

# British Team Chasing (BTC) Membership Policy

## 1. Membership Categories

Full Members shall include Affiliate Members, Associate Members and Honorary Members

### a. Affiliate Members

1. **Definition:** Affiliate Members shall comprise the respective organising committees of Events recognized by BTC.
2. **Rights and Privileges:**
  - Each Affiliate Membership shall carry one (1) Class A voting right on any business conducted at an AGM or EGM.
  - Affiliate Members may serve on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
  - Affiliate Members shall receive the minutes of all Board Meetings, AGMs and EGMs.
  - Affiliate Members may receive additional benefits from time to time as part of their membership.
3. **Membership Fee:**
  - Affiliate Members shall pay an annual membership fee, which shall be set annually at the AGM.

### b. Associate Members

1. **Definition:** Associate Members shall be individuals or competitors participating in, attending or supporting BTC affiliated events and recorded as such by BTC.
2. **Rights and Privileges:**
  - Associate Membership shall carry one (1) Class B voting right on any business conducted at an AGM or EGM.
  - Associate Members shall have access to information and communications relevant to BTC events and activities.
  - Associate Members may serve on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
3. **Membership Fee:**
  - Associate Members shall pay an annual membership fee, which shall be set annually at the AGM.

### c. Temporary Members

4. **Definition:** Temporary Members shall be individuals or competitors participating in, attending or supporting BTC affiliated events who do not wish to become Associate Members.
5. **Rights and Privileges:**
  - Temporary Members shall not be entitled to vote on any business conducted at an AGM or EGM.
  - Temporary Members shall have access to information and communications relevant to BTC events and activities.
  - Temporary membership period is for 7 days, thereby allowing the participation in one affiliated event.
6. **Membership Fee:**
  - Temporary Members shall pay a membership fee, which shall be set annually at the AGM.

## d. Honorary Members

1. **Definition:** Honorary Members are individuals to whom Honorary Membership has been gifted by the Board of Directors in recognition of exceptional service to team chasing.
2. **Rights and Privileges:**
  - Honorary Members shall be issued one (1) Class B voting right on any business conducted at an AGM or EGM.
  - Honorary Members may receive special recognition and invitations to select BTC events.

## 2. Membership Application Process

1. Individuals interested in becoming Affiliate or Associate Members shall apply to BTC in accordance with the prescribed form.
2. The Board of Directors shall review all applications and shall have complete discretion in making decisions regarding membership status.

## 3. Membership Dues

1. Annual membership fees for Affiliate Members shall be set annually at the AGM.
2. Annual subscription fees for Associate Members shall be set annually at the AGM.
3. Honorary Members are exempt from annual subscription fees.
4. **Due Date:** Annual Memberships run from 1<sup>st</sup> January and subscriptions are due on 1st January each year.

## 4. Voting Rights

There shall be two classes of voting rights at General Meetings, with each class carrying 50% of the voting rights in aggregate on each resolution and each vote representing a fraction of the aggregate votes available to members holding voting rights of that class. Thus if there are 13 Affiliate Members, each Class A vote carries 1/13 of the total voting rights for that class (being 50% of the total vote). If there 100 Associate members, each class B vote carries 1/100 of the total voting rights for that class (being 50% of the total vote). Voting rights may be exercised in person or by proxy using a form prescribed by the Board and duly notified to the Secretary at least 2 days prior to the relevant meeting. Temporary members have no voting rights.

## 5. Termination of Membership

1. Membership may be terminated for reasons including but not limited to non-payment of fees, violation of BTC's Code of Conduct, or other actions reasonably deemed by the Board to be contrary to the best interests of BTC.
2. Termination decisions shall be made by the Board with an opportunity for the member in question to present their case.

## 6. Amendments to the Membership Policy

1. Amendments to this Membership Policy may be proposed and voted upon at an AGM or EGM, requiring a 60% majority vote of Full Members present.