British Orienteering Terms and Conditions of Membership

1. Scope

1.1. These Terms and Conditions set out rights and responsibilities relevant to registered members of British Orienteering (**Members**).

1.2. As a condition of British Orienteering membership, each Member agrees to be bound by these Terms and Conditions, and by the Regulations, Codes, Rules, and Policies of British Orienteering published by the Board of British Orienteering (or its designee), each as amended from time to time. Where the Member is under the age of 18, their parent/guardian agrees to the foregoing on their behalf.

1.3. Where applicable, members who join British Orienteering and a club based in Scotland agree to comply with the policies and procedures of the Scottish Orienteering Association, as published by its Board (or designated authority) and updated from time to time. Where members live in Scotland and in cases where there is a difference between Scottish and English legislation, the relevant Scottish legislation shall take precedence. For members under the age of 18, this agreement is made on their behalf by their parent or guardian.

1.4. British Orienteering membership is not transferable from one individual to another.

1.5. The Board of British Orienteering may (at its absolute discretion) refuse an application from any individual, or suspend or cancel the membership of any Member, with or without reasons. An appeal against a decision to refuse an application for membership or to suspend/cancel membership may be made in accordance with the British Orienteering Appeals Policy.

2. Membership period

2.1. The membership period runs from 1 January to 31 December of each calendar year.

2.2. Membership will be valid from 1 January (or the date on which British Orienteering receives the applicable membership fee, if received after this date) until 31 December (unless terminated early, as to which please see paragraph 6).

2.3. Membership renewals for the following year can be made from 1 November. If a membership is not renewed before 1 January, that membership will become lapsed.

2.3.1. Lapsed status will run until the 31 March each calendar year, unless the membership is renewed during this period. An individual whose membership lapses retains access to their membership profile and details on the British Orienteering website for this limited period (i.e. until 31 March in the relevant year).

2.3.2. An individual whose membership has lapsed may renew their membership online.

2.3.3. If a lapsed membership is not renewed by 1 April, the membership will become expired. Individuals whose memberships expire will no longer have access to their membership profile and details on the British Orienteering website.

2.3.4. Individuals whose memberships expire can renew online or via contacting the British Orienteering head office.

3. Types of British Orienteering membership

3.1. Junior membership

Junior membership is available to anyone aged 20 or younger at the end of the membership year.

3.2. Young adult membership

Young adult membership is available to anyone aged 21 to 25 at the end of the membership year.

3.3. Senior membership

Senior membership is available to anyone aged 26 or older at the end of the membership year.

3.4. Family membership offer

A Family membership offer is available for two seniors and unlimited juniors living at the same address. A Family group on the database can also include Young Adults and additional members. The British Orienteering database will always work out the cheapest rate per group.

4. Membership fees

4.1. Membership fees (for those who have been a member within the last four years) are fixed for the duration of the membership period and are not available on a pro rata basis.

4.2. New members (who have not been a member within the last four years) will pay a fee depending on the time of year they join. Periods are outlined below:

4.2.1. A new member joining between 1 January to 31 April will pay the full fee.
4.2.2. A new member joining between 1 May to 31 August will pay approximately two thirds of the fee.

4.2.3. A new member joining between 1 September to 31 December will pay approximately one third of the fee.

4.2.4. Some fees may be unable to be split equally into thirds and will be adjusted for simplicity.

4.2.5. The reduced fees apply to British Orienteering membership only. Clubs and Associations may operate a different fee structure.

4.2.6. All memberships for new members will expire on the 31 December of that year unless renewed as per section 2.3.

4.3. The current fees for junior, young adult, senior and family memberships offers can be found here.

4.4. Payment may be made online or over the phone via credit/debit card or by setting up a direct debit.

4.5. Clubs and associations may also charge a separate additional fee. This will also be collected at the point of joining British Orienteering membership. Any club/association fee is not controlled or set by British Orienteering.

4.6. In accordance with consumer contract regulations, there is a 14-day 'cooling off' period after receipt of a new membership, not a renewal, during which members may cancel their membership and receive a refund, subject to certain exceptions (see paragraph 6 below).

4.7. No refunds or extensions will be given if for any reason a member is unable to use any part of their membership at any stage during the membership period, including (but not limited to) as a result of any suspension or early termination of that membership pursuant to these Terms and Conditions, or in the event of the suspension or cancellation of competitions.

5. Membership renewals & direct debit

5.1. Membership renewals for all current members may be completed from 1 November of each calendar year.

5.2. By setting up a direct debit, membership will automatically renew around mid-December each calendar year. Members will automatically be charged the current membership fee and, if applicable, the appropriate club and association fee. This will continue to be charged unless and until the member instructs British Orienteering to cancel the membership subscription (in accordance with paragraph 6, below) prior to the next direct debit payment being charged.

6. Cancellation of membership

6.1. Any Member seeking to cancel their membership should contact British Orienteering in writing, either by email (to info@britishorienteering.org.uk) or by post (to British Orienteering, Scholes Mill, Old Coach Road, Tansley, Matlock, DE4 5FY).

6.2. Cancelation of British Orienteering membership will also automatically cancel any club or association membership taken out at the same time.

6.3. If a member uses their membership to enter a competition or take part in a training activity within the first 14 days of receiving membership, the 'cooling off' period will be void and that member will therefore not be eligible to receive any refund.

6.4. No refunds will be issued to members who cancel their membership after the 14-day 'cooling off' period.

6.5. Upon cancellation or expiry of a membership, all rights and benefits in respect of that membership will cease.

7. Membership benefits

7.1. Members will receive various benefits, which typically include:

7.1.1. third party public liability insurance cover;

7.1.2. reduced entry price to some events;

7.1.3. newsletters;

7.1.4. voting rights at general meetings (for those who are otherwise eligible, i.e. Members over the age of 18);

7.1.5. access to regional, national, and major events; and/or

7.1.6. right to represent GBR, subject to being selected;

7.1.7. special offers and discounts.

7.2. British Orienteering will seek to provide exclusive access to special offers and discounts with external providers:

7.2.1. Any external providers of a benefit provided will have the absolute discretion in relation to the provision of services. British Orienteering membership does not guarantee that the external provider will provide the service.

7.2.2. Services/discounts provided by an external provider will be subject to the provider's own terms and conditions and British Orienteering does not accept any liability for loss or damage suffered as a result of a fault, error, or omission in the provision of their services.

7.2.3. British Orienteering and or the service provider reserves the right to change its external providers/discounts at any time and without prior notice.

7.2.4. As a member you agree not to share British Orienteering exclusive discount codes with non-members or through any other forums or social media sites.

8. Membership number/card

8.1. Members will be issued an electronic membership number and card. This will be issued via email only (i.e. no hard plastic versions of the membership card will be made available).

8.2. Membership numbers and cards are non-transferable and must only be used by the registered Member.

9. Anti-doping

9.1. As a condition of British Orienteering Membership, each member agrees to be bound by the anti-doping rules of British Orienteering, which are the UK Anti-Doping Rules published by UK Anti-Doping (or its successor), as amended from time to time. The UK Anti-Doping Rules are available on the UKAD website.

9.2. The UKAD Anti-Doping Rules apply to all members throughout their membership and for 12 months from the cancellation or expiry/ none renewal of their membership. Expiry of membership would be dated from the 1st January for Anti-Doping purposes.

10. Data protection and use of personal data

10.1. British Orienteering will process personal data of members in order to carry out its obligations as the National Governing Body for Orienteering in United Kingdom and Isle of Man, as described in the Data Protection Policy (available here).

10.2. British Orienteering may share relevant information about its members with UK Anti-Doping (or its successor) or other anti-doping organisation for the purpose of intelligence sharing in relation to possible anti-doping rule violations.

10.3. British Orienteering will share only relevant information with third party entry providers for the purpose of administrating Orienteering events.

11. Changes to Terms and Conditions

11.1. British Orienteering may amend these Terms and Conditions at any time. Members should therefore check them periodically, including each time they renew their membership.

11.2. The applicable Terms and Conditions will be those in place on the date of an individual's membership application or renewal.

12. General

12.1. These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of England and Wales. If the Member is a consumer and British Orienteering supplies services to residents in the country in which the member is resident, the member will benefit from any mandatory provisions of the law of the country in which they are resident. Nothing in these Terms and Conditions affects the member's rights as a consumer to rely on such mandatory provisions of local law.

The member may bring legal proceedings in respect of these Terms and Conditions in the English courts. If the member is a consumer who is resident in Scotland or Northern Ireland, they may bring legal proceedings in respect of these Terms and Conditions in the English courts or in the courts of the country in which they are resident.

12.2. Terms and Conditions are governed by and must be interpreted in accordance with English law. Any disputes arising under or in connection with these Terms and Conditions are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

12.3. Any failure by British Orienteering (or any constituent branch thereof) to exercise a right or remedy available to it under these Terms and Conditions will not constitute a waiver of that right or remedy (or any other).

12.4. If a competent court of law or authority finds that any part of these Terms and Conditions is invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable to any extent, the relevant part will be deleted from the Terms and Conditions and the remainder of the Terms and Conditions will continue to be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted under English law.