



Elvet Striders Membership Fees

The Athletics financial year begins in April of each year. Elvet Striders membership renewal fees are due before the end of April each year. New members can join at any time of year when there is a vacancy, with pro-rata rates in effect in quarterly stages throughout the year (contact the membership secretary for details). Please read the membership details below.

There are a number of categories of membership of Elvet Striders, but the vast majority will need to become FULL members. The other categories are unusual and require prior approval.

FULL members will pay £43 per year to be a member of the club.

What does your FULL membership fee pay for?

- Membership of Elvet Striders and the right to represent us in competition.
- A contribution to club funds, used to pay for costs including (a) club affiliation to England Athletics, (b) registration for regional and national competitions e.g. cross country leagues, (c) club subsidies for social events e.g. Christmas party, club subsidies for travel to races, (d) club bursaries for coaching courses and UKCC recognised courses for members who contribute (or are intending to contribute) to the running of the club, (e) trophies and expenses incurred during the running of the club.
- Athlete affiliation to England Athletics, entitling you to a minimum £2 discount on entry to UK Athletics registered races (on production of your race licence number), as well as other discounts/offers - see <http://www.englandathletics.org/page.asp?section=725§ionTitle=Registration+%26+Affiliation#Benefitsforregisteredmembers> for full details of member benefits.
- Club training sessions on Wednesday evenings from Maiden Castle sports centre*.
- Use of Maiden Castle car park, track, showers, facilities on a Wednesday.
- Access to club bursaries for coaching courses, where available.
- Entry into the club ballot for London Marathon places.
- Paid entry to selected Championship and Club Relay events. Most recently these have included the Regional and National Club Cross Country Championships, Calderdale Relays, Sedgefield Relays and more.
- Subsidised social events (e.g. Christmas party).
- Organised and occasional subsidised bus travel to well-supported races.

*If you are a member of Maiden Castle sports centre already, either by paying via Durham University as a staff member, as a Durham University student or as a public member of the fitness suite/gym, a discount on the club fee is available on request, on proof of membership of Maiden Castle. Contact the Membership Secretary at: stridersmembership@btinternet.com for more information or to email your proof of Maiden Castle membership.

Associate (Country) members pay £20.

These are not FULL members of Elvet Striders, and are not entitled to a number of member benefits. Usually, associate membership is only available to those who live and/or work away and never come down the club on a Wednesday but who want to retain the connection with Striders and who want to turn out and race for us when they can. Some associate members (often known as 'country members') want to carry on running under a Striders flag in other parts of the country and don't wish to join any other club nearer their new location in order to get their England Athletics affiliation number.

Anyone wishing to apply for Associate Membership must demonstrate that they are eligible for this membership category, and the decision to admit associate members will be made on a case-by-case basis by the Membership Secretary in consultation with the Committee.

What does the ASSOCIATE membership fee pay for?

- Membership of Elvet Striders and the right to represent us in competition e.g. in the Harrier League Cross Country, or in 'open' races.
- Contribution to club funds to help pay for (a) Club Affiliation to England Athletics, eligibility for regional and national competitions e.g. cross country leagues, (b) club subsidies for social events e.g. Christmas party and (c) club subsidies for travel to races
- Athlete affiliation to England Athletics, entitling you to a minimum £2 discount on entry to UK Athletics registered races (on production of your race licence number), as well as other discounts/offers - see <http://www.englandathletics.org/page.asp?section=725§ionTitle=Registration+%26+Affiliation#Benefitsforregisteredmembers> for full details of member benefits.
- Subsidised social events (e.g. Christmas party).
- Organised and occasionally subsidised bus travel to well-supported races.

What are the implications of only being an Associate member and not a Full member?

You are:

- not entitled to join in club training sessions on Wednesday evenings from Maiden Castle sports centre.
- not entitled to use of Maiden Castle including use of the car park, track, showers, facilities etc.
- not entitled to access to the Strider track sessions on a Wednesday night .
- far less likely to be able to access club bursaries for coaching courses .
- not entitled to enter into the club ballot for London Marathon places.
- not given free entry into selected Championship and Club Relay events, including the Regional and National Club Cross Country Championships, Calderdale Relays, Sedgfield Relays etc.
- not a full part of the club!

Concessions:

There is no additional structure in place for any concessionary membership, since the club has no junior section.

Honorary membership:

Some club members are no longer active competitors in races or even training sessions. In such cases, where affiliation to EA is no longer appropriate, but where the Committee feels that members have contributed a lot to the club over the years, these people will be elected to be Honorary

members of the club. These members no longer run or compete and pay no membership fee but are still considered to be 'Striders'.

'Second claim' membership:

Occasionally, we have Striders who want to represent other clubs in certain competitions. This is not a usual situation, and England Athletics allow full affiliated membership of one club only. There are situations, however, where an association with two clubs may arise. In such (rare) cases, the appropriate administration and membership fees will be decided on a case-by-case basis by the Membership Secretary in consultation with the Committee.

Paying your membership fee:

An email will be circulated via the Elvet Striders mailing list detailing payment information. You will be given a deadline for payment and one reminder will be issued. Please be sure to pay by the deadline to prevent you being removed from the club. We have a significant number of people on the waiting list who will be able to take your club place if you no longer want it.

If you have any further queries about Elvet Striders membership, please contact Sue Jennings (Membership Secretary) at: stridersmembership@btinternet.com.