

SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

NEW MEMBERS

As with most registered clubs, this Club and its Rules are registered with the Financial Services Agency under an Act of Parliament as stated in the Rule Book. The Rules under which the Club is governed therefore have a legal standing and you should read them. The jurisdiction of internal matters cannot normally be ousted by the Courts.

The following points are particularly worthy of note:

1. **Each Member** on joining pays a subscription and enters into a contract with the Club and every other member, the terms of the contract being embodied in the rules. Any false declarations made when applying for membership will render such application null and void and the person making such declaration will be immediately removed from the membership register and expelled from the club on such facts becoming known.
2. **Subscriptions** are due on 1 January each year and must be paid by 31 January if the privileges of membership are not to be lost. This includes the right of entry. If not paid by this time, there is a 28 day period of grace until 28 February whereby entry will only be permitted if all monies due are paid on entry. **After this date membership will automatically cease** and all further entry will be refused even as a visitor or guest. Vacancies created in this way are allocated to new members. You must make adequate arrangements for your subscription to be paid if you are unable to do so yourself. Subscriptions remain due even during periods of suspension from membership. **DO NOT LOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP THROUGH NON-PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTION.** (Rule 3).
3. Members have the right to **resign** if they do not wish to continue with membership. This is usually when they are moving away. **If you wish to resign you must give notice of not less than three months to the secretary in writing** unless the Committee waives this requirement due to special circumstances. Resigned members may be permitted future entry as guests or visitors whereas **ex-members may not.** (Rule 5)
4. You must notify any **change of address** within 14 days as the secretary must keep an up to date register of members by law. (Rule 4)
5. **Lady members** have the same full rights as men members but this equality does not extend to affiliated clubs who do not permit their ladies full membership rights.
6. **Guests.** You may sign in three guests provided that they are over 16, have not been previously banned from the Club or refused membership, and that the appropriate fee is paid as applicable. You remain responsible for the behaviour of your guests during their stay in the Club and you must remain with them during the period of their visit. Your guests must leave when you do if not before. **No person under the age of 18 years of age may consume intoxicants and no guest may purchase intoxicants.** There is a limitation to the number of times in which a guest may be introduced within a certain period and this limitation may vary from time to time. Guests may not be introduced during extensions to permitted hours. (Rules 26 & 27).
7. Due to the fact that the Club must be vacated within 30 minutes of the bar closing as a condition on the Club's Premises Certificate under the new Licensing Act 2003, **Drinking-up Time is still a legal requisite** and must be observed. Infringements of the law must be treated by the Management in the same way as infringement of the rules.
8. **No abusive behaviour,** nor violence, nor threats of violence, nor drunkenness, will be tolerated on the club's premises or in its vicinity.
9. **Children are not members** and receive particular attention under the new Licensing Act regarding their safety, and regarding drinking and gaming in their presence. Children are therefore permitted entry under certain provisions which may vary from time to time as decided by the Committee in accordance with the law. Parents are held strictly responsible for the safety of their children who must remain under control at all times. Children must always be kept away from the bar and must not become a nuisance to other members.
10. **Off Sales** may be made to **members only** during bar opening times, i.e. not after time has been called. This also applies to non-excisable items.
11. A member does not possess a **right of access** at all times to every room or part of the Club's premises.
12. **Dress.** A reasonable standard of dress is expected at all times. Singlets and lewd T-shirts will not be tolerated on more formal occasions such as when special events or entertainments are taking place, nor will soiled or dirty working clothes or footwear, or anything else that is detrimental to the interests of other members.

The Managing Committee in the interests of all Club Members has the right and duty to take cognisance of a member's conduct on the Club's premises or elsewhere.

Observance of the above common-sense points will ensure that you derive pleasure, recreation, companionship, support and enjoyment from Club membership - the very reasons for the Club's existence.

