



MEMBERSHIP RULES

1. Introduction

Under Article 19 of GBWR's 2017 Articles of Association, the Board of Trustees has the power to make Rules relating to membership of Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby Ltd (GBWR):

- setting out different categories of membership of GBWR;
- setting out rights, privileges and obligations of the different categories of Member; and
- setting the levels of subscriptions or entrance fees to be paid by the different categories of Member.

2. Categories of Membership

There are four categories of membership in GBWR:

- A. Voting Members (adult)
- B. Associate Members (adult)
- C. Youth Membership
- D. Affiliated Clubs

which are defined within these Membership Rules by the following criteria:

A. Voting Membership is open to individuals who are aged 18 or over and who are:

- players; and/or
- coaches;
- resident within England, Scotland or Wales.

B1. Associate Membership is open to individuals who are aged 18 or over and who are:

- family members of players, coaches and/or officials;
- friends of players, coaches and/or officials;
- volunteers;
- officials
- classifiers
- supporters; and/or
- sponsors;
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B2. Non Resident Associate Membership is open to individuals who are aged 18 or over and who are:

- players; and/or
- coaches;
- resident outside of England, Scotland and Wales.

C1. Youth Membership is open to individuals aged between 12 and 17 years (inclusive) and who are:

- players
- training alongside adult participants and/or
- competing /in the adult league

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C2. Youth Programme Membership is open to individuals aged between 8 and 17 years (inclusive) and who are:

- players
- training in youth only sessions and/or
- competing in youth only competition

C3. Youth Associate Membership is open to individuals who are aged between 14 and 17 years (inclusive) and who are:

- volunteers;
- assistant coaches; and/or
- officials;

Under these Membership Rules, GBWR will require certain criteria to be met to authorise all membership types under the category of Youth Membership, and these will be made clear during the application process. The GBWR Chief Executive assesses applications under the category of Youth Membership and may, if necessary, recommend that the GBWR Board of Trustees declines such an application in interests of safety.

D. Affiliated Clubs. The affiliation criteria for clubs are set out in a separate document detailing the Club Affiliation Rules.

3. Voting Entitlement

Voting Members of GBWR are entitled to vote, receive notice of and attend general meetings of GBWR. All other member categories are entitled to receive notice of, and attend general meetings of GBWR but are not entitled to vote.

4. Resolutions

Voting Members are entitled to propose resolutions at general meetings providing any such resolution has the support of 5% of the total voting Membership and is of a constitutional nature and made with a proposer and seconder.

5. Applications for Membership

Under Article 28 of GBWR's 2017 Articles of Association, an individual wishing to become a Member of GBWR:

- must complete an application for Membership in the format required by GBWR's Board of Trustees; and
- must have received approval of the application by GBWR's Board of Trustees.

The Board reserves the right to refuse to approve or renew an application for membership if at any time it shall be of the opinion that it is in the interests of GBWR to do so.

Under Article 29 of GBWR's 2017 Articles of Association:

- All categories of Membership are required to pay any entrance fee at the relevant level fixed by the Board of Trustees.

Under these Membership Rules, the entrance fees for new applicants to each category of Membership are set by the Board of Trustees as at the beginning of each financial year (1



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April). (The levels of entrance fee for each type in the current financial year are shown at Appendix 1.)

6. Conditions of continuing Membership

Under Article 29 of GBWR's 2017 Articles of Association:

- All categories of Membership are required to pay any annual subscription at the relevant level fixed by the Board of Trustees.

Under these Membership Rules, the annual subscription levels for each category of Membership are set by the Board of Trustees as at the beginning of each financial year (1 April). (The levels of annual subscription for each category in the current financial year are shown at Appendix 1.)

- The Membership period is 12 months from successful registration/renewal.
- Any Member whose annual subscription is more than three months in arrears is deemed to have resigned his/her membership of GBWR, unless the Board of Trustees decides otherwise.
- Under these Membership Rules, the Board of Trustees will reach any such decision through the appeals process set out in the relevant Policy Regulation.
- All categories of Membership are subject to these Membership Rules and also to the Regulations of GBWR.

Under Article 19 of GBWR's 2017 Articles of Association, GBWR's Regulations and Policies include provisions:

- for the promotion and organisation of competitions;
- to ensure compliance with national and international rules relating to doping control;
- for safeguarding;
- for equality;
- setting out disciplinary procedures for Members; and
- such other regulations or policies as GBWR's Board of Trustees considers necessary.

(GBWR's current Regulations and Policies are set out in the Policies section of the GBWR website.)

Appendix 1

Membership Fees

Voting Membership	£55
Associate Membership	£22
Non-resident Associate Membership	£44
Youth Membership	£28
Youth Associate Membership	£22
Youth Programme Membership	£6