



Birmingham Bisons Handball Club Membership Agreement

1. Parties and Purpose

This Membership Agreement is made between Birmingham Bisons Handball Club, also known as Birmingham Handball Club, and the individual applying for or renewing membership of the Club. The purpose of this Agreement is to set out the rights, responsibilities, and expectations that apply to all members, including players, training members, youth members, coaches, volunteers, and non-playing members.

2. Membership Categories

The Club offers different membership categories to reflect how members wish to participate. These may include adult membership, youth membership for members under 18 years of age, and non-playing membership for those who wish to volunteer, coach, support, or otherwise participate in the Club without playing. The Club may update membership categories, eligibility criteria, benefits, and fees from time to time.

3. Registration and Eligibility

All members must complete the Club's registration process and provide accurate, up-to-date information. Members who wish to play competitively must also register with England Handball where required. A member will not be eligible to represent the Club in league or competitive fixtures unless all applicable Club and England Handball registration requirements have been completed.

4. Membership Fees and Payments

Members agree to pay the applicable membership fees for their category of membership by the method and timetable specified by the Club. The Club currently

advertises monthly membership pricing for adult and youth members, but fees may be reviewed and amended by the Club. Failure to pay fees when due may result in suspension of training, match eligibility, access to member benefits, or membership status, subject to any decision-making process set out in the Club Constitution or relevant Club policy.

5. Member Benefits and Club Communications

Registered members will receive access to Club communications, including the Club's communication app, training and fixture updates, and any member benefits made available by the Club. Members are responsible for checking Club communications regularly and for keeping their contact details up to date.

6. Standards of Conduct

Members must act in a respectful, inclusive, safe, and sportsmanlike manner at all Club activities, including training, matches, events, online communications, travel, and social activities connected with the Club. Members must comply with the Club Constitution, Club codes of conduct, safeguarding requirements, equality and diversity expectations, disciplinary procedures, venue rules, and the rules and policies of England Handball where applicable.

7. Training, Selection, and Participation

Attendance at training and participation in Club activities are subject to availability, coach direction, venue capacity, safety requirements, and the member's applicable membership category. Selection for matches is not guaranteed and may be determined by coaches or team managers having regard to eligibility, attendance, conduct, performance, availability, squad balance, and competition requirements.

8. Youth Members and Safeguarding

Youth members, under 18 years of age, must have the consent of a parent or guardian to join and participate. Parents and guardians are expected to support the Club's safeguarding requirements, provide accurate emergency contact and medical information, and ensure that youth members attend and leave sessions safely. The Club will apply safeguarding procedures and may require additional consents for youth participation, photography, travel, competitions, or events.

9. Health, Safety, and Medical Information

Members must take reasonable care of their own health and safety and that of others. Members must inform the Club of any relevant medical condition, injury, allergy, disability, medication, or emergency information that may affect safe participation. Members should not participate in training or matches if they are injured, unwell, or otherwise unable to do so safely, and must follow reasonable instructions from coaches, officials, and venue staff.

10. Data Protection and Privacy

The Club may collect and use member information for membership administration, safeguarding, communications, training, competitions, finance, insurance, and compliance purposes. The Club will handle personal information in accordance with applicable data protection law and any Club privacy notice or policy. Members must notify the Club promptly of any changes to their personal, contact, emergency, or medical information.

11. Photography, Video, and Publicity

The Club may use photographs, video, match reports, names, and sporting achievements for legitimate Club purposes, including promotion, social media, website updates, newsletters, and community engagement, subject to applicable consents and safeguarding requirements and in line with the published photography policy. Members who do not wish to appear in Club photography or publicity should inform the Club in writing.

12. Equipment, Kit, and Club Property

Members must use Club equipment, kit, and venue facilities responsibly and must return any Club property when requested. Members may be responsible for loss or damage caused by deliberate misuse, negligence, or failure to follow reasonable instructions. The Club may set separate rules for match kit, training kit, equipment loans, and branded clothing.

13. Volunteers, Coaches, and Non-Playing Members

Volunteers, coaches, officials, committee members, and non-playing members are subject to the same standards of conduct as playing members. Additional role-specific requirements may apply, including safeguarding checks, training, qualifications, conflict of interest requirements, and compliance with Club or England Handball policies.

14. Suspension, Discipline, and Termination

The Club may suspend, restrict, or terminate membership where a member fails to pay fees, breaches this Agreement, breaches Club rules or policies, acts in a way that may bring the Club into disrepute, or presents a safeguarding, welfare, or safety concern. Any disciplinary matter will be handled in accordance with the Club Constitution and applicable Club disciplinary procedures, including any right to be heard or to appeal where provided.

15. Cancellation and Changes to Membership

Members who wish to cancel, pause, or change their membership category should notify the Club Secretary and Treasurer in writing and follow any applicable notice period, payment process, or administrative requirement set by the Club. The Club may amend membership arrangements, fees, training schedules, benefits, or participation requirements where reasonably necessary, including due to venue availability, competition requirements, safety concerns, or changes in Club operations.

16. Agreement to Club Rules

By applying for, renewing, or continuing membership, the member confirms that they agree to comply with this Agreement, the Club Constitution, applicable Club policies, reasonable instructions issued by Club officials, and relevant England Handball requirements. Where the member is under 18 years of age, the parent or guardian confirms that they accept these terms on behalf of the youth member and will support the youth member in complying with them.