

Conditions of membership for Visiting Members

These conditions of membership are extracted for your information from the Club Articles & Byelaws. Copies are available from the Club office.

Visiting Membership (byelaw 2.4).

Visiting membership shall be allowed for non-employees in accordance with Byelaw no. 2.4. The total number of visiting members of the Club shall not exceed 40% of the total number of ordinary members. The Board of Directors shall have the power to control the number & type of visiting members.

Visiting membership shall be allowed subject to the following conditions and procedures: -

1.1 Qualification (byelaw 2)

- a) Where there are good reasons, in the interests of the club as a whole, for admitting relatives (other than spouses or partners) or close friends of members. One such case could be Social membership.
- b) Where there are good reasons, in the interests of a Section, for admitting relatives (other than spouses or partners) or close friends of members.
- c) Where it is deemed essential for the continued functioning of a Section.
- d) In appreciation of exceptional service rendered to a Section or to the Club other than for reward or merely by virtue of having taken part in Section events. This could apply in the case of former Club members who have left the parent company's employment.
- e) A non-employee of the parent company providing some unpaid service ancillary to the main activity of a Section would not normally be regarded as a visiting member — e.g. instructor, judges for competitive events, orchestra for dances or stage shows.

1.2 Procedure(byelaw 2)

- a) Application must be sponsored by a Section Committee (except in certain circumstances as in (a) and (d) above and (e) and (f) below), not by individual members.
- b) Applications not sponsored by a Section Committee shall be individually reviewed by the Membership Sub-Committee and must be sponsored by an existing member.
- c) The Section Committee shall ensure that admission of visiting members does not deprive other members of reasonable access to, or use of, Section facilities.
- d) The Section Committee shall ensure that entry of persons other than ordinary members in any competitive event is not contrary to the spirit of the regulations governing that event, and shall determine whether or not a visiting member may compete for any individual Section trophy.
- e) Application for visiting membership may be made on behalf of the employees of any other company associated with or contracted to the Company whose employees work on the Dagenham site. A list of the employees so entitled shall be supplied to the Membership Sub-Committee for approval. Visiting membership shall be cancelled for any person ceasing to be so employed.
- f) In the interests of community relations, visiting membership may be made available to members of clubs or employees of other companies in the vicinity of the Dagenham site who do not have their own club facilities, Subject to the approval of the Board and the completion of a specific agreement with that club or company. In such cases, where a corporate fee is charged, individual Subscriptions required under (g) below may be waived. Visiting membership shall be cancelled for any person ceasing to be a member of that club or employed by that company.
- g) All visiting members will be expected to pay a Subscription as provided for under Byelaw 5.

Election of members (byelaw 3)

To become eligible for any grade of membership as specified in Byelaw 2, the appropriate application form must be completed and sent to the Club Manager. The Club Manager will arrange for all applications to be prominently displayed in the Club premises in a part frequented by the members, for a minimum of 2 days after consideration by the Membership Sub-Committee.

Admission to membership (byelaw 4)

Persons may not be admitted to membership, or be admitted as candidates for membership to any privileges of membership, without an interval of at least 2 days between their nomination or application for membership and their admission. The Club Manager will notify all grades of membership when the election is approved, and will provide the member with a Club membership card, duly endorsed. All membership cards will be revalidated each year. The Club Manager will be responsible for ensuring that a register of all members is kept.

Subscriptions (byelaw 5)

Subscriptions shall be payable by Ordinary, Family and Visiting members at such rates as as determined by the Board of Directors of M&B Club.

Rights and obligations of members (byelaw 2)

- a) All members of the Club shall be entitled to be present and speak at General Meetings. Ordinary members shall be entitled to vote at such meetings.
- b) All members of the Club agree to be bound by the Clubs Code of Conduct & all appropriate Club and Section rules and regulations. A copy of the Code of Conduct and any rules, byelaws or regulations made hereunder may be obtained from the Club Manager.

Conduct of members (byelaw 9)

- a) If the Membership sub-committee is satisfied that the conduct of any member is or has been detrimental to the interest of the Club it may, by a majority vote, terminate or suspend the membership of that member, and determine the earliest date at which such person may again apply for membership, or the period of suspension as the case may require.
- b) The behaviour of children is the responsibility of the sponsoring member whilst on Club premises. Any complaint will be dealt with by the Disciplinary Panel and suitable action taken against the member.

Guests of members (byelaw 15)

A member may introduce a maximum of two visitors who must be bona fide guests to be entertained by the member. Such guests may only remain while the introducing member is present. The member is responsible for the behaviour of such visitors whilst on club premises.