



BASINGSTOKE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Basingstoke RFC Fair Use of Membership Bar Discount

1. Purpose

This policy ensures that the club's membership bar discount is used fairly, responsibly, and in the spirit of supporting the club community. The discount exists to reward members for their commitment — not to subsidise non-members or be exploited for personal gain. In providing this policy, it is hoped that common sense shall prevail in its interpretation and usage.

2. Eligibility

- The bar discount is available only to current, active, club members where the membership includes a bar discount.
- Members must be identifiable on the EPOS or be able to present valid proof of membership to bar staff for validation.

3. Fair Use Rules

- The discount applies solely to the member's own purchases or a particular 'round' that member is buying.
- The discount cannot be transferred, shared, or used on behalf of another person.
- The member needs to be physically at the bar, making the purchase with no proxy allowed.
- An exception to the above is that member dependants under 18 can purchase allowable items via the parent account.

4. Staff Discretion

- Bar staff are authorised to:
 - Request proof of membership at any time

- Decline a discount if misuse is suspected
- Limit quantities if purchases appear inconsistent with personal consumption
- Staff decisions are final at the point of sale.

5. Misuse of Discount

Misuse includes, but is not limited to:

- Sharing membership credentials.
- Attempting to circumvent staff checks.
- Repeatedly challenging or pressuring staff to apply a discount.

Consequences may include:

- Verbal warning
- Temporary suspension of discount privileges
- Full suspension of membership benefits
- In serious or repeated cases, revocation of membership

6. Special Events & Exceptions

- The club may suspend or modify discount availability during:
 - Match days
 - Private functions
 - Fundraisers
 - High-demand events
- Any temporary changes will be communicated clearly in advance where possible.

7. Respect & Conduct

Members are expected to treat bar staff, volunteers, and fellow members with respect.

Aggressive, abusive, or argumentative behaviour regarding discount use will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action.

This policy has been adopted in accordance with the club constitution.

Signed: *LMottram*

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For further information about Basingstoke RFC Policies and guidance please visit our full document area at <https://www.basingstokerfc.com/information/club-documents>