

Proposed Non-affiliated membership for Yeovil Town RRC

At the request of several Club members the January Committee meeting discussed the possibility of a non-affiliated membership for the Club. It was noted that many of the local clubs offer this type of membership. Sufficient interest was shown to arrange an Extraordinary General meeting so that if the proposal is accepted we will try to implement this year. On Tuesday night I obtained the required ten signatures and the meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 6.30 p.m., to be followed by the usual Committee meeting.

Yeovil Town RRC is affiliated to ARC, which provides insurance for all Club training activities and runs.

Yeovil Town RRC as a Club, is also affiliated to England Athletics (EA).

At present all Club members are affiliated to EA.

The current cost of affiliation of each Club member is £14 per year, increasing to £15 per year on 1st April for the 2018/19 season.

Therefore, the cost for new members for next season, if it remains unchanged will be £35 of which £15 will go to EA leaving the Club with £20. They also receive a Club running vest.

Renewing members will pay £30 of which £15 goes to EA leaving the Club with £15.

Second claim members currently pay £15 (as they have paid their EA affiliation to their first claim club).

As an EA affiliated member, you can enter any race with a UKA permit and receive a £2 discount off race entries. You can also take part in the EA London marathon Club ballot. There are other benefits to EA membership including discounts on training courses.

Yeovil Town RRC coaches with EA accreditation and Yeovil Town Race Directors for EA races must remain affiliated as both require access to EA websites relevant portals.

If you choose the proposed non-affiliated membership you will have access to all our weekly training sessions and runs and social events. You will still be able to compete in races but you will have to pay the non-affiliated entry price when you enter the race. You will not be able to take part in the London Marathon ballot and your membership will not count towards a marathon place for the Club.

The fee for a new non-affiliated member will probably be £20 (i.e. £35 - £15) and will include a Club vest.

Renewing non-affiliated members will probably pay £15.

If a non-affiliated member wishes to become an affiliated member at any time, this can be arranged by the membership secretary but a full year's EA subscription will have to be paid.

Therefore, if you are a runner who enjoys taking part in races on a regular basis or one of our faster runners, who may well count in team events and wish to be included in the marathon ballot, it would seem reasonable to remain an affiliated member.

If you enjoy running with the Club, take part in the occasional race and enjoy the social side of the Club you may consider non-affiliated membership.

The introduction of non-affiliated membership will not affect the Club financially but if the number of affiliated Club members drops significantly it may reduce the number of places we received from EA for the London Marathon Club ballot.

If you have any views or concerns about this proposal please attend the EGM on 7th February.