

The Border Concert Band

Membership Policy

Levels of Membership

A member is defined as someone who is a subscriber to the Band. There are four types of membership of the Band.

These are defined as:

1. Probationer Member
 - Applicant to join the Band undergoing 8 week probationary period during which time the membership fee will not apply. At end of probationary period if applicant considered suitable they will be offered either Full Membership or Student Membership.
 - The Committee should be approached before a prospective member is invited to a rehearsal
2. Student Member
 - A member who is under the age of 25 and in full time education (No membership fee). When a Student Member ceases full time education or reaches the age of 25 they will be offered Full Membership
3. Guest Member
 - A person invited by the Committee to fill a vacancy in the Band for a limited period of time (No membership fee)
4. Full Member
 - A person who has signed the Band Membership Form will be considered a full member of the Band and will be asked to pay the annual membership fee until such time as they resign their membership.

Rights of Members

Only Full Members and Student Members of the Band are entitled to the full rights of membership. This includes the right to vote, to use band property and to serve on the Committee.

All Full and Student Members have equal voting status at General meetings.

No member of the band shall receive any financial reward for performance with the exception of honorariums as agreed by the Committee.

The names and contact details (including but not limited to email addresses, postal addresses and telephone numbers) of all members will be recorded in a suitable ledger, in accordance with GDPR. The instrument played and any Band property in a member's possession will also be recorded.

Probationer Members

New members are always welcome. A new member will be allowed to attend for 8 weeks before being asked to make a decision about whether to join the band. During this trial time, new members will not be required or expected to perform with the Band at any engagements unless they wish and at the approval of the Director of Music.

After the trial period and subject to approval by the Musical Director, the Membership Secretary will then ask the new attendee if they wish to become a full member of the band.

New members will then be given a welcome letter and a copy of each constitution. They will be required to complete and sign a personal information sheet. After this point, a new player will

become a Full Member and will be liable to pay Band subscriptions and subject to the constitution of the Band.

Resignation

Members who intend to resign should do so to the Membership Secretary and return all Band property, including tie and fleece, within 14 days of resignation.

Members who do not attend 4 consecutive rehearsals without informing the appropriate member of the committee shall be contacted by the Membership Secretary. If they are not planning on returning to Band they should return all Band property, including tie and fleece, as soon as is practicable.

Members who have not paid the required membership fee and have not sought to discuss the matter with the Committee will be contacted by the Treasurer to attempt to resolve the matter. If unresolved, the Committee would discuss individual cases at an appropriate time.