



City of Portsmouth Athletic Club Free Membership Policy

Membership Overview

This policy governs the **Free Membership** offered by the City of Portsmouth Athletic Club (CoPAC). This membership is available to individuals who actively contribute to the management and operations of the club, as well as their children. Additionally, in some instances, it may be granted to individuals on the grounds of exceptional achievement, such as representing their country at the highest level of competition.

Membership Duration

Free Membership is granted for as long as the member remains actively involved in club management or operations. Free Membership is reviewed annually and will be revoked if a member no longer meets the eligibility requirements, however the member may remain at the club with a paid membership.

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for Free Membership, the individual must:

- Be an active committee member, club officer, team manager, or coach.
- Be an individual who has achieved exceptional success, such as representing their country at a top-level competition (subject to club approval).
- Remain actively engaged in the club's management or operational activities.

Children of eligible members may also be included under this membership.

Membership Fees

This membership is provided free of charge to eligible members.

Membership Review and Renewal

- Free Membership is reviewed annually to ensure members continue to meet eligibility criteria.
- Membership will revert to a paid membership if a member is no longer actively contributing to the club's operations or management.
- Members will be notified of any changes to their membership status.
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Membership Benefits

Free Membership provides access to:

- Club training sessions.
- Coaching opportunities.
- Member-exclusive activities and discounts where applicable.
- **Exclusions:**
 - This membership does not include track facility usage, however a free member can pay for 'Track Only' membership should they wish to make use of the track or field facilities at Mountbatten Centre, or coaching at the centre.
 - This membership does not include an England Athletics licence however free of charge members can purchase a licence (with or without facilities use) on the club website.

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- Coaches, Assistant coaches and free members who are also on a 'Talent' pathway which includes a track pass are not required to pay facilities fees. For these groups, BH Live provide free track passes directly through the centre.
- Members must adhere to the England Athletics Junior or Senior Codes of Conduct

Cancellation & Refunds

- Free Membership will be revoked if the member no longer meets eligibility criteria.
- Membership does not carry automatic renewal and is subject to an annual review.

Code of Conduct

All members must adhere to CoPAC's rules, policies, and code of conduct. Failure to do so may result in membership suspension or termination.

Amendments to Policy

CoPAC reserves the right to amend this membership policy as needed. Members will be notified of any significant changes.

For any questions regarding this policy, please contact CoPAC administration.

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