

Witham Running Club Membership Policy

Witham Running Club (WRC) aims to be a club that offers a diverse range of activities and allows members an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of running and triathlon.

Running Clubs traditionally offer wider activities than social running groups, but this relies on members giving more back to the club to help facilitate those activities.

Membership

The Club consists of ordinary members and Honorary Members, together being 'the Members'.

Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs; or of age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of running and triathlon as particular sports.

Membership of the Club is confined to those abiding by the Rules of Competition of UK Athletics, the British Triathlon Federation, any relevant successor, subsidiary or other affiliating or governing body in force and as may apply from time to time.

Honorary Members

Honorary Membership will ordinarily be granted only in recognition of a significant personal contribution to the Club's affairs. The total number of Honorary Members is not limited.

Honorary Members will rank equally in all respects with Ordinary Members except that no contributions or subscriptions for membership of the club shall be payable.

Honorary Members shall be elected by the Committee.

Cessation of Membership

A Member may resign from membership at any time by notice to that effect given to the Secretary.

Failure to pay subscription fees within three calendar months of the due date will result in cessation of membership. If at any time he or she gives to the Committee a satisfactory explanation, he or she may be readmitted to membership at the discretion of the Committee.

WRC hosted events: expectations of members

The club relies on its members to support its activities, which contribute to the success of the club and our ability to keep membership subscription rates as low as possible. Therefore, Members are strongly encouraged to help out on at least one occasion per year where volunteers are requested.

Members are excluded from entering races hosted by the Club, subject to the following:

- The Race Director will have discretion to operate an internal club ballot to allow a limited number of members to run in our road races. Members who are willing to help in addition to run will be given more weighting in such a ballot. The Race Director in conjunction with the Committee has the final say of whether to invoke the ballot.

- This rule may be temporarily suspended by the Club for events where it is in our interest to have runners representing the club, such as cross country races and Essex Championship events.

The Race Director of a race hosted by the Club has the discretion to refuse entries from Members.

The Club will consider the circumstances of any breaches of this rule and may take a range of actions up to terminating membership.

General Expectations

Members should abide by the club etiquette and other codes of conduct, such as the Social Media Code of Conduct

Photography

Members should note that photographs and footage may be taken during races, training sessions and other events. These may be used by the club for appropriate marketing and publicity on our website and in social media and/or the local press. Please contact a member of the Committee if you wish to be excluded from any images published.

In some cases, photographs may be used by third parties, but only where this is deemed appropriate and approved by the Committee. Please speak to a member of the Committee if you have any concerns about this or wish to be excluded from any images shared with third parties.