

Joining Ham Polo Club

We are very pleased that you are wishing to join Ham Polo Club and we look forward to welcoming you.

The process for membership is as follows:

Admission to Membership shall be by approval by the Board, and no person shall be admitted to Membership of the Club until so approved.

Candidates for Membership may apply in one of two ways:

- a) Applicants can be proposed and seconded by two Members of the Club, both of whom should be personally acquainted with the candidate and shall vouch for the candidate's fitness for Membership in writing to the Company Secretary.
- b) Or an applicant who does not know a Member of the Club to sponsor their application can be invited to meet at least two Members of the Board and then, subject to their approval, join the Club on a provisional basis for the first year.

Applications must be made on the links provided by the Polo Office to the online membership system. The candidate must give all particulars required by the Board and agree to be bound by the Rules and Regulations of the Club if approved.

What to do:

- 1. Email <u>office@hampoloclub.com</u> with request to join and whether you fit into category a) or b) above. Please also detail the type of membership for the application, details are available on the website under Membership.
- 2. The office will arrange meetings for candidates with the board, these are likely to be on a Tuesday or Thursday evening, Saturday morning or a Sunday
- 3. Email written request including details of the proposer and seconder to office@hampoloclub.com. Attach: a valid photograph passport or driving licence and an original utility bill giving proof of address

The proposer and/or seconder may withdraw at any time before a candidate is approved. In such a case another Member may sign the proposal form as proposer or seconder.

Should a Member allow their subscription to lapse for more than one season then the Club reserves the right to re-charge the joining fee.

The Board shall devote such time as is necessary, at each of their meetings, to consider such Membership applications and shall elect or reject them in order of priority according to the dates of their applications until sufficient number have been elected to fill the vacancies in the Membership

of the Club. A candidate who receives a majority of votes by the Members of the Board present and voting shall be declared approved.

Every candidate so approved shall be informed by the Polo Office in writing within 14 days of the meeting along with a copy of the Rules.

Candidates will receive an email from the automated membership system requesting payment to begin their membership; part year membership payments are not accepted.

When an approved candidate has paid their entry fee, debenture and first annual subscription, where applicable, they shall then be considered a Playing or Non-Playing Member of the Club for that year and entitled to all the rights and privileges of Playing or Non-Playing Membership and shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these Rules & Regulations.

Subscriptions shall be due upon election to membership and thereafter on the 1st day of March and shall, on or about that day each year, be paid to the Polo Office. The Board may, at any time, alter the amount of the subscriptions to become effective immediately.

If a Member's annual subscription has not been paid within 30 days from date of invoice The Polo Office shall send them notice with a reminder for renewal. If their subscription is not paid within 14 days from that renewal request, the Board may remove their name from the Register of Membership. It is at the Board's absolute discretion that Membership may be restored upon payment of arrears.