

# Loughborough Boat Club AGM

## Membership Changes and Subscription Fees Proposal for 2018-19

It was agreed at the 2017 AGM that membership categories and associated voting rights should be reviewed so this paper includes some proposed changes. In addition, costs continue to increase so the Committee wish to propose some increases to the 2016-17 fees, and it wishes to clarify the right to apply for racking of private boats.

### 1. Membership Categories and Voting Rights

These are currently set out under the Club's bye-laws which can be changed by the Committee rather than the AGM but the Committee wishes to put its proposals to the AGM for approval.

The current classes of Membership are as follows:-

- Rowing
- Non-Rowing
- Rowing under eighteen (not to vote)
- Gym User (not to vote)
- Student (not to vote)
- Parent Supporter (not to vote)
- Cox

..and all classes are also members of Loughborough Boat Club Social Club.

This proposal sets out revised categories of membership and identifies voting and Management Committee membership rights.

The proposed membership categories and associated descriptions are as follows:

**Full Rowing** - full access to the club's facilities, boats and equipment. Able to vote at General Meetings and serve on the Management Committee.

**Junior Rowing** - under 18 years on date that subscription period starts. Full access to the club's facilities, boats and equipment under supervision. Juniors aged 16 and over will be able to vote at General Meetings and serve on the Management Committee.

**Student Rowing** - must be in full-time further or higher education. Full access to the club's facilities, boats and equipment. No voting rights for term time-only or vacation-only students but year-round students will be able to vote at General Meetings and serve on the Management Committee.

**Coxing or Coaching** - to be eligible a member must regularly cox and/or provide coaching. This membership will not include any rowing other than a maximum of three outings per year so anyone wishing to row as well as cox or coach must become a rowing member. Use of the gym will only be available in a coaching capacity. Able to vote at General Meetings and to serve on the Management Committee.

*(This is proposed on the basis of equity as an individual offering their time to coach is currently required to pay a fee whilst another who coxes gets free membership. The three outings per year would allow the cox or coach to participate in any social rowing events and/or help out very occasionally by filling a crew place.)*

**Non-Rowing** - access to the social facilities of the Club but no access to the gym, boats or other equipment. No voting rights apart from non-rowing members who have previously been rowing or coxing/coaching members for at least 10 years who will be able to vote at General Meetings and to serve on the Management Committee.

*(This proposal is to address a current anomaly that a non-rowing member who pays 25% subscription has a vote whilst a gym user paying 50% does not. In removing the automatic voting rights we wish to ensure that long-standing voting members who need to give up rowing, coxing or coaching but wish to continue as members can continue to play an active part in the Club.)*

**Gym User** - full access to the gym and related equipment but no access to boats. No voting rights apart from gym user members who have previously been rowing or coxing/coaching members for at least 10 years who will be able to vote at General Meetings and to serve on the Management Committee.

*(We also wish to ensure that long-standing voting members who need to give up rowing, coaching or coxing but wish to continue as gym users can continue to play an active part in the Club.)*

**Parent Supporter** - to be eligible a parent of a junior member will help out in some way with their child's or any other club activities. Access to the social facilities of the Club but no access to the gym, boats or other equipment. No voting rights.

**Affiliate** - will include members of any clubs that are affiliated to LBC. Access to the social facilities of the Club plus any facilities included in the agreement between LBC and the affiliated club. No voting rights.

*(This new category will cover the arrangement with Soaring Dragons.)*

**Honorary Life Member** - this shall only be granted in exceptional circumstances and must be conferred by a majority vote at a General Meeting. Able to vote at General Meetings and to serve on the Management Committee.

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**Proposal 1:**

**To approve the above membership categories and associated descriptions.**