



TYNE VALLEY CANOE CLUB

CLUB MEMBERSHIP POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

Membership of Tyne Valley Canoe Club is consistent with the Articles (section 3) of the Club Constitution as set out below.

MEMBERSHIP

- 1) Qualification:** Any person who undertakes to behave in the best interest of canoeing shall be eligible for membership regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
- 2) Classes of Membership:** are as listed in the club constitution.
- 3) Election:** Candidates for election to the club shall make written application to the Membership Secretary of the Club on the form provided. The power of election shall rest with the General Committee, who may refuse membership only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal may be made to the members of the General Committee.
- 4) Restriction:** A person who has been expelled from, or refused membership the British Canoe Union, or who has been expelled from any club affiliated to the British Canoe Union shall not be eligible for membership.
- 5) Acceptance:** The General Committee may decline to accept renewal of membership from any person only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal of renewal may be made to the members of the General Committee.

SUBSCRIPTION

Each applicant for membership shall, if his/her application be accepted, pay an annual Subscription fee, the amount of which shall be determined by the members in the Club Annual General meeting

- 1)** The rates of subscription shall be determined by the members in the Annual General Meeting and shall be due on the 31st March of each year.
- 2)** Membership of the club shall be continuous and all memberships will be back dated to the 31st March of each year.
- 3)** The annual membership subscription shall be payable on or before the 31st March. If this is not renewed by this date then membership rights will be revoked until the appropriate fee is paid. Once payment has been received then full membership rights will be reinstated.
- 4)** If a membership period has lapsed for more than 3 years then this membership will revert to becoming a new member.

CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 1)** Any member may resign giving one month's notice in writing to the Membership Secretary.
- 2)** Any member violating rules or regulations of the Club or being adjudged guilty of unsatisfactory conduct by a Disciplinary Committee section 17, by resolution of the General Committee, may be suspended or expelled. Any member so suspended or expelled may appeal against the judgement to the members as determined in clause 17.8.

3) A member shall be deemed to have resigned from the Club if, after due notice in writing, he/she has not paid the annual subscription. He/she may, however, rejoin the Club at any time during the year as long as full payment for the year has been received.

ALTERATION OF MEMBERSHIP POLICY

The Articles set out in this policy cannot be changed other than by changes to the Club Constitution (section 17). The following rules of policy apply:

- 1)** This constitution shall not be altered, amended, or rescinded except by a General Meeting of the Club.
- 2)** A resolution to give effect to change must be passed by at least 75% of the members present at the General Meeting, and voting on this behalf.

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