



## **SuAAC Membership Terms and Conditions**

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## **Introduction**

This document defines the Terms and Conditions under which membership of Stratford Upon Avon Athletics Club (hereafter referred to as 'SuAAC' or 'the Club' ) is obtained, cancelled and conditions of Membership, categories of membership and Members rights.

The Club is managed by an annually elected Executive made up of Members of the Club who take specified management roles and act as Officers for the Club.

Policy document for the Club can be accessed through the website of the Club.

## **Club Membership**

A member is deemed a Member of the Club when accepted by the relevant Membership Secretary, and where applicable relevant Membership fees have been paid, and remains a Member until Membership is cancelled.

Members from time to time shall be those persons listed in the Club's membership database as an active Member.

## **Admission to Membership**

Any person wishing to be a Member must apply in such a form as is determined by the Executive from time to time.

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 (including ethnicity and nationality), age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, sex, occupation, sexual orientation, religion, political or other beliefs, pregnancy (save that the Club reserves the right to consider the health and safety of the pregnant woman in deciding whether to admit her as a member) or maternity. A person may appeal against any denial of membership in accordance with the Club's Complaints and Disputes process (see below).

## **Membership Fees**

Membership fees will be determined annually by the Executive for the different categories of Membership. The Executive shall use its best endeavours to ensure any such fees do not preclude open membership of the Club.

## **Conditions of Membership**

The Members shall pay any annual subscriptions set by the Executive (where applicable to the Membership Type of the Member).

Members shall use their best endeavours to conduct themselves so that the business and affairs of the Club are carried out in furtherance of the Objectives of the Club and in accordance with the rules and regulations of England Athletics and where applicable British Triathlon for the time being in force, and the relevant Club codes of Conduct. The Objectives of the Club are specified in the Club Constitution.

Members shall, in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Club, be liable for a sum of one pound (£1) in the event of the Club being wound up.



## **Membership Cancellation**

Membership of the Club can be cancelled by one of the following events:

- the Member resigns by notice in writing to the Club Executive;
- the Member cancels payment method or fails to pay Membership fees;
- the Member is deemed by the Executive of the Club to have broken the Conditions of Membership (as defined above);
- the Member dies;
- the Member, being an individual, is convicted of a criminal offence which involves dishonesty or any other offence, relating to safeguarding, drugs and any crime involving violence (including any convictions relating to children) at the Executives discretion
- the Member is removed from membership by a resolution of the Executive as a result of the application of the Club's disciplinary procedure.

In all of the above events, Membership is cancelled with immediate effect. For clarification of doubt, if a member cancels a Direct Debit or other payment method, the membership is cancelled at that point in time. No refunds will be paid by the Club in relation to time periods between the point of cancellation and the time for the next payment to be made by the Member.

## **Membership Benefits**

Benefits of Membership shall be specified on the Club website, and/or in a Schedule to this document, and maybe changed from time to time by the Executive.

Each Member shall have 1 vote at the AGM.

## **Personal Risk**

Members acknowledge and accept that playing or participating in sport of any kind can be dangerous and may result in injury and damage to property. Members and guests shall take personal responsibility for their own actions and play or participate in the Club's sporting activities at their own risk.

Subject to the rule below, the liability of the Club and its Officers to any Member is limited to the net assets of the Club.

Nothing in these Rules shall limit or exclude liability:

- for death or personal injury caused by negligence;
- for any loss or damage caused by criminal or fraudulent conduct; or
- for any other liability which cannot lawfully be limited or excluded;

## **Complaints and Disputes**

See the Club Constitution for the process of Complaints,

For Disputes, any appeals must be received by the Secretary within 7 (seven) days of receiving the written decision and, if appropriate, the appeals process will be followed.

If a dispute arises between any Members or Officers of the Club about the validity or propriety of anything done by any Member or Officer under these Rules and the dispute cannot be resolved



by agreement, the parties to the dispute must first try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation before resorting to litigation.

## Membership Types

Members of the Club fall into one of the following membership categories.

Membership Type	Definition
Volunteer	A person who is identified as Volunteering for the club, but who does not partake in activities of the Club as an athlete. This membership type does not require a membership fee.
Member	A full member, either Senior or Junior who partakes in Club activities as an athlete and is not covered by the other membership types. This member will pay a membership fee.
Concession(Student)	A member who partakes in Club activities as an athlete, who is a student where they are located away from the local area during term times. This membership incurs a lower membership fee to account for the member only being in the area to use the Club facilities during the holiday periods.
Concession(Coach)*	A member who provides coaching on a voluntary basis to the Club, and who partakes in Club activities as an athlete, and who has relevant qualifications for Coaching (with England Athletics or British Triathlon). This membership incurs a lower membership fee in recognition of the time sacrifice from the Coach in supporting the Club.
Family	A group of members consisting of up to 2 adults and 5 children who partake in Club activities as athletes. A single fee is paid to cover all members within the family group.
Honorary	An honorary or lifetime membership is an unpaid Membership which can be bestowed upon an individual by the Club Executive.

\* If a Coach is an active athlete and has children in the club, the Coach's children will attain the Coach rate. However the Coach will pay full athlete membership fees. If the Coach does not have Children in the club, the Coach will assume the Coach Membership fee.



## Schedule 1 – Membership Benefits

Membership benefits are bestowed to relevant categories of Member as defined below. Where possible such benefits are made available to all Members. Such benefits in some cases are contingent upon availability of Members to support the running of the activity and availability of facilities. The benefits below is not an exhaustive list and members acknowledge that benefits are reviewed annually.

	Volunteer	Member – Senior Concession – Senior Family - Senior	Member – Junior Concession – Junior Family - Junior	Honorary
Coached sessions at Athletics Track (across Endurance Running, Sprint, Track and Field)	n/a	Y	Y	Y
Access to free/subsidised coached swim sessions	n/a	Y	Y	Y
Coached sessions at Stratford School Sports Hall	n/a	N	Y	n/a
Entry fees to Cross Country races paid for	n/a	Y	N	Y
Entry fees to Midlands Track & Field League Matches	n/a	Y	N	Y
Marshalled Club races with post event meal	Y	Y <sup>\$</sup>	N	Y <sup>\$</sup>
Annual Awards Ceremony	Y	Y	Y	Y
Annual Christmas Dinner	Y <sup>\$</sup>	Y <sup>\$</sup>	N	Y <sup>\$</sup>
Annual Club Track and Field Championships	Y	Y	Y	Y
Club clothing at cost	Y	Y	Y	Y
Free Club running top (on joining)	N	Y	N	N
Access to Club Members area on website, club discounts from suppliers	Y <sup>@</sup>	Y <sup>@</sup>	Y <sup>@</sup>	Y <sup>@</sup>
Weekly Club newsletter	Y	Y	Y	Y
England Athletics Membership (Club pays fees)	Y	Y	Y	Y
Subsidised training for Coaches/Leaders	Y	Y	Y	Y

Coaches are England Athletics and/or British Triathlon qualified and DBS checked.

\* Honorary members may have a different level of subsidization at the discretion of the Executive.

@ Planned to be implemented in 2025

\$ Additional fees are payable