

# **Dumfries Running Club**

## **Membership**

### **Membership Details**

Membership of the Dumfries Running Club (the Club) is open to all persons living in or around Dumfries and environs who are interested in participating in and achieving the object and aims of the Club. Membership applications from outside the area will be considered on an individual basis. Membership of the Club is restricted to those who are 18 and over and defined as amateurs by Scottish Athletics Limited. Membership can be by application or invitation.

No membership application will be refused on other than reasonable grounds. The final decision to reject or accept an applicant will be taken by the Committee. The Committee is however under no obligation to disclose the reason for refusing any application.

No person shall be refused membership on the grounds of race, colour, creed, religion, sex, sexual preference, impairment or disability. The Committee reserves the right to limit the membership.

Membership applications and the member information is maintained by the Membership Secretary. This is a Club committee post.

All Members are subject to the Constitution of the Club and must abide by its rules and regulations and those of appropriate governing bodies.

No person who has refused to be tested by a properly constituted body of U.K. Athletics for the presence of drugs proscribed by the IAAF, nor who is found on testing by such a body to contain a drug or drugs may remain a member of the Club, nor may he/she become a member, this imposition being without limitation of time, or until that person is reinstated by the appropriate Appeals Committee. Following serving any such ban, the dismissed member may reapply to join the Club.

Members and anyone seeking membership have responsibility to make the club aware of any medical condition they have that could affect them through running. It is their decision alone whether they are fit and able to run. If they are unsure they should consult their physician.

## **Class of Membership**

Membership consists of ordinary paying standard members and honorary life members (together the “Members”). Honorary life members shall be appointed by the Club in AGM in recognition of their services to the Club. They shall not be required to pay a subscription thereafter (“Honorary Life Members” or “HLMs”).

Membership of Dumfries Running Club includes access to Dumfries Sports Club bar, family room, toilets and car park.

## **Membership Period**

The membership year runs from 1 March each year. Membership applications must be submitted by 1 April, any membership applications after this date will be regarded as new rather than a renewal. This will have implications regarding any consideration for the Club London Marathon places. New members may join at any time during the membership year. Potential members are invited to come along and try out the Club training sessions before joining.

## **Membership Subscription**

Members shall determine the level of subscription each year at the Annual General Meeting or failing which in Extraordinary General Meeting. The annual subscription shall become due on the 1<sup>st</sup> March each year.

Members under the age of 21 or in full-time education shall be eligible for free basic membership.

The Committee shall have the authority to use Club funds to subsidise or pay the annual subscription of individual members from time to time at its discretion in cases of recognized individual financial hardship or other extenuating circumstances. Any such assistance provided shall be on a year by year basis.

Members wishing to use the shower and changing facilities at Dumfries Sports Club pay an upgraded membership fee.

Members of Dumfries Sports Club pay a reduced subscription to reflect that this membership already includes use of all the Sports Club facilities. The reduced Dumfries Running Club subscription covers the element that is paid for membership to Scottish Athletics and general administrative costs incurred.

## **Application for Membership**

Membership application may be made either online using Entry Central on the Club website or by submitting a paper application form. Application forms can be downloaded from the club website; from the noticeboard at the Club base at Dumfries Sports Club; or by contacting the membership Secretary at [membership@dumfriesrunningclub.org.uk](mailto:membership@dumfriesrunningclub.org.uk).

## **Scottish Athletic Limited Membership**

Members of the Club are encouraged to join Scottish Athletics Limited (SAL). Club members are entitled to discounted membership of SAL. There are a number of benefits associated with membership of SAL, the main one being an entitlement to a £2 discount on race entry to SAL and UK Athletic events.

The Club also benefits from members joining Scottish Athletics. The numbers of places allocated for events such as the London Marathon are based on the number of members who are registered as members of SAL. Only SAL affiliated members are permitted to participate in District and National Championships.