

Oxford LARP Society - Membership Policy

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1. Application

1.1

The Membership Policy of the Oxford LARP Society (OLS, henceforth “the Society”) will be upheld by the Society in line with its Constitution. Where the Membership Policy and the Constitution conflict, the Constitution maintains precedence.

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As per the Constitution, once agreed this Membership Policy may only be modified by agreement at a General Meeting.

2. Motivation

2.1

Running Live Action Role-Playing (LARP) events has a financial cost. While the Oxford LARP Society (OLS) does not run to a profit, the Society will maintain kit for LARP, provide insurance over its events, and where necessary provide funds to cover booking of venues. In all cases, the Society should not run into debt.

2.2

Membership fees of the Oxford LARP Society are therefore designed to cover:

- Cost of acquiring and maintaining kit
- Cost of maintaining insurance for events
- Cost of maintaining an online presence (i.e. website and mailing lists)
- Cost of hiring venues
- Other costs of running events

2.3

Membership fees for OLS are consequently to be set such that the current membership and attendance does not leave any member of the Society in debt for having to cover the reasonable costs listed above.

2.4

The Society wishes to encourage commitment and consequently will offer long term membership fees to provide a net reduced cost to events for those members.

3. Membership

3.1

Membership is open to anyone interested in live action roleplaying who is over the age of 18 who has paid the relevant fee.

3.2

All members of OLS are entitled to the following benefits:

- Reduced costs for OLS events
- Opportunity to borrow LARP kit from the OLS
- Permission to advertise LARP events on the Society Website and Mailing List
- Right to vote in OLS General Meetings
- Right to be on the OLS Committee (if elected)

3.3

A list of Society Members will be kept by the Society Treasurer and available to the Society Committee.

3.4

Membership application may be denied at the discretion of the Committee where the safety of Society members is at risk.

4. Membership Types and Fees

4.1

There are multiple types of membership to the Oxford LARP Society. Members may choose to change their membership type but may not receive a refund for downgrading.

4.2

The types are:

- **Monthly Membership** - this membership is granted for one month.
- **Quarterly Membership** - this membership is granted for three months.
- **Annual Membership** - this membership is granted for one year.
- **Affiliate Membership** - this membership is granted to any member of an affiliate Society for the duration of their membership.
- **Trial Membership** - this membership is granted to any new attendee of OLS events for their first three events (not including meetings).

4.3

The costs for these types, predicated on the assumption of regularly occurring events, are:

- **Monthly Membership** - £9
- **Quarterly Membership** - £25
- **Annual Membership** - £100
- **Affiliate Membership** - £0 (free)

- **Trial Membership** - £0 (free)

4.4

Concessions of a reduction of up to 100% may be provided for those whom it is applicable. Access requesting this should be made as easy as possible.

4.5

Where membership is revoked either voluntarily or by the Committee due to disciplinary procedures, any paid fees will only be refunded at the discretion of the Committee.

5. Per Event Costs

5.1

Events where there is a cost to the Society to run have the following fee model using a £10 event as an example:

- **Non-Members** 100% of full cost (e.g. £10)
- **Members** 0-50% (e.g. £5)
- **Concessions** 0-30% (e.g. £3)
- **Affiliate Members** 0-30% (e.g. £3)

5.2

Some events may be more expensive to run than others. Additional fees for specific OLS events may be introduced by the event organiser but reduced costs should be made available for Affiliates and Concessions.

6. Concessions and Affiliates

6.1

Per Event concessions are offered to:

- Any attendee not in full time employment
- Any attendee who is disabled
- Any attendee who is a carer for an attendee

Other concessions can be offered at the discretion of the event organiser or the Treasurer (e.g. for attendees who will not be making use of some or all of the assets the event fee contributes to)

6.2

Financial difficulties should not be a barrier to access to the Society - concessions or fee waivers may be granted on a per case basis by the Society Committee (see 4.4).

6.3

The OLS wishes to support affiliated societies and so will offer reduced costs to membership for those societies. The exact nature of affiliation will vary but is expected to include some reciprocal benefits to OLS members.

6.4

Affiliate Societies are:

- Oxford University Roleplaying Games Society (OURPGSoc) (Voting members only)

7. Termination of Membership

7.1

Membership may be terminated or denied by the action of any other policy. This section sets out the effect of termination of membership, but not the conditions under which it occurs - that is left to other policies. Termination of membership is distinct from expiry of membership, and the below does not apply to the case where a member's membership lapses due to not paying fees.

7.2

When a member's membership is terminated, the Chair or someone delegated by them will inform the member within one week of the decision.

7.3

Termination of membership will also bar the person from OLS events, unless otherwise stated. They will also usually be removed from the Internal Communication Platform.

7.4

If the membership of a Committee member is terminated, they are immediately removed from their Committee role.

7.5

In the event of termination of membership of a game organiser or other person essential for the running of a particular society event, then it should be considered whether cancellation of the event is appropriate and/or whether an equivalent event can be run.

7.6

Any membership fee paid will be refunded pro-rata for the time remaining on the membership. Any per-event fees paid for upcoming events will be refunded.

7.7

Except as stated by other policies (e.g. by reference to reversal of a decision), a person whose membership has been terminated is not eligible for membership in future.