



Archery Ireland

Affiliation, Membership & Fees Policy

1st March 2025

1) Definitions and Interpretation

Affiliation Fee	means the affiliation fee payable by any Club as outlined in the Affiliation, Membership & Fees Policy
AGM	means the Annual General Meeting of the Association
Association	means Irish Amateur Archery Association Company Limited by Guarantee
EGM	means an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association
Event or Activity	Means any competition, training or practice session, training camp, course, webinar, meeting, come & try event, or any social or other activity organised by or on behalf of Archery Ireland or any Member Club
Individual Member	means any Person who is a fully paid member of the Association and a member of a Member Club , or who is an appointed member of the NEC
Member Club	means any Club which is a member of the Association as defined in the Affiliation, Membership and Fees Policy
Membership Fee	means the fee payable by any Individual Member as outlined in the Affiliation, Membership & Fees Policy
National Executive Committee / NEC	Means the National Executive Committee of the Association and also the Board / Board of Directors
Policies & Procedures	mean the written rules, laws, bye-laws, policies and procedures of the Association , however described.
Written / In writing	Means physical correspondence sent to the Registered Address of the Association , or by email only to a prescribed, official Association email address.

2) Introduction

Archery Ireland is the National Governing Body for the sport of Archery in Ireland.

We encourage, promote, develop and manage archery throughout Ireland, amongst all sections of the community. We are a fully inclusive sport and welcome Archery Clubs and individual Archers as members of the Association.

We accept Membership as outlined in our Constitution.

We believe that all members are entitled to enjoy the sport of archery and membership of the **Association** on an equal basis, irrespective of their archery ability or their length of membership.

Membership of the **Association** is not an automatic right. All **Member Clubs** and **Individual Members** have both rights and responsibilities. Membership is voluntary, and accepting membership is conditional on the Individual or Club agreeing to and accepting and abiding by the Constitution and by all of: -

- the **Policies and Procedures of Archery Ireland**
- The Rules of
 - World Archery (WA)
 - Sport Ireland
 - Sport NI
 - The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)
 - The Olympic Federation of Ireland
 - Paralympics Ireland

This Affiliation, Membership & Fees Policy document was approved by the **NEC of Archery Ireland** on the 11th February 2025 to come into effect on 1st March 2025.

3) Member Clubs

The requirements for affiliating or re-affiliating as **Member Clubs** of **Archery Ireland** are detailed in Section 6 A. of the Constitution.

Affiliation of **Member Clubs** must be accompanied by an **Affiliation Fee** of €250, payable: -

- Upon Affiliation, or;
- Prior to the **Member Club** Affiliation Renewal Date

If a **Member Club** is unable to complete their re-affiliation process in advance of the expiry of their current membership period, and they wish to remain as a member club, such Club's President/Chairperson **must** contact the **NEC** by **in writing** by emailing President@Archery.ie outlining the specific nature of their difficulties, whether Administrative or Financial.

The **NEC** will consider what assistance it may or may not be able to provide subject to provision of any and all supporting documentation or information as it may consider material. It is important that

in these circumstances, **Member Clubs** contact the **NEC** as early as possible in advance of expiry of current membership.

It is important to note though that the **Association** cannot support a club which is unable to self-govern and / or is not financially viable.

If a **Member Club** does not reaffiliate prior to the expiry of its current membership period, and its continued membership has not been confirmed **in writing** from the **NEC** to the **Member Club's** President/Chairperson, then such club's membership shall be considered expired and it shall not be permitted to engage in any **events or activities** whatsoever. Such club's **individual members** shall similarly not be permitted to take part in any events or activities, unless they are also individual members of another **Member Club**.

For **Member Clubs** affiliating to the **Association** for the first time the **Affiliation Fee** will be reduced by 50%.

All Membership shall have a common renewal date – 01st March annually.

Where a **Member Club** is re-affiliating after the annual renewal date, the **Affiliation Fee** shall be charged on a half-year pro-rata basis: -

- Renewed from March to August - 100%
- Renewed in September to February - 50%

4) Individual Members

The requirements for affiliating or re-affiliating as **Member Clubs** of **Archery Ireland** are detailed in Section 6 B. of the Constitution.

Annual Membership Fees

- **Senior Membership** (18 to 49 during calendar year of membership renewal) €80.00
- **Master Membership** (50 to 59 during calendar year of membership renewal) €80.00
- **60+** (60+ during calendar year of membership renewal) €40.00
- **Junior Membership** (15 up to 17 during calendar year of membership renewal) €40.00
- **U15's** (up to 14 during calendar year of membership renewal) €40.00
- **Unemployed Adult** (18+ during calendar year of membership renewal)
- **Student** (In full-time third level education during calendar year of membership renewal) €40.00
- Over 16's **Disability Allowance** (Confirmation of payment must be provided, from the Department of Social Protection.) €20.00
- **Under 16's (Domiciliary Care Allowance)** (Parent / Guardian are in receipt of Domiciliary Care Allowance on the members behalf. Confirmation from the Department of Social Protection must be submitted.) €20.00

- **Term-Time Student** (In full-time third level education during calendar year of membership renewal – membership during academic term-time only) €10.00
- **Direct Provision** (any person applying for international protection in Ireland) €10.00
- **Non-Shooting Member** (any age) €10.00
- * **Honorary Member** €0.00

*A person whom the **Association** may wish to honour for distinguished service in the cause of Archery can only be elected at an **AGM** or **EGM** of the **Association** as an Honorary Member. The maximum number of Honorary Members at any one time is twenty. Honorary Members shall enjoy all the same privileges as full membership. Honorary Membership shall be for life or until such person resigns from their membership or fails to renew their membership. Honorary Members shall be entitled to participate in National Competitions free of charge.

All Membership shall have a common renewal date – 01st March annually.

Where an individual is joining or renewing after the annual renewal date, the **Membership Fee** shall be charged on a half-year pro-rata basis: -

- Renewed from March to August - 100%
- Renewed in September to February - 50%

Family Membership

Where there are two or more members living together as a unit, their total membership cost is reduced by 25%.

Exceptional Circumstances

Where a **Member Club** wishes to support the membership of one or more of their **Individual Members**, the President/Chairperson of the **Member Club** should contact the **NEC in writing** in advance of the expiry of the renewal to discuss those individual circumstances. The **NEC** can then consider what assistance it may provide. It should be noted however, that the **NEC** is not under any obligation to provide assistance.