

# Membership of Roehampton Club – note to applicants



The Directors of the Club have an absolute discretion as to who is admitted to the Club and on what terms. The Directors policy is to exercise their discretion in the interests of the Club and its Members. The Club has no plans at present to increase the number of current Members (5000) and remains focused on the quality of its Members' experience and their opportunities to interact socially and participate in Club activities and interest groups. Roehampton Club as a private member owned multi sports Club is more than a subscription-based leisure facility.

This means that sometimes the Directors may not approve an application for membership simply because they feel that the Club and the applicant are not a good match and that an individual would be better suited to a different club or facility.

As a membership-based organisation, the Club also has a process by which the current membership is consulted confidentially about pending applications for membership. The Club has a substantial number of Members, many of whom are members of other organisations and bodies. This consultation often produces a positive endorsement of an applicant's sociability and their likely positive contribution to the life of the Club.

Sometimes, however, one or more Members may raise concerns. These may come from a personal knowledge of the applicant, their previous participation in another organisation or simply a personal enmity (however it arose).

Where one or more Members raise concerns, that may be sufficient to create a doubt as to whether the admission of the applicant would be in the Club's best interests. The admission of the applicant might be a source of discomfort or embarrassment to the existing or new Member.

Unsuccessful applications are declined without reason. An unsuccessful application should not be understood as involving any criticism of an unsuccessful applicant or meaning that the Directors have formed any adverse opinion of an applicant.

The Club's Membership and Marketing Manager will inform applicants whether their application has been successful or not.

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