



TEAM DARENTH MEMBERSHIP POLICY

PURPOSE:

This Policy sets out and defines the requirements, rules and types of membership of Team Darenth (hereinafter referred to as 'The Club') together with other rules, regulations and benefits of being a member of The Club.

MEMBERSHIP:

Application for membership of The Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of cycling regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non discriminatory basis.

Membership to Team Darenth is renewed annually, and runs from 1 April to 31 March. Any members who have not renewed their membership by 1 July that same year will have their membership cancelled. The Club reserves the right to cancel membership in this instance without reminder or warning.

The Club offers 4 categories of membership:-

- Youth member;
- Adult member;
- Volunteer member;
- Lifetime member.

The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or behaviour which could bring The Club or the sport (or both) into disrepute. Appeals against refusal or removal may be made to an appointed panel consisting of Club and Committee members.

Adult members shall accept membership on the basis that they will occasionally be expected to help in the running of The Club's events. This may mean helping the Club in preference to their own racing ambitions on occasion.

The Club requires an adult member to undertake a 3 month probationary period to prove their credentials in supporting The Club before The Club will invest its funds in the member. This should allow sufficient time to complete various vetting documentation (such as DBS Check and safeguarding certificate).

The benefits of each type of membership is outlined further down this Policy.

1st Claim Members:

- Is a member for whom Team Darenth is their primary club and for whom the Club has first claim on the member.

2nd Claim Members:

- A member who rides for another club but may ride for Team Darenth where allowed in the rules of the governing body applicable to the type of event;

Code of Conduct:

All members of The Club are bound by the *Code of Conduct for Volunteers* and / or the *Code of Conduct for Riders*. Any breaches of these Codes of Conduct, or unacceptable behaviour, will be dealt with in accordance with the terms of either or both of these Codes of Conduct. Full details of both Codes of Conduct are available on our website, and form part of the membership application.

Cancellation of Membership:

If a member wishes to cancel with membership this must be done in writing to the Membership Secretary. A notice period of 2 weeks is required.

It is the member's responsibility to cancel any standing orders associated with membership.

Any and all equipment on loan from Team Darenth must be returned to The Club before the end of the notice period.

The Club's Terms and Conditions, which includes our Privacy Policy, can be found by using the link [here](#). You must agree to the Terms and Conditions in order to process your application for membership.

Membership Types:

	Membership Category	Description	Joining Fee	Monthly Membership Fee	British Cycling Membership Levels
1.	Youth Member	Members are both children or young adults (up to the age of 18) that attend The Club sessions to ride or be coached	£15 one off joining fee	£10 paid monthly by Standing Order £5 for additional siblings	Silver membership or above
2.	Adult Member	Over 18. Those who attend Club sessions to ride or to be coached.		£15 annual membership fee per person. Adult members may be asked to pay for costs associated with adult member activities (such as organised rides, events, etc)	Silver membership or above
3.	Volunteer Member	Coaches, Ride Leaders and Club Volunteers	No Fee	No Fee	Silver Membership or above is required by coaches, ride leaders persons with a position of responsibility or persons taking part in Club activities.
4.	Lifetime Member	Lifetime membership is an honorary position which is awarded to members who have made a significant contribution to The Club	No Fee	No Fee	Silver membership or above is required if the lifetime member still plays an active role in Club activities.

