

Membership guide and conditions handbook



This handbook explains who can become a member, your rights and responsibilities, and how membership works.

By becoming a member, you agree to support the Society's objects and comply with its Constitution and rules.

Membership is open to:

- Individuals aged 16 years and over who are of good character
- Firms, companies, or organisations of good reputation

To join, you must:

- Support the objects of the Society
- Complete the membership application process
- Pay the required membership fee

Types of Membership

Ordinary Member (Standard or Gold Membership)

Approved individuals, businesses, or organisations.

If a business or organisation joins, it must nominate one person to represent it. That nominated person may attend and vote at General Meetings (if 18 years or older) and stand for Committee positions.

Junior Member

For individuals aged 16 to 17 years.

- May receive selected Standard Membership benefits
- Do not have voting rights

Honorary Life Member

Awarded by Special Resolution to individuals or organisations who have given outstanding service to the Society.

Honorary Life Members:

- Do not pay membership fees
- Enjoy privileges determined by the Committee (equivalent to Gold Membership where applicable)

Membership Fees

Membership fees are set by Members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Fees are due annually by 31 July, unless otherwise advised by the Committee.

Membership applications must be submitted and paid in full prior to 30th June. Applications received after this date will not be accepted for that membership year unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

How to Become a Member

To apply:

- Complete and submit the official membership application form online, or complete a hard copy form available on the website, at the Post Office, or at the Blarney.
- Pay the required membership fee.

The Committee reviews all applications and may accept or decline them.

If your application is declined, you may appeal the decision within 14 days of notification.

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Committee Discretion

The Committee may:

- Extend membership periods
- Reduce membership fees
- Approve alternative payment dates

These decisions are made at the Committee's discretion.

Members' Register

The Society maintains a Register of Members.

Members may:

- Request to inspect the Register
- Request a copy (a reasonable fee may apply)

Register information must not be used for advertising, political, religious, charitable, or commercial purposes without Committee approval.

Suspension or Expulsion

A Member may be suspended or expelled if they:

- Breach the Constitution
- Act in a way that is detrimental to the Society

The Member will:

- Receive written notice (at least 28 days prior)
- Be informed of the reasons
- Be given an opportunity to respond
- Receive written confirmation of the decision

Suspended Members cannot vote or exercise membership rights during suspension.

Members may appeal a suspension or expulsion within 14 days of receiving notice.

Member Liability

Members:

- Must pay their membership fees
- Are not personally liable for the debts of the Society solely because they are a Member

Supporting Our Community

The Beverley Agricultural Society exists to promote agriculture, community spirit, and local events including our annual Show. Membership helps support these important community activities.

We thank you for being part of our Society.