

# Wirral AC Membership Policy



This document sets out Wirral AC's approach to membership, covering initial membership, available membership types, termination of membership, and club transfers.

## Initial Membership

Wirral AC is affiliated to England Athletics (EA) and Northern Athletics (NA) and registers all members (aged 11 and over) with these bodies. The club will provide an EA Unique Reference Number that the member can then use to enter competitions.

For all U13+ (Y6+) members there is an annual EA affiliation fee. This fee is payable once when first joining the club, with yearly renewal fees being incorporated into monthly membership payments. Our membership platform is Webcollect - [Wirral Athletic Club: Home](#).

The club collects membership payments by means of Direct Debit using the secure GoCardless service on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Where a members' Direct Debit is active, the club will endeavour to alert the member to any payment failures. Note: Club officers have no access to, or visibility of members' bank details.

All athletes (and as applicable, their parents/carers) training with Wirral AC, whether as a PAYG athlete or as a member with a valid subscription, agree to abide by the Wirral AC and England Athletics code of conducts and understand that any breaches of those requirements may lead to disciplinary actions. Please take time to familiarise yourself with those Code of Conducts; details can be found on the respective websites.

<https://wirralathleticclub.co.uk/club-conduct>

<https://www.englandathletics.org/clubhub/resource/codes-of-conduct/>

## Available membership types

### Adult:

Over 18s, provides full access to all the facilities of the club including access to the Oval track during Wirral AC senior sessions (access to the Oval track during other Wirral AC sessions by arrangement)

### Adult Basic:

Over 18s, provides access to club competitions and other events, but excludes use of the Oval track during club sessions. This membership is for seniors that do not train with the club. Additional fees are payable for access to competition such as Northern League and the Borders League.

### Junior:

Under 18s, provides full access to all the facilities of the club including access to the Oval track

during Wirral AC junior sessions. All U18s must be under the supervision of a Wirral AC coach during all sessions. All athletes aged 11 and over (U13) must become a member of the club and be registered with England Athletics to compete for the club.

**Student:**

Wirral AC members who are in full time education (university or college) without regular access to club sessions during term time. Provides full access to all the facilities of the club including access to the Oval track during Wirral AC senior/junior sessions as appropriate.

**Family:**

All members of a family (maximum two adults<sup>[1]</sup>) living at the same address. Provides full access to all the facilities of the club including access to the Oval track during Wirral AC senior/junior sessions as appropriate.

1 – Includes student members of the family.

**Concessionary:**

Available to juniors/seniors who are in receipt of benefits akin to those entitle to free school meals. Please speak in full confidentiality to either the membership secretary, club welfare officer or ask your coach for more details. As individual circumstances change, concessionary membership is subject to review on an annual basis.

**Pay As You Go (PAYG):**

**ONLY** available to junior athletes **within the foundation group** who are not yet ready to commit to full membership or only attend on an ad-hoc basis. Any foundation athletes who are transitioning to our development training groups (Sprints, Endurance, Hurdles, Jumps, Throws) must become an active member of the club after a few trial sessions in those groups at a PAYG basis.

**Termination of membership**

A member may terminate their membership at any time by giving written notice to the membership secretary – see contact details below. Where a member cancels their Direct Debit mandate without notifying the club, this will also result in a cancellation of their club membership.

Once a member has cancelled their membership, the club will remove the member's details from the membership system, mobile App, and other forms of club communication. The club will also resign the member from EA & NA.

Members are welcome to return to the club at any time, however, if the member has missed more than 2 months membership payments, the initial EA affiliation fee once again becomes payable.

### Club Transfers

Club members can initiate a club transfer at any time via the EA portal, a fee is payable to EA for this service. Once a member has initiated a club transfer the club has 28 days to approve or object, after this time EA automatically completes the transfer. The club would only raise an objection if there was an outstanding debt to the club and/or the member needed to return assets to the club.

### Stack Team App

All junior members (under 18) should be on the app and be linked to a parent/guardian profile. For Health & Safety reasons, we asked parents to ensure that their athlete(s) is/are signed up on the app ahead of their sessions. This also helps the coaches to plan their sessions accordingly. Please contact the membership secretary for any questions or to obtain the link to register to Stack Team App.

For more information, please contact  
[Membership@WirralAthleticClub.co.uk](mailto:Membership@WirralAthleticClub.co.uk)  
[Enquiries@WirralAthleticClub.co.uk](mailto:Enquiries@WirralAthleticClub.co.uk)

For information on welfare, please contact  
[Welfare@WirralAthleticClub.co.uk](mailto:Welfare@WirralAthleticClub.co.uk)

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