

Annan Rugby Club – Membership Policy

Effective From: 1st August

Membership Year: 1st August – 31st July

Membership Classes

Membership is open to all individuals regardless of age, gender, gender identity, background, ability, religion, race, or financial circumstances. The following categories of membership are available:

1. **Senior Player**
Adults aged 18 and over actively participating in training and matches.
2. **Student**
Adults over 18 in full-time education. Proof of student status will be required.
3. **Youth Player**
Members under 18 participating in junior rugby training and games.
4. **Walking Rugby**
Members over 18 participating in walking rugby training and games.
5. **Non-Playing Member**
Supporters and parents not participating in playing activities.
6. **Volunteer Member**
Coaches, officials and volunteers not participating in playing activities, awarded at the discretion of the board.
7. **Honorary Life Member**
Awarded at the discretion of the board for outstanding service. No fees apply.

Membership Fees & Payment Terms

- Membership fees will be set annually by the Board and passed at an Annual General Meeting.
- Membership may be paid:
 - In full at the start of the membership year, or
 - In monthly instalments (at no additional cost).
- Individuals paying monthly who miss two consecutive payments will be deemed to have lapsed membership and will be ineligible to participate in training, matches, or club-related activities.
- Members joining:
 - Within the first three months of the membership year must pay the full annual fee.
 - With less than nine months remaining will pay a monthly pro-rata fee either in full or instalments.
 - Are liable for membership fees from the date they first participate in training or club events.
- Members who cancel their membership within the first three months (and have paid in full) may receive a 50% refund.
Monthly-paying members who cancel are not entitled to any reimbursement.
- Anyone applying for membership must submit full payment or confirmation of payment plan with their application.
- No one will be refused membership based on their ability to pay. The club operates a Hardship Policy—please contact the club secretary in confidence for more details.

- Family discounts are applied for senior players who have children playing at the club. These discounts are set annually as above.
- Similarly, family discounts are applied where more than one member from the same household plays at the club, where one of those players is under the age of 18 as at 1st September. Again, these discounts are set annually as above.

Application, Approval & Refusal

- All membership applications are subject to approval by the Club Board.
- The Board reserves the right to refuse membership.
- Applicants who are unsuccessful in their application will be notified within 14 days of submission.
- Individuals whose applications are refused have the right to appeal, which may be heard at the next Board meeting or Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- If an appeal is successful, membership will be deemed active from the date of the decision.

Guest & Social Use Policy

- Non members attending club social events or using facilities must be accompanied by a current member.
- Guests must sign in, providing their name and address upon each visit.
- The hosting member must countersign the guest record.

Conduct, Discipline & Termination

- Membership is non-transferable and expires upon death.
- Members must act in a manner that reflects the values of the club.
- Members may be subject to disciplinary action, including expulsion, if:
 - They bring the club into disrepute,
 - Their conduct is detrimental to club operations,
 - They act in conflict with the club's mission or values.
- In this event, the member will be:
 - Notified of the intent to expel,
 - Invited to present a response at a meeting of members or board,
 - Informed of the decision following this process.

Voting Rights & Eligibility

- Only members aged 18 or over are eligible to vote at the AGM or other members' meetings.
- Team captains, officers, and officials must be current members to be eligible for election or appointment to their roles.

Register of Members

The board is required to maintain a register of members, setting out the following details: for each current member:

- his/her full name and address; and
- the date on which he/she was registered as a member of the organisation;

For each former member - for at least six years from the date on he/she ceased to be a member:

- his/her name; and

- the date on which he/she ceased to be a member.

If a member or charity trustee requests a copy of the register of members, the board must ensure that a copy is supplied to him/her within 28 days, providing the request is reasonable; if the request is made by a member (rather than a charity trustee), the board may provide a copy which has the addresses redacted.