

Essington RUFC Membership: 2025/2026 Season

Effective Date: 01/09/26

Review Date: 01/07/27

Your membership is vital to the continued success and development of ERUFC, supporting everything from pitch maintenance and equipment to coaching, junior development, and club social events.

The big change to membership in the 26/27 season will be that there is a membership form required in order to make your membership valid. This goes for all types of membership.

Member Definition For future reference / documentation, a 'Member' of Essington RUFC is an individual formally affiliated with the club through payment of appropriate fees (for Contact, Touch, VP, Social, and Junior categories) or by holding an acknowledged Life Membership status, granting specific rights and benefits and a completed membership form.

Membership Categories & Benefits Here's a breakdown of the membership categories, their costs, and the benefits included:

Feature	Contact Member	Touch Member	VP Member	Social Member	Junior Member	Non-Member	Life Member	unemployed
Annual Cost	£15/month	£45	£50	£35	£0	£0	£0	£0
Room Hire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Membership cards	2 cards	1 card	1 card	1 card	1 card	Non	2 cards	1 Card
Touch Subs	N/A	£3	£3	£10	£3	£10	£3	£2
Contact Subs	N/A	£10	£10	£10	N/A	£10	£5	£2
Personal VEO Highlight	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Voting Rights at AGM	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Eligibility for End of Season Awards	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Tour Eligibility (Men only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes

Notes on Membership Categories:

- **Contact Member:** Grants access to all club benefits.

- **Touch Member:** Benefits from a reduced Touch match fee.
- **VP (Vice President) Member:** Invited to Presidents lunch(es).
- **Social Member:** Provides access to club social events and general member benefits.
- **Junior Member (Under 18):** A free membership for players under 18, including reduced Touch match fees and eligibility for end-of-season awards. Does not include gym access, contact training or room hire.
- **Life Member:** Recognized for enduring commitment; all benefits are included.

Important Membership Information:

- **RFU Insurance:** Only formally affiliated members of Essington RUFC are eligible for RFU insurance coverage.
- **Membership Cards:** Membership cards grant access to discounted bar prices. Membership cards can only be used by the named person. In the case where two cards are given, the second is also to be used by a singular named person. Junior membership cards are to be marked as such and cannot be used to discount alcohol, i.e “John Smith u18”.
- **Monthly Membership Payments:** Monthly membership fees are to be paid for the full 12 months of the year. If a payment is missed, players will receive one warning, and the outstanding payment must still be settled. Failure to settle the payment after this warning will result in membership revocation, and the individual will then need to purchase a social membership to continue accessing club benefits.
- **Membership Season:** The membership season runs annually from July 31st 2026 to August 1st 2027.
- **Voting Rights:** Only those who are formal members of the club have voting rights, excluding junior members. (Being a named person on a members second membership card, does not grant you membership).
- **Alternative contact membership options:** £100 Up-front and £5 match subs or a one off payment of £180.
- **Social / 2nd team Membership:** If you pay social membership you are eligible for reduced match subs for 2nd team and vets contact games. If playing in a first team fixture match subs will be £10.
- **Tour:** You need to be a members to attend the annual men’s tour.

Contact For Membership Ready to join or renew your membership for the 2026/2027 season? Please reach out to the relevant contact below:

- **Contact Membership:** Greg Osborn
- **Touch Membership:** Emily Brookes
- **Social Membership:** Cheryl Lennon
- **VP Membership:** David Brawn
- **Junior Membership:** James Hands

For all other queries please speak to Cheryl, the Membership Secretary.

We look forward to welcoming you to Essington RUFC for what promises to be an exciting and progressive season!