

The Jags Foundation Membership Rules

Adopted by the TJF Board on Monday 26th June 2023

These Rules supplement the Articles of Association of TJF 1876 Limited (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 aged 16 or older is eligible to be a Full Member of The Jags Foundation.
- 1.2 Individuals who are under the age of 16 can join as a Junior Member of The Jags Foundation. Because of restrictions in company law, they cannot become full voting members until they turn 16.

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) the individual has defaulted on membership payments in the past; or
 - b) 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 three normal categories of membership:

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

4. What are the normal membership rates?

- 4.1 The Basic membership rate is £1 per month.
- 4.2 The General membership rate is £10 per month, consisting of the £1 per month basic rate and a £9 per month supplementary donation. This rate is recommended for those who are in work.
- 4.3 The Concessionary membership rate is £5 per month, consisting of the £1 per month basic rate and a £4 per month supplementary donation. This rate is recommended for those who are students, retired or otherwise not in work.
- 4.4 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 credit or debit card, unless the Foundation Board agrees otherwise. For convenience, the monthly contributions described in paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3 may be taken as a single payment.
- 4.5 The Foundation Board may revise the normal membership rates. If it decides to increase the basic membership rate, it will notify affected members with at least 28 days' prior notice.

5. What is a Junior membership?

- 5.1 A person is eligible to apply for a Junior membership if, at the point of application, they are under 16 years of age.
- 5.2 The cost of Junior membership is £10 per season. This will normally be payable by credit or debit card, unless the Foundation Board agrees otherwise.
- 5.3 Holders of a Junior membership, if under the age of 16, have no voting rights, do not count towards any quorum or quota, and cannot be appointed as a director of the Foundation.
- 5.4 If the holder of a Junior membership has turned 16, they will become a Full member of the Foundation for the remainder of that season. From the point they turn 16, they will have full voting rights, will count towards any quorum or quota, and are eligible to be appointed as a director of the Foundation.
- 5.4 Junior memberships, including of those of members who have subsequently turned 16, expire on 30th June at the end of the relevant season, whereafter any such Junior membership must be renewed.

6. What is a life membership?

- 6.1 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 life membership to that individual.
- 6.2 If such a membership is granted, there is no requirement for a Direct Debit or card mandate to be set-up.
- 6.3 Those holding a life membership have the same status and voting rights as those with a normal category of membership.

7. Expiry of monthly memberships

- 7.1 A member remains in good standing provided that their membership subscription is fully paid-up.
- 7.2 If a member defaults on a monthly payment when it falls due, they will be notified by email by the Foundation.
- 7.3 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

9.1 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.

9.2 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.

9.3 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.

9.4 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.