

# Definition of a Club 2020

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### Key points

For the purposes of CAMRA's definition,

- **Clubs are private members' Clubs.**
- **Clubs are operated and governed for the benefit of their members.**
- **Any surpluses are reinvested for the benefit of the membership.**

Some other key points that branches should note are,

- **Members may or may not have to pay a membership fee to join.**
- **Most Clubs allow guest members (an entry fee may be charged.).**
- **Clubs may operate under a full premises licence, or a clubs premises certificate or, in some cases, both types of licence.**

Main Categories of Clubs include

- Social Clubs
- Working Men's Clubs
- Ex Servicemen's Clubs
- Political Clubs
- Sports Clubs (e.g. Cricket, Rugby, Football, Golf, Bowling, Sailing, Tennis, Sports Supporters Clubs.)
- Religious Clubs
- Student Unions

Notes:

- Licensed premises that might have the word 'club' in their name, but which are not governed by a membership and whose profits are not used for the members' benefit **are not clubs.**

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- Clubs are private members' clubs, operated for the benefit of their members, whilst the premises may not be owned by the members. ***Operated means that the operations of the club is governed by its members, typically a committee,*** although the actual running of the club may be performed by salaried staff, e.g. a club steward and a team of bar staff.
- Commercial sports centres such as leisure centres should be considered as such rather than as private members' clubs.
- Proprietary clubs owned by an individual or business with a view to making a profit, rather than existing for the benefit of their members, fall within the category of 'Other Drinking Establishments'.

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