

## Definition of Social and Competitive Membership

### Social membership.

Following some discussion on what and what isn't a Social member, the following is a Definition as laid down at the 2011 AGM.

"Membership fees

Steve Oliver outlined the proposal to alter the club's fee structure to reflect the distinction between competitive and social members. A competition licence for each member costs the club £5 per member, but there are around 30-40 members of the club **who do not compete** and a **two-tier fee structure** would reflect fairness for those **who do not wish to compete**<sup>(a)</sup>. There would be an increase on renewal rates for members **wishing to compete in EA-licenced races**<sup>(b)</sup> but not **club handicaps** and **Stumbles**<sup>(c)</sup> for which insurance would be **covered by a social membership**. For social members, there is a slight reduction in renewal fees.

The renewal rates<sup>(d)</sup> would be:

Social members: £5 adult, £3 junior, £10 family

Competitive members: £10 adult, £8 junior, £20 family

It would be possible for someone who joins as a **social member to upgrade to competitive** status but this could incur extra costs. In addition, the club proposes to align the membership year with that of England Athletics so that it runs from April to March. This raises some issues for **point's allocation for the club competitions, which require a runner to be a paid up member**<sup>(e)</sup>. However, it would also mean that all members are fully covered by EA insurance for their entire year of membership.

The proposals were carried unanimously."

I have **bolded** the key words

Comments, as follows;

- (a) Do not wish to compete, therefore Non-Competitive.
- (b) There are none EA races, such as Little Eaton 5 and Horsley 4 mile, The Hairy Helmet, and fun runs, (these accept none affiliated runners without an additional £2 levy, (in actual fact the event entry is discounted by £2 for UKA members)).
- (c) There are no Stumbles now associated with the club, but we do have the Wayfarers and the Dave Nunn 5/10/15/20k events that are club only.
- (d) The rates have changed, so that for Social it is £6, and competitive (including the UKA) is £18. The Affiliation was £5 and now £14, therefore a nett loss to the club of £2/affiliated member.
- (e) By definition points for championships need to be for fully paid up members, i.e. UKA Affiliated, regardless of whether they need to be affiliated members or not for the event.

### Conclusion.

The Committee reviewed the concept of Social and Competitive Membership at the meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017, the following was agreed and carried unanimously.

The introduction of the Social membership was originally for members who do not wish to compete apart from Handicaps and social run's. Therefore as the Road, Headbanger are Championships, these are for fully UKA paid up members to compete and gain points in.

Social members (non-affiliated) when entering a none club event will need to pay the £2 levy when required and enter as unattached, therefore receiving no points, and being unable to be in a Shelton Striders team within the event.

It was also agreed that Members will be allowed to keep any existing points gained as a Social Runner between January 1<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March this year to remain, but on the proviso they become Fully Paid-Up (UKA) on the renewal. If they choose to renew as Social and not Affiliate, then any Championship points gained between the above dates will be lost, and they will not be included in the Championship leagues. This requirement will not include the Adult and Junior Fun Runs.

Additionally, The Derby Runner Cross Country League is UKA Affiliated, so members will need to be affiliated to compete in this.

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The following is a table defining what an Affiliated or Unaffiliated Shelton Strider member can take part in.

Type of event	UKA Affiliated, Full Membership	Unaffiliated, Social membership
Open UKA Road race	Yes	As Unaffiliated entrant (additional fee may be required)
Open Fun Run	Yes	Yes
Non UKA Affiliated race	Yes	Yes
<b>Shelton Striders championships</b>		
Trail or Fell race	Yes	As Unaffiliated entrant (additional fee may be required)
Road Championship	Yes	No, only as Unaffiliated, no points
Headbanger Championship	Yes	No, only as Unaffiliated unless FRA event, and FRA Affiliated.
Adult Fun Run	Yes	Yes
Junior Fun Run	Yes	Yes
Handicaps	Yes	Yes
Cross Country	Yes	No
<b>Other Events</b>		
Wayfarer or similar	Yes	Yes
Hairy Helmet Relay or similar if not a UKA event.	Yes	Yes
Dave Nunn 5/10/15/20k	Yes	Yes, No points gained