

# North Petherton Rugby Football Club LTD

*Affiliated to the Rugby Football Union and the Somerset County Rugby Football Union*

CASC REG. 04941



## **Membership Policy**

We are a members Club, therefore, everyone that wishes to participate in the sport of Rugby whether on the pitch or off, at North Petherton RFC must join one of the membership groups.

Membership of the club shall be open to anyone regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other belief. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

The Club may refuse membership or expel from membership any member whose conduct is deemed to bring the Club into disrepute. An appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club's committee.

The Club at the Annual General Meeting shall decide the amount of subscription and the fees payable listed in the constitution. Membership will become valid upon receipt of a Membership card, and until that time the applicant will not be entitled to any privileges of the Club. This will take a minimum of three days. Membership shall be current from the 1<sup>st</sup> September in one year, until the 31<sup>st</sup> August in the next year.

Membership levels are:

### **Life Members**

The General Committee whose recommendation shall be ratified at the next general Meeting shall recommend life Members to that office. The recommendation shall be given for outstanding service to the Club. He/She shall enjoy full membership rights and be listed in the fixture card.

### **Patrons**

Any candidate who wishes to support the Club financially can apply to become a Patron member of the Club. A Patron shall have full Membership rights and be listed in the fixtures book.

### **Full Membership**

Full Membership is for full playing members who shall enjoy full voting rights and be entitled to any privileges of the Club.

### **OAP Membership**

This is a reduced rate for retired members who shall enjoy full voting rights and be entitled to any privileges of the Club.

### **Playing Family Membership**

Defined as a playing member that has children / child that play. This membership to comprise of 2 Adults & 2 Children ( 1 Full Member, 1 Social Member and 2 Junior Members. ) Additional junior members shall pay an additional charge.

### **Non Playing Family Membership**

Defined as a non-playing member that has children child that play. This membership to comprise of 2 Adults & 2 Children (1 Full Member, 1 Social Member and 2 Junior members.) Additional junior members shall pay an additional charge.

### **Colts Playing Membership**

Defined as a playing Colt currently under 18 years of age. Weekly subs apply and gives entitlement to any privileges of the Club but no voting rights

### **Mini / Youth Member**

Defined as a player currently under 16 years of age. No weekly subs apply and no voting rights apply.

### **Social Membership**

Social Membership is open to any person who is proposed and seconded by any existing full member. Social members are subject to all Club rules, have no voting rights.

Membership payment levels are decided upon at the Clubs AGM..

## **CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

A Member shall relinquish Membership of the Club in the following circumstances:-

- a) On ceasing to be eligible for Membership
- b) On tendering a resignation in writing to the General Secretary
- c) In the event of the Committee resolving by a majority of two-thirds of its number present, that Membership shall be terminated in such a case where the Committee is satisfied either that the Member has been guilty of conduct likely to bring the Club into disrepute, or that he has wilfully, wantonly or persistently broken the Rules of the Club and it can be seen that by such a cessation it will be in the best interest of the Club

Any proposed hearing regarding a members conduct will not be convened until that member has notified in writing of the complaint made against them and that they have been given a fair opportunity of appearing in person before the Committee to explain their conduct.

On relinquishing their Membership, all persons forfeit all rights to, and claim upon the Club and its assets

This policy will be reviewed every two years

Wayne Carter Nov 2023