



Registration Policy for Avoca HC

Avoca HC Membership

Avoca HC will have the following membership categories and this registration policy is applicable to all members:

1. Playing member – paying; full sub; full voting rights
2. Non-playing member – paying; reduced sub; full voting rights
3. Junior member – paying; no voting rights; parents don't have voting rights either.
4. Honorary member – non-paying; has voting rights.

1. Playing Members & Junior Members

Prior the beginning of each season, Avoca Hockey Club will decide the number of teams for the coming season and will subsequently determine the number of players it can accept as playing members in the Men's, Ladies, Girls and Boys sections. In the case of Girls and Boys sections, it is necessary to distinguish how many players the club can facilitate in each age related group. In making these decisions, Avoca HC will consider the available pitch times, coaches, volunteers and the clubs 5 year plan.

Process for applying for membership:

1. Contact the Club Representative in the relevant section. Alternatively, contact the Club Secretary at clubsecretary@avocahockeyclub.ie
Men's section - Men's Club Captain - menscaptain@avocahockeyclub.com
Ladies section - Ladies Club Captain - ladiescaptain@avocahockeyclub.com
Junior Boys' section - Junior Boys Chair – boyschair@avocahockeyclub.com
Junior Girls' section - Junior Girls Chair - girlschair@avocahockeyclub.com
2. If there is space in the relevant section, the Club Representative will direct the applicant to Avoca HC website to register and provide them with the relevant details in relation to training dates and times. The registration link is available at <http://avocahockeyclub.ie/membership/>.

3. If there is no space in the relevant section, the Club Representative will inform the applicant that they have been placed on a waiting list. The considerations outlined below will be applied where relevant. The relevant Club Representative is responsible for the waiting list in their section.
4. The relevant Club Representative will contact the Club Secretary in relation to new members and accepting membership on the online registration database.

Considerations for membership:

Family: Avoca is a mixed inter-generational family club and would like to see as many family members involved as possible. Where an applicant has an immediate family member (father, mother, sister, brother) who is a current playing or non-playing member, this will be taken into consideration

Newpark School: Avoca Hockey club was founded to enable past pupils of Avoca school (now Newpark School) to continue to play hockey. The Clubs main grounds are based at Newpark School. Where an applicant is a current or past pupil of Newpark School, this will be taken into consideration.

Specialist positions: Where there is a shortage of specialist players and that is an applicant's preferred position then that will be taken into consideration.

Waiting List: Where an applicant has applied for membership and been placed on a waiting list then the time spent on that waiting list will be taken into consideration

2. Non-playing Members

Avoca HC values the continued involvement in the club of past players as well allowing the opportunity for the parents of junior players to have a say in the running of the club. Because of this Avoca HC invites applications for non-playing membership to any former playing member and any parent of a current junior member. Any non-playing member has the right to renew their membership.

Process for applying for non-playing membership:

1. Contact the Club Secretary at clubsecretary@avocahockeyclub.ie.
2. If the applicant is a former playing member or a parent of a current junior player, the Club Secretary will direct the applicant to Avoca HC website to register. The registration link is available at <http://avocahockeyclub.ie/membership/>.
3. The Club Secretary will accept membership on the online registration database.

3. Honorary Members

Avoca HC recognises the exceptional contribution that individual members have made to Club by inviting to join as lifetime honorary members.