



# Senior Membership & Benefits

## Why is there a membership fee?

We are lucky, in a town the size of Tring, to have such a successful sports club in such a beautiful setting. But the year-round cost of maintaining the cricket club, the grounds, its facilities and services is around £180K and although we raise money through sponsorship, events such as the Lords Taverners match, and facilities hire, it doesn't get near to covering our costs, so without membership there is no club.

The Senior Membership card will help the club to do more than just survive from day-to-day, it will help us to maintain the standard of the facilities and cricketing opportunities available, and hopefully improve them too, so the club won't just be great to be a part of now, but for future generations as well.

## What are the levels of membership and how are they different?

There are essentially four levels of membership:

- Senior member (Honorary Members, Vice Presidents, Senior Playing, Non-playing)
- Social member
- Junior Coaching member
- Affiliate member (of other clubs that use TPCC/parent of Junior coaching member)

Member Benefits	Voting at AGM / EGM	Bar discounts	Partner business discounts*	Half price on normal facility hire rates for private parties	Use of bar / watching activities at club
Senior	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social		✓	✓	✓	✓
Junior Coaching				✓	✓
Affiliate				✓	✓
Non-members					✓

\*20% food discount at Oakman Inns pubs, e.g. The Akeman (Terms & Conditions apply)

\* 10% discount Primo Barbers

\* 10% discount B-Smart Dry Cleaning

(Full list and Terms and Conditions are at the end of this document)



### **Do I have to be a member of Tring Park Cricket Club (TPCC) to be at the club or buy a drink?**

No, please enjoy the use of the bar and its facilities but as a member you qualify for drinks at the membership price rates.

### **How much cheaper are bar prices to members?**

As much as 40p per pint

### **How much is Senior membership of TPCC?**

That depends on the level of membership. As a Social Member it is as little as £30, paid before May 1 with our Early Bird rate (£35 thereafter), this could pay for itself with just 2 family meals at the Akeman or 1 round of drinks a month at the club.

### **I'm a parent of a Junior member - why do I need to join TPCC to enjoy these benefits?**

As a club we believe in cricket for all, and in trying to make cricket as affordable and widely available as possible. The Junior Coaching fee covers a wide programme of coaching from April to September, the provision of training and playing equipment, trophies for awards nights and the organisation of matches and tournaments along with the equipment that requires.

We keep our Junior Coaching fees low compared to many clubs in the area with comparable facilities, and unlike many we do not charge match fees, and, in fact, we have not increased coaching fees for three years, despite rising costs. Our goal is to always direct the monies from junior coaching membership towards junior cricket and its development, it does not (like in many other sports clubs) subsidise the adult game.

A number of Junior parents already choose to support the club further and pay for a Senior membership. By associating benefits with that membership we believe it's a more enticing proposition that both supports the club's future and rewards the individual.

Club members at the recent AGM agreed that it is much better for all concerned to try to grow Senior and Social Membership than to raise Junior Coaching fees.

### **I'm already a member of a club that uses the facility – why do I need to join TPCC to enjoy these new benefits?**

We welcome our partner clubs and their members, and fully believe in having as diverse a range as possible of sports and interests using the club and its grounds. All clubs have usage agreements that contribute towards TPCC's costs for the provision of and use of the facility for those activities.

However, the year-round cost of maintaining the club, its facilities and services, are significant. As a private members' club those costs, and the responsibility for them, falls back on the Senior members of Tring Park Cricket Club. These benefits are to reward the support of each senior club member throughout the year.

We did consider adding the equivalent of a Social Membership fee to affiliate clubs' agreements but feel that a fair usage charge (for those clubs and its own members) and optional cricket club membership (for individuals who wish to support TPCC further), is a much cleaner and fairer arrangement.

By growing all levels of senior membership, the volunteer management team has the opportunity to make the facility a more sustainable all year-round proposition for all clubs and community groups that use it



Note: Every partner club is given the opportunity to hold their annual awards event at the club where member prices will apply to all on the night for everyone, and a share of bar profit will go to the partner club.

**Is this just about getting more money from those who use the club regularly?**

No. It's about this:

- A belief that, as a private members club, the fee-paying membership model is the best platform for a sustainable facility and club
- Ensuring that those who (already) pay a Senior membership fee, with the year-round support and responsibility that brings, have some benefits over those that choose not to
- Putting the decision over whether to become a Senior member into the hands of each individual and that those using the club regularly can benefit from being a member
- Keeping Junior coaching fees low to encourage as many as possible to enjoy and develop in the game
- Keeping affiliate club usage fees as low, and reflective of usage costs, as possible allowing those clubs to grow from their own membership fees



## Terms & Conditions

### Oakman Inns

TPCC members can enjoy 20% off food at all Oakman Inns, including The Akeman on Akeman Street in Tring.

The discount applies from 6pm on Sunday to 6pm on Friday.

This benefit is available to all Senior members when showing their club membership card

The following terms and conditions apply:

- Valid for all Oakman Inns, 6pm Sunday to 6pm Friday
- Discount is applicable for groups of up to six people per Membership Card. If there are more than six in a group then any additional meals will be charged at full price
- Discounts do not apply during Bank holidays, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve or New Year's Day
- Not to be used in conjunction with any other offers
- The card can only be used by Tring Park Cricket Club members. Any abuse of this will result in cancellation of the card
- Under 16s must be accompanied by their parents.

### b Smart Dry Cleaners ([www.bsmartdrycleaners.co.uk](http://www.bsmartdrycleaners.co.uk))

TPCC members can enjoy 10% when showing their membership card

### Primo's Barbers (30 High Street, Tring)

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