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### 1.0 Purpose

This document outlines the membership requirements for all R.A.C members.

### 2.0 Scope

This document applies to all R.A.C members and guests.

### 3.0 Policy statement

#### Membership

A Member of R.A.C is an individual that has paid the relevant membership fee to R.A.C, or where the relevant R.A.C Branch committee has determined their contribution to R.A.C is such that they are 'awarded' a Life or Honorary membership.

There are 3 types of Membership to R.A.C. The type of membership and rights are in our constitution but in summary:

1. Paid R.A.C membership - this person has full membership to R.A.C which includes any member only events, discounts, and voting rights at the AGM.
2. Life membership - this person has the same rights as a paid member.
3. Honorary membership - as the title implies, this member is an honorary member. They have access to all member only events but do not have voting rights at any R.A.C meeting.

All members can attend events at any R.A.C branch, not just those associated with their own branch.

Memberships are valid for one year from 01 August to 31 July (excluding Life membership). Non-payment of the yearly membership fee one month after the renewal date is deemed as resignation from R.A.C.

By completing and paying for membership online, each member agrees to the rules set out in this document.

#### Membership Obligations

There are 5 main membership rules. These are printed on the back of the membership cards:

1. Don't be a dick
2. Don't pass the lead rider
3. Don't pass on the inside
4. Do nothing to bring R.A.C into disrepute
5. If in doubt, refer to rule #1

Members, and their invited guests, are to maintain a positive standard of behaviour at R.A.C meetings or events and they should not interfere with the reasonable enjoyment experienced by other members at R.A.C meetings or events.

Members acknowledge that R.A.C provides a welcoming space to enjoy riding and raise funds for cancer related causes no matter age, race, gender or experience as a condition of their membership.

## Guest riders and pillions

Any person is invited to ride with R.A.C before becoming a paid member. There is no limit to the number of times they can ride with a branch before becoming a member.

If their actions and/or standard of behaviour during a R.A.C ride or event goes against this policy, they will be asked to leave. If they have been invited by a R.A.C member to attend, that R.A.C member will be responsible for getting them to leave.

## Revoking Membership

If the rules within this document have been broken by a member, they will be spoken to by a R.A.C committee member, either Branch or National. If the behaviour continues their membership will be revoked by way of voted resolution by the Branch or National Committee. They will be advised of this by letter, either posted, emailed or hand delivered. This letter will outline the actions leading up to this along with the committee actions prior to revoking their membership.

All membership badges and their membership card will be returned within a week of receiving this notification.

Any person who has had their membership revoked will not be welcomed on future R.A.C rides and will be told to leave.

Members are not entitled to a refund of their membership fee once paid, unless their membership application has been declined.

## Dispute Resolution

Refer to both the Constitution and the Complaints policy.

## 4.0 Roles, responsibilities and delegations

<b>ROLE</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
National Secretary	Membership database. Membership renewals. AGM and other SGM notifications
Branch President	Ensure the R.A.C standards as outlined in this policy are adhered to and that any issues arising are dealt with in a timely manner.
Branch Membership Coordinator	Ensure the R.A.C standards as outlined in this policy are adhered to.
Branch Secretary	Ensure all R.A.C members are aware of upcoming events, rides and meetings.

## 5.0 Related Policies

[Constitution](#)

[Complaints Policy](#)

[Branch Policy](#)