

The Jags Foundation Membership Rules

Adopted by the TJF Board on Tuesday 2nd November 2022

These Rules supplement the Articles of Association of TJF 1876 Ltd (trading as The Jags Foundation). They are used to determine whether someone is a Foundation member. They determine, for example, whether someone is eligible to vote in Foundation elections and/or on matters raised at General Meetings.

1. Who is eligible to be a member of The Jags Foundation?

- 1.1 Any individual who is aged 16 or older is eligible to be a member of The Jags Foundation.
- 1.2 Individuals who are under the age of 16 can sign-up as a Friend of the Foundation. Because of restrictions in company law, they cannot become full voting members.

2. How can someone become a member?

- 2.1 A membership application can be made:
 - a) through the Foundation's website;
 - b) via an email request (sent to membership@thejagsfoundation.co.uk); or
 - c) by completing and returning a paper form issued by the Foundation.
- 2.2 Membership applications are granted subject to review by the Foundation Board. The Foundation Board will normally grant a membership application unless:
 - a) it appears, or is known, that the applicant is younger than 16 years of age;
 - b) the individual has defaulted on membership payments in the past and appears likely to do so again; or
 - c) the individual has conducted themselves in such a way that is likely, in the judgment of the Foundation Board, to bring either the Foundation or Partick Thistle Football Club into disrepute.

3. What are the normal categories of membership?

There are two permanent categories of membership:

- a) General membership; and
- b) Concessionary membership.

4. What are the normal membership rates?

4.1 The normal membership rates are:

- a) £10 per month for General memberships; and
- b) £5 per month for Concessionary memberships.

4.2 The concessionary rate is recommended for those who are retired, students and those who are not in work. It is for individual members to determine which membership rate most appropriately suits their means and circumstances.

4.3 Monthly subscriptions will normally be payable by Direct Debit or by card, unless the Foundation Board agrees otherwise.

4.4 The Foundation Board may revise the normal membership rates. If it decides to do so, it will notify members with at least 28 days' notice.

5. What are the special categories of membership?

5.1 From time to time, the Foundation Board may offer, or withdraw, discounted memberships. To date, two discounted rates have been offered:

- a) the Christmas 2021 One-year membership (available for purchase throughout December 2021); and
- b) the First-year Discounted membership (made available since 10th August 2022, and available until 31st December 2022).

5.2 Additionally, the Foundation may exceptionally grant an individual membership, whether for a fixed-term or for life, under the gratitude and recognition scheme. In these circumstances, there is no requirement for a Direct Debit or card mandate to be set-up.

5.3 Those holding a special membership category have the same status and voting rights as those with a normal category of membership.

6. Terms of the Christmas 2021 One-year membership

6.1 In December 2021, a discounted membership option was made available, and could be gifted to individuals. For a £100 one-off payment, the individuals in question were granted membership for 12 months, beginning with the date of purchase.

6.2 This membership offer will not automatically renew.

7. Terms of the First-year Discounted membership

- 7.1 Effective 10th August 2022, a discounted membership option was made available. This discounted rate can be claimed until 31st December 2022.
- 7.2 The discounted membership rate is £1 per month, and remains valid for twelve consecutive monthly payments. As with General and Concessionary memberships, subscriptions will normally be paid by Direct Debit or card, unless the Foundation Board agrees otherwise.
- 7.3 This membership rate will not automatically renew.

8. The Gratitude and Recognition scheme

Where, in the opinion of the Foundation Board, an individual has made an outstanding contribution to the Foundation or the wider Partick Thistle community, they may, exceptionally, grant a fixed-term or life membership to that individual.

9. Expiry of monthly memberships

- 9.1 A member remains in good standing provided that their membership subscription is fully paid-up.
- 9.2 If a member defaults on a monthly payment when it falls due, they will be notified by email by the Foundation.
- 9.3 A member who has defaulted will be given a grace period from the point a payment has defaulted. If arrears are not resolved, their membership of the Foundation will normally lapse at the end of the following month, except at the absolute discretion of the Foundation Board.

10. Resignation of membership

A member may resign their membership at any time by contacting the Foundation at membership@thejagsfoundation.co.uk. Any resignation takes effect as soon as it has been acknowledged in writing.

11. Conduct of members

Every member of the Foundation undertakes that they will not conduct themselves in such a way that brings the Foundation or Partick Thistle Football Club into disrepute.

11.1 Complaining about a member's conduct

Any individual, whether or not a member, may notify the Foundation, in writing via email (contact@thejagsfoundation.co.uk) or post (at the Foundation's registered address), if they believe that a member has conducted themselves in such a way as to bring the Foundation or Partick Thistle Football Club into disrepute.

11.2 Consideration of complaint by the Foundation Board

The Foundation Board shall consider any such notification promptly and, if it believes there is a case to answer, shall inform the member in question, providing them with a reasonable period of time within which to respond.

11.3 Outcome of a complaint

If the Foundation Board determines that a member has brought the Foundation or Partick Thistle Football Club into disrepute it may:

- a) warn the member about their breach of Foundation membership rules;
- b) suspend the member for a period not exceeding six months; or
- c) cancel the member's membership

11.4 Relevant factors to any sanction

When deciding what, if any, sanction to impose the Foundation Board may consider, among other things:

- a) what the conduct was;
- b) when the conduct took place;
- c) where and in what context the conduct took place;
- d) whether the member has demonstrated remorse for their conduct; or
- e) whether a previous complaint about the member's conduct has been upheld.