

## Liverpool Ramblers' Association Football Club

### Guidance on Membership Applications

1. The Ramblers is one of the oldest amateur football clubs in the world and the club takes great pride in its history and tradition. We have a long history of friendship and fair play, and some of our fixtures have been played regularly since the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Accordingly, we jealously guard our ability to admit new members only if they will seek to uphold our traditions and reputation.

2. The club rules dealing with membership are as follows:

21. Every candidate for admission to the Club must be proposed by one member, and seconded by another. The candidate must be personally known to both his proposer and seconder. In addition to being proposed and seconded, other than in the case of applications from schoolboys, each application must also be supported by the signature of no less than 4 Committee members. No application will be considered unless accompanied by a signed Standing Order Form providing for the entrance fee and current and ongoing subscriptions. Each application form shall be circulated to the membership at least 5 days prior to the Committee meeting at which it is to be considered. Every candidate shall be balloted by the Committee and any application shall be successful if it receives four-fifths or more of the votes cast at the meeting at which it is considered. There shall be an entrance fee of £10 for schoolboys and £15 for all other members, which shall be waived if the new member buys a full playing kit.

22. Membership categories and annual subscriptions shall be as follows:

Full Playing Members (aged 25 or over on the 1st September)	£150
Under 25 Membership (for those aged less than 25 on the 1st September who are not in full time jobs or are not in a team that is playing every week)	£75
Student & Schoolboy Membership (for those in full time education on the 1st September)	£25
Country Playing Members (who live more than 50 miles from Crosby)	£55
Non-Playing Members	£40
Life Membership (for those aged from 50 to 59)	£300

Life Membership (for those aged 60 and above)

£250

Playing Members who pay their subscriptions before the 1st October shall have their subscriptions rebated to £130, Under 25 Members who pay their subscriptions before the 1<sup>st</sup> October shall have their subscription rebated to £65 and Country Playing Members who pay their subscriptions before the 1st October shall have their subscriptions rebated to £40. No member of the Club shall be eligible for Life Membership unless they have completed 10 seasons as a Full Playing Member of the Club.

23. The Committee shall have power to decide in its discretion who shall be considered as Full Playing Members, Country Playing Members and Non-Playing Members.
  24. The Annual Subscription shall be considered due on 1st October in each year. The Committee shall have the power to expel any member from the Club whose subscription remains unpaid on the 1st December.
  25. No new member shall be asked to play in any match unless his subscription and entrance fees are paid within a month of his election and no member shall be asked to play in any match if his subscription has not been paid by 1st October.
  26. The proposer and seconder of any new member who fails to pay his entrance fee and/or subscriptions shall each be held liable for the whole of the same up to and including the entrance fee and the first three years' subscriptions.
3. An applicant will generally be expected to have played a number of games for the club as a guest before the committee will be able to assess an application for membership. Although there is no hard and fast rule, after five games the application process should generally begin.
  4. Your proposer and seconder must be members of the club, must know you well and take on the risk of paying your membership fees if you don't, so they must be chosen carefully.
  5. Your sponsors must be officers of the club, which includes the Vice-Presidents. You may not know four at the time that your application begins but the captain of whichever team you have been playing for mostly will be able to make the introductions. A list of the officers of the club can be found on the website.
  6. The application form is available to download below, as are the junior membership and full membership standing order forms.

7. Please note it is the applicant's responsibility, and not that of any officers of the club, to complete the application form. Please don't submit a form that isn't fully filled out as it won't be circulated to the membership for consideration until it is.
8. Once your membership application has been accepted your standing order will be processed; new members are expected to buy a full playing kit and a copy of the Ramblers' Book, which is a very good read and a very good introduction to the club.
9. Once your form and standing order are complete, either give them to your captain or, even better, scan and email them to [jerry@hopkinsandball.com](mailto:jerry@hopkinsandball.com)
10. Good luck!