

TRRC Membership Policy – agreed October 2021

All Club Policies are based on guidelines from the CPGA. All Club members are responsible for ensuring they read and are familiar with the content of these policies. Truro River Rowing Club CIO Membership Policy

References:

1. CPGA Policies
2. TRRC Constitution, Code of Conduct & General Rules
3. Sport England Club Matters

General

1. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity. (updated in line with equality and diversity guidelines). However, limitation on membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
 - a. The membership year starts on 1st October and ends at Midnight on 30th September.
 - b. All members are personally responsible for ensuring that they are familiar with and abide by the references listed in this Policy
 - c. Members are responsible for updating their contact information by emailing the membership secretary at trrcmembership@gmail.com.

Class of Membership

2. There shall be four classes of membership:
 - a. Full (able to represent the club in competitions)
 - b. Social (does not row competitively)
 - c. Junior (16 Years [year 11] and Under) – age category will be consistent with the definition set, from time to time, by the Cornish Pilot Gig Association.
 - d. Student (attending full time, further or higher education – not a junior) or Apprentices

Membership Applications

3. Members must complete and sign a membership form and health screening questionnaire in order to be formally included on the membership register. All applications for membership must be considered and approved by the Trustees. The Trustees may refuse membership, or remove it, for good cause such as breach of Code of Conduct or Club Safety Rules.
 - a. Prospective members transferring from other Clubs or former members who have not held TRRC membership in the previous membership year are allowed five rows free of charge before being required to join.
 - b. Any new members joining before the 1st February shall pay the full membership fee, those joining on or after the 1st April shall pay the current membership fee pro rata. Fees should be paid before prospective members are allowed access to Club equipment or facilities
 - c. Any member who hands or posts to the Membership Secretary his/her resignation in writing shall be deemed to have resigned from membership of the Club forthwith. There will be no refunds of the membership unless there are special circumstances, and this must be made in writing to the Trustees for consideration.
 - d. The Trustees reserves the right to refuse or remove membership for any member of the Club who is found not to be acting in the best interests, or the good name of the Club, (including contravening the Code of Conduct and Safety Rules)
 - e. The CPGA requires the submission of an updated membership register each quarter, those not

listed will not be permitted to row.

f. In accordance with CPGA rules, rowers are not allowed to be on the register for two clubs simultaneously.

Guest Policy

4. Any member may introduce guests to the Club subject to the following conditions:

- a. A guest is defined as a rower who has not held a TRRC membership in the previous membership year.
- b. No guest shall be introduced who has been refused membership of the Club or has been expelled previously from membership of the Club.
- c. Members shall be responsible for ensuring that their guests respect the Club Constitution, Safety Rules and Code of Conduct.
- d. Introduced guests may have the first five rows free of charge. After such time, they will be required to become members of the Club or enrol on a L2R course in order to continue rowing.

Termination of Membership

5. Membership will be terminated if a member dies, resigns or breaches any of the Club's codes of practice or membership rules, or if the trustees decide it is in the best interests of the Club that the member should be removed, and a resolution is passed to that effect. The Club will inform the member of the reasons why it is proposed to remove him/her and give the member 21 clear days' notice in which to make representations to the Charity trustees as to why they should not be removed from the membership.

Fees

6. Membership fees shall be decided annually at the Club's AGM and all members notified accordingly.

- a. The Trustees will have the discretion to offer easy payment terms or in extreme hardship, discounts, to reduce instances where Membership Fees will pose a significant obstacle to people participating. Members who have written agreement of easy payment terms must have paid the membership fee in full by 1st December.
- b. Membership of TRRC is considered to expire at midnight on 30th September if it is not renewed before this date by submitting the appropriate fee AND membership form. All rights to access to Club equipment including gigs, oars, safety equipment and access to the gig shed or its contents will cease on 1st October.
- c. Any member or prospective member who fails to pay their membership fee by the stated date shall be deemed to have forfeited the right to membership of the Club and the Trustees reserves the right to decline further applications during the membership year.