

KENT ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

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POLICY

MEMBERSHIP

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STATEMENT OF POLICY

This policy relates only to membership of the Kent Archery Association; clubs, regional associations and the national governing body will operate their own policies and/or guidelines.

"Associated Club" status is available to any:

- Archery club,
- Disability sports club with an archery section,
- School, college or university with an archery section,
- Leisure- or Sports Centre with an archery section,

in Kent (including certain parts of SE Greater London), subject to a few conditions laid down by ArcheryGB, the national governing body.

Once a club is recognised in this way, the full members of that club will normally become Club Members or Junior Club Members of the Kent Archery Association. Recognition of a club by the Association and Club Membership are dependent upon the payment of the appropriate membership fee.

Direct Membership of the Association is also available to persons aged 18 years or over, who either are currently affiliated to ArcheryGB or have previously been affiliated to ArcheryGB for at least a year.

Membership Rights and Responsibilities

Membership of the Association gives you the opportunity to:

- earn Awards at County Tournaments and Championships;
- earn County Records;
- be invited to take part in the annual "County Invitation Tournament";
- be included in representative County Teams,
- earn other Merit Awards for shooting achievements or service to the Association.

It gives you the right to:

- give constructive suggestions as to how The Association can improve the services it provides to its clubs and its members;
- attend General Meetings and Operational Committee meetings;
- vote at General Meetings (excludes juniors);
- stand for election to, or be co-opted to the Executive Committee or Operational Committee (excludes juniors);
- stand for election to the post of President (excludes juniors).

It gives you the responsibility to:

- uphold the best traditions of "Union, True Heart and Courtesie",
- support, help and criticise constructively,
- not to act in any way that is likely to bring the sport or the Association into disrepute.

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

In general there are two ways of affiliating to the national governing body (ArcheryGB), regional governing body (SCAS) and the county governing body (KAA – the Association) – it can be done either as a package via the club membership system, or individually at the individuals responsibility. For simplicity, the three levels will be referred to as “the governing bodies” throughout the remainder of this document.

Clubs and Club Members

A club that gains recognition by ArcheryGB and the relevant regional and county governing bodies is known as an Associated Club or a Junior Associated Club. Individuals who become full members of such clubs will normally pay their club membership fees and affiliation fees to the governing bodies together in a single amount once a year to their club. The club membership secretary is then responsible for the paperwork and payment to governing bodies.

Individuals of 18 years of age or more, who become members of the Association in this way, are known as Club Members; individuals below the age of 18 years are known as Junior Club Members.

This form of membership suits the overwhelming majority of archers and is the simplest and cheapest.

It should be noted that the only significance of a Junior Associated Club is that instead of charging each member an affiliation fee to each governing body, the club as a whole is charged a single fee for each governing body, equivalent to the corresponding “Direct Membership” fee. Although this type of fee is generally higher, it can be divided across all the members of the Junior Associated Club, thereby reducing the cost of membership.

Clubs are entitled to define types of membership of their club, which do not include the right to shoot (e.g. “social” or “volunteer” members). Such forms of membership will not automatically include affiliation to the governing bodies, but anyone in this position might be entitled to apply for Direct Membership of the Association.

Direct Membership

Individuals wishing to arrange their own membership of the governing bodies may apply for Direct Membership of the Association. This is open only to individuals aged 18 years or over who either are currently affiliated to ArcheryGB or have previously been affiliated to ArcheryGB for at least a year.

This form of membership does not entitle the holder to any additional rights, except to receive a personal copy of all official communications as provided to club secretaries. This includes, but is not limited to, correspondence relating to the AGM and any EGM, committee minutes and information from national and regional governing bodies for circulation to clubs.

Honorary Membership

Honorary Membership is a merit award, which may be granted to existing Club or Direct Members by the Association at its AGM. It entitles the holder to free membership for life, but does not affect their rights, responsibilities or duties in any way.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Association's membership year follows that of ArcheryGB, which currently runs from 1 October of one year to 30 September of the next. Membership renewal reminders are normally sent to club Secretaries and Direct Members during July or August – membership fees are due by the end of September.

Honorary Members and Honorary Life Vice Presidents will remain so (without having to take any annual action) until and unless they notify the Secretary of their wish to relinquish the honour.

The following fees are currently payable:

(includes all changes to fees agreed at the 2009 AGM to take effect from 01 May 2010):

Clubs

Associated Club		No fee payable
Junior Associated Club	requires recognition as such by ArcheryGB	£6.50
Schools Club	requires recognition as such by ArcheryGB	No fee payable
University Club	requires recognition as such by ArcheryGB	£6.50
Disabled Club	requires recognition as such by ArcheryGB	No fee payable

Club Members

Club Member	adult member of an Associated Club	£3.50
	adult member of an Junior Associated Club	No fee payable
	adult member of a Schools Club	No fee payable
	adult member of a Disabled Club	No fee payable
	adult member of a University Club	No fee payable
Junior Club Member	junior member of an Associated Club	£2.50
	junior member of a Junior Associated Club	No fee payable
	junior member of a Schools Club	No fee payable
	junior member of a Disabled Club	No fee payable
	junior member of a University Club	No fee payable

Direct Members

Direct Member		£6.50
Direct Member	Married Couple (will receive only one set of standard paperwork)	£11.00

Honours

Honorary Member		No fee payable
Honorary Life Vice President		No fee payable