Members.

Membership Fees

Annual Membership Fees are proposed by the Board with reference inter alia to the outgoings of the Club and, are subject to approval by members at the AGM.

Fees must be paid promptly, and in any event within four weeks of the Club AGM every year.

Fees may be paid in installments by contacting the Membership Committee within four weeks of the AGM and agreeing a payment plan.

If any member finds themselves in financial difficulty and is unable to pay their fees, they should contact the Membership Committee within four weeks of the Club AGM and the Club will make every endeavour to come to an alternative arrangement.

Membership Form

All members will be required to fill out a membership form, and to update the Club in the event that the information contained therein changes for any reason.

Termination of membership

The Board reserves the right to terminate the membership of any member for non-payment of fees.

Membership may also be suspended or terminated in accordance with Club policies, and in particular the Club Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Codes.

Membership will be deemed terminated on receipt of a termination notice by the member from the Board.

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