



LINCOLN CITY SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED
MEMBERSHIP POLICY 2026/27

A. Introduction

- i. The current rules of Lincoln City Supporters' Society Limited, which trades as Red Imps Community Trust ("the Trust"), were adopted at the Trust's Annual General Meeting ("AGM") on 27th June 2024. Those rules took effect when they were registered by the Financial Conduct Authority under Section 16 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 ("the Act"). Following such registration, the rules were made available to view by the general public at <https://mutuals.fca.org.uk/> and at <https://www.redimpstrust.co.uk/trust-documentation/trust-rules/>. All Trust Members are bound by those rules (Section 15 of the Act). All references in this document to "Rules" are to those rules.
- ii. Trust Members must pay an annual subscription of such reasonable sum or sums as the Trust Board shall decide (Rule 13). The Trust can have different classes of Members (Section 45(3) of the Act). Guidance issued by the Football Supporters' Association is that the Trust Board has a discretion to set different levels of subscription for different classes of membership, including increased charges for additional "experiences" and reduced charges for praiseworthy service.
- iii. This Policy was approved by the Trust Board on 15th April 2026. It confirms the classes of membership and the subscription levels applicable for the year from 1st August 2026.

- iv. This Policy will be reviewed by the Trust Board by no later than 30th April each year, when the classes of membership and the subscription levels will be set for the year from the following 1st August. A resolution to ratify the latest reviewed Policy will be proposed at all the Trust's AGMs.

B. General Principles

- i. The Trust avoids and opposes all forms of unlawful discrimination, including in respect of membership: its Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy can be viewed at <https://www.redimpstrust.co.uk/policies/trust-policies/>.
- ii. Membership of the Trust is open (Rule 11) to any individual, unincorporated body, firm, partnership or corporate body who or which:-
 - a. is a supporter of Lincoln City Football Club (the Club); or
 - b. has an interest in football in the Lincoln area and is in sympathy with the objects of the Trust.
- iii. £1 will be applied from the first subscription payment received from each new Trust Member to buy a £1 share for that Member in the Trust (Rule 13), but every Trust Member can have no more than one £1 share in their name (Rules 12, 18.2, 19 & 21), regardless of how much they pay in any one year or cumulatively over a number of years.
- iv. The £1 share in the Trust of any Trust Member whose membership lapses or ends in any other way is cancelled without any repayment being made (Rule 20) but, in the event of them subsequently re-joining the Trust, that person will be treated as a new Trust Member and issued with another new £1 share (Rule 13).
- v. The Trust Board has certain powers to refuse applications for membership (Rule 11) and Trust Members may be removed (Rule 23) or expelled (Rule 24) in certain circumstances. The Trust's Disciplinary Policy (which can be viewed at <https://www.redimpstrust.co.uk/policies/trust-policies/>) will apply where appropriate, as will the Trust's Dispute Resolution Procedure (Rules 123 & 124).
- vi. All Trust Members who are at least 18 years of age have one vote on any question to be decided in a General Meeting of the Trust (Rules 15.2, 15.3 & 47).
- vii. All Trust Members who are at least 18 years of age are entitled to seek election as Trust Board Members and to be appointed as Trust Officers (Rules 15.1 & 16).
- viii. All the Trust's communications for its legitimate purposes (including formal notices of meetings) will be sent in electronic format if an email address has been provided and in hard copy format if a postal address has been provided. Members are responsible for ensuring that the email or postal address that they provide is operational. All changes to a member's email or postal address must be communicated to the Trust either by electronic means or in hard copy written format. Members are responsible for ensuring that they read the Trust's communications sent to the email or postal address provided.

C. Ordinary Members – Electronic List

- i. This category of membership is open to everyone who is at least 18 years of age at the date of joining or re-joining who provides the Trust with an email address.

- ii. The annual fee payable by such members is £5, which covers the period from the date of joining or re-joining to 31st July 2027. For members of the Club's Gold, Silver and Bronze Membership Schemes, those fees will be paid to the Trust by the Club on behalf of the member as an automatic benefit included in those Schemes, as confirmed in a Memorandum of Understanding between the Trust and the Club. A further £5 fee, to continue membership of the Trust throughout the year from 1st August 2027, may also be paid at any time before that date.

D. Ordinary Members – Postal List

- i. This category of membership is open to everyone who is at least 18 years of age at the date of joining or re-joining who does not provide the Trust with an email address. Such members must provide the Trust with a postal address.
- ii. The annual fee payable by such members is £15, which covers the period from the date of joining or re-joining to 31st July 2027. A further £15 fee, to continue membership of the Trust throughout the year from 1st August 2027, may also be paid at any time before that date.

E. Junior Members

- i. This category of membership is open to everyone who is under 18 years of age at the date of joining or re-joining.
- ii. Under Article 8 of the UK General Data Protection Regulation, everyone must be at least 13 years of age in order to give a valid consent to the processing of their personal data. For the purposes of the Trust's correspondence with all members who are under 13 years of age, the email address of an adult with parental responsibility for the member concerned must therefore be provided.
- iii. Members who are at least 13 years of age but under 18 years of age must provide the Trust with the email address of an adult with parental responsibility for the member concerned, in addition to their own email address, to enable the Trust's correspondence with them to be copied to such an adult, in compliance with safeguarding guidance issued by The Football Association.
- iv. Members are only entitled to vote on any Trust matters once they have attained 18 years of age (Rule 15).
- v. The annual fee payable by such members is £1, which covers the period from the date of joining or rejoining to 31st July 2027. For members of the Club's Junior Imp, Young Imp and Little Imp Membership Schemes, those fees will be paid to the Trust by the Club on behalf of the member as an automatic benefit included in those Schemes, as confirmed in a Memorandum of Understanding between the Trust and the Club. A further £1 fee, to continue membership of the Trust throughout the year from 1st August 2027, may also be paid at any time before that date.

F. John O'Gaunts Club Gold Legacy Members

- i. New admissions to this category of membership (which was previously known as the Trust's Gold Membership Scheme) have not been accepted since 15th February 2024, prior to which it was open to everyone. Members who joined it before that

date must provide the Trust with either an email address or a postal address. Such memberships continue until 31st July 2027.

- ii. Such members are entitled to:-
 - a. access with a guest to the Club's Greenlinc Renewables 200 Club Lounge on one matchday during the 2026/27 season, the date (subject to availability) being agreed between the Trust and the member;
 - b. on three matchdays chosen by the Trust during the 2026/27 season:-
 - i. attend a pre-match in-person meeting (which might instead be held online in extenuating circumstances, such as if there are no convenient Saturday fixtures with a 3pm kick off due, for example, to matches being selected for television coverage) with the Club's Head Coach(es), Chief Executive, Director of Football and others, such as members of the Club's Former Players' Association (FPA) or the Club's backroom staff;
 - ii. service of a buffet meal during those in-person meetings;
 - iii. the opportunity to stay in the room in order to socialise after the in-person meetings until the kick off time;
 - iv. if the member concerned does not belong to the Club's Gold Membership Scheme, to request one free ticket for each match before which an in-person meeting is held;
 - c. an invitation to a single tour, exclusively for such members, of the Club's Gen2 Energy Elite Performance Centre;
 - d. the same priority as members of the Club's Gold Membership Scheme when purchasing tickets for the Club's home cup games and for any of its away games;
 - e. be treated as Trust Members for the rest of their lifetime if they complete at least five consecutive years of membership of the John O'Gaunts Club Gold Legacy scheme, provided that they certify to the Trust's Membership Secretary at annual intervals that, for data protection purposes, they consent to remaining on the Trust's mailing list;
 - f. the display of their names on a recognition board installed at the Club's stadium, acknowledging all members throughout the scheme's history, provided they complete at least five consecutive years of membership of the John O'Gaunts Club Gold Legacy scheme.
- iii. The fee payable by such members is frozen for a five-year period at £1,680.00, payable either immediately as a single lump sum or, if the member so wishes, in sixty equal monthly instalments of £28.00, provided that any fee attributable to a period after 31st July 2027 will be rebated in full to the member concerned.
- iv. During the 2026/27 season, each such member will generate from the fees mentioned immediately above 300 shares with a nominal value of £150, which will be transferred directly from the Club to the Trust.

G. Red Package Scheme Members

- i. This category of membership is open to corporate bodies, unincorporated bodies, partnerships and firms. Such members must provide the Trust with an email address and may also provide an email address or a postal address for a delegate who is at least 18 years of age. Any such delegate will be entitled to attend the Trust's meetings on behalf of the member. Any such delegate will also be entitled on behalf of the member to speak, to vote on any Trust matters and to seek election at such meetings. Nobody can act as delegate for more than one such member (Rule 14).
- ii. Such members are entitled to:-
 - a. the display of their logo (with a link back to their business) in the monthly newsletter circulated by the Trust to all its members for whom an email address is held;
 - b. be covered regularly via the Trust's Facebook, X and Instagram social media channels;
 - c. the display of their logo (with a link back to their business) on the partner section of the Trust's website and a banner advert on that website in rotation;
 - d. the display of their logo on a Partner Board at the Trust's pod in the Fan Village at the ProAmpac Stadium on home matchdays;
 - e. an invitation to the Trust's pod in the Fan Village at the ProAmpac Stadium on one of the Club's home matchdays;
 - f. a printed certificate (with a partner logo) for their use.
- iii. The annual fee payable by such members is £250, which covers the period from the date of joining or re-joining to 31st July 2027.

H. White Package Scheme Members

- i. This category of membership is open to corporate bodies, unincorporated bodies, partnerships and firms. Such members must provide the Trust with an email address.
- ii. Such members are entitled to:-
 - a. the display of their logo (with a link back to their business) in the monthly newsletter circulated by the Trust to all its members for whom an email address is held;
 - b. a partnership announcement via the Trust's Facebook, X and Instagram social media channels;
 - c. the display of their logo (with a link back to their business) on the partner section of the Trust's website;
 - d. the display of their logo on a Partner Board at the Trust's pod in the Fan Village at the ProAmpac Stadium on home matchdays;
 - e. a printed certificate (with a partner logo) for their use.
- iii. The annual fee payable by such members is £150, which covers the period from the date of joining or re-joining to 31st July 2027.

I. FPA Members

- i. This category of membership is open to everyone who has had a professional playing contract with the Club who also belongs to the FPA. Such members must provide the FPA's Secretary with either an email address or a postal address. In accordance with any Data Sharing Agreement that may be signed on behalf of the Trust and on behalf of the FPA, that Secretary will act as the Trust's agent and share with it any information that might be necessary in order to enable such members to vote on any Trust matters.
- ii. The one-off joining fee (which will be paid by the FPA to the Trust on behalf of its members) for each such member is £1, which covers the entire period throughout which they retain their membership of the FPA.

J. Honorary Members

- i. This category of membership is open to anyone who the Trust Board deems to have provided exemplary service to either the Trust or the Club or the local community. Such members must provide the Trust with either an email address or a postal address.
- ii. If such members are already Trust members at the date of being awarded Honorary Membership status, no further fee is payable. If such members are not already Trust members at that date, then a one-off fee (which may be paid by the person nominating or seconding to the Trust Board the award to them of Honorary Membership status) of £1 is payable. In either case, such memberships will lapse on 31st July 2027, but may be renewed before 1st August each year for another year without any further fee being payable, if the member certifies to the Trust's Membership Secretary that, for data protection purposes, s/he consents to remaining on the Trust's mailing list.

K. Life Members

- i. This category of membership is open to anyone who the Trust Board deems to have provided service of the highest standard imaginable to either the Trust or the Club or the local community. Such members must provide the Trust with either an email address or a postal address.
- ii. If such members are already Trust members at the date of being awarded Life Membership status, no further fee is payable. If such members are not already Trust members at that date, then a one-off fee (which may be paid by the person nominating or seconding to the Trust Board the award to them of Life Membership status) of £1 is payable. In either case, such memberships will continue for the rest of the member's life.