

DISABILITY MEMBERSHIP

At the 2025 Annual General Meeting, the membership approved the resolution proposing the introduction of the Disability category of membership for Full and Associate Members, from 2026 onwards.

Members are asked to read the following criteria and process carefully before applying.

1. Definition of Disability

Eligibility is based on the definition set out in the UK Equality Act 2010:

"A physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities."

There is no predetermined list of eligible disabilities. Instead, Members must provide supporting evidence of their disability as outlined in paragraph 2.

2. Evidence of Eligibility

To apply, Members must provide one of the following documents, issued in their name, which must be valid or dated within the last 12 months (unless otherwise specified):

- (a) a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) award letter issued by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) name;
- (b) a Disability Living Allowance (DLA) award letter in;
- (c) Nimbus Access Card;
- (d) Access to work documentation which confirms support or adjustments, issued by Jobcentre Plus or DWP;
- (e) Valid Blue Badge issued, with a copy of both sides of the badge provided;
- (f) a letter from a registered medical professional (GP, consultant, or specialist) confirming the nature and long-term impact of the disability;
- (g) a Certificate of Severe Sight Impairment or Blindness issued by a medical professional or local authority;
- (h) proof of registration with a local authority as a disabled person;
- (i) War time Pension Holders/Armed Forces Compensation Scheme;
- (j) Attendance Allowance award letter issued by DWP;
- (k) Disabled persons railcard; or
- (l) Any other documentation the Member reasonably believes demonstrates eligibility under the Equality Act definition. The Club will assess such documentation on a case-by-case basis, seeking advice where necessary.

3. Duration of Eligibility

- (a) MCC reserves the right to review eligibility annually.
- (b) Certain documents will expire after a set period of time e.g. 12 months from date of issue. Therefore, Members may be asked to submit updated documentation by the Club.
- (c) In cases of long-term or permanent disability, the Club may, at its sole discretion, grant multi-year eligibility.

4. Application Process

- (a) Members must complete the Disability Membership Application Form and submit supporting documentation.
- (b) Applications must be submitted via email to Club Services at clubservices@mcc.org.uk by 1 November each year to be considered for the following year's subscription.
- (c) Members granted multi-year eligibility must reapply by 1 November in any year requested by the Club, or by another date specified.

- (d) Late applications will not be considered for that year's subscription. However, Members are welcome to reapply the following year.
- (e) The Club reserves the right to request additional information and/or supporting evidence if eligibility is unclear.
- (f) All documentation provided by the Member will be handled confidentially and in accordance with Club's Privacy Notice and data protection laws.
- (g) If approved, a reduced subscription notice will be issued in December and will apply to the following year's subscription.
- (h) If an application is declined, Members may request a review by the Membership & General Purposes (M&G) Committee. Appeals must be submitted within 30 days of the decision. The decision of the M&G Committee will be final.
- (i) The Club reserves the right to amend this process and the list of acceptable evidence at any time.

5. Application Form

The application form can be accessed [here](#).