



## Membership Classification and Fees

As agreed at the 2022 AGM and under items 5 and 8 of the Panda Players' Constitution the following membership levels with their associated membership fees and show fees apply.

### Level 1 - Associate Member

- This membership is for individuals who wish to remain in contact only. However, Associate Members will be eligible to participate in the first round of auditions for shows provided that;
  - they were a member prior to the 1st September before the auditions take place and have paid the current year's membership fee
  - they have taken an active role in supporting Panda Players in the previous year, or since becoming a member
    - *for example: by helping at Panda Players shows or events (backstage crew, front of house team, erecting marquee for barbecue, active sub-committee member, etc.)*

The Executive Committee will have discretion on what constitutes an active role.

  - if successful at the audition, they must become an Active Member.
- Associate Members who wish to upgrade their membership to Active Membership Level, will be required to audition for Panda Players at that Level, unless they have previously held that Level of membership.

**Cost:** £15 per annum due on 1<sup>st</sup> September each year.

### Level 2 - Adult Active Member

- This membership is for adults (18 years old or more) who wish to take an active part, subject to the appropriate audition, in one or more of the musical/dramatic shows put on by Panda Players, or in Concert Group concerts and related activities.
- Adult Active Members will be eligible to participate in the first round of auditions for shows provided that;
  - they were a member prior to the 1st September before the auditions take place and have paid the current year's membership fee
  - they have taken an active role in supporting Panda Players in the previous year, or since becoming a member
    - *for example: by helping at Panda Players' shows or events (backstage crew, front of house team, erecting marquee for barbecue, active sub-committee member, etc.)*

The Executive Committee will have discretion on what constitutes an active role.

  - However, also at the discretion of the Executive Committee, auditions for a particular production, possibly including first auditions, could be opened up to other members of Panda Players and/or non-members.

*Neither being a member nor having auditioned guarantees that you will be able to take part in a production, particularly where the number of people wishing to take part exceeds the number required for that production.*
- Adult Active Members will be required to pay a show fee for each musical/dramatic show (except Concert Group concerts) in which they take part. The show fee is set for each individual production and can vary depending on the show, but will not be less than £50 for Panda Players' main show, or less than £30 for smaller productions.
- Adult Active Members taking part in Concert Group concerts or related activities will be required to purchase a small amount of sheet music each year.

**Cost:** £40 per annum due on 1<sup>st</sup> September each year.

### Level 3 - Junior Active Member

- This membership is for individuals who are under 18 years of age and who wish to take an active part, subject to the appropriate audition, in one or more of the musical/dramatic shows put on by Panda Players, or in Concert Group concerts and related activities.
- Junior Active Members will be required to pay a show fee for each musical/dramatic show (except Concert Group concerts) in which they take part. The show fee is set for each individual production and can vary depending on the show, but will not be less than £40 for Panda Players' main show, or less than £25 for smaller productions.
- Junior Active Members taking part in Concert Group concerts or related activities will be required to purchase a small amount of sheet music each year.
- Junior Active Members are not eligible to vote on any resolution at any meeting of Panda Players, to serve on the Executive Committee, or act as Trustees of Panda Players.



- Junior Active Members automatically become Adult Active Members on their 18th birthday, but will not be required to pay the adult fee until the next 1<sup>st</sup> September.

**Cost:** £30 per annum due on 1<sup>st</sup> September each year.

#### Level 4 - Honorary Life Member

- This membership is conferred, at an Annual General Meeting, on individuals who have rendered special services to Panda Players and have been nominated and recommended by the Executive Committee only.
  - Honorary Life Members may take an active part, subject to the appropriate audition, in one or more of the musical/dramatic shows put on by Panda Players, or in Concert Group concerts and related activities.
  - Honorary Life Members will be eligible to participate in the first round of auditions for shows provided that;
    - they have taken an active role in supporting Panda Players in the previous year
      - *for example: by helping at Panda Players' shows or events (backstage crew, front of house team, erecting marquee for barbecue, active sub-committee member, etc.)*
- The Executive Committee will have discretion on what constitutes an active role.
- Honorary Life Members will be required to pay a show fee for each musical/dramatic show (except Concert Group concerts) in which they take part. The show fee is set for each individual production and can vary depending on the show, but will not be less than £50 for Panda Players' main show, or less than £30 for smaller productions.

**Cost:** There is no fee for Honorary Life Membership.

#### Level 5 – Special Honorary Member

- This membership is conferred for a specified time, at an Annual General Meeting, on individuals who have rendered special services to Panda Players and have been nominated and recommended by the Executive Committee only.
  - Special Honorary Members may take an active part, subject to the appropriate audition, in one or more of the musical/dramatic shows put on by Panda Players, or in Concert Group concerts and related activities.
  - Special Honorary Members will be eligible to participate in the first round of auditions for shows provided that;
    - they have taken an active role in supporting Panda Players in the previous year
      - *for example: by helping at Panda Players' shows or events (backstage crew, front of house team, erecting marquee for barbecue, active sub-committee member, etc.)*
- The Executive Committee will have discretion on what constitutes an active role.
- Special Honorary Members will be required to pay a show fee for each musical/dramatic show (except Concert Group concerts) in which they take part. The show fee is set for each individual production and can vary depending on the show, but will not be less than £50 for Panda Players' main show, or less than £30 for smaller productions.

**Cost:** There is no fee for Special Honorary Membership.

#### Please Note

- ❖ Membership fees become due each 1<sup>st</sup> September and, as detailed in the Constitution, must be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> October the same year.
- ❖ There are no reductions for joining later in the year. The Executive Committee has discretion to vary this in certain circumstances.
- ❖ No refund of membership fees will be given if an individual decides they wish to reduce their commitment to a lower level of membership during a particular year.
- ❖ From time to time, it may be necessary to invite non-members of Panda Players to augment a particular production or concert. On such occasions, the invited individuals may be required to pay a membership fee the amount of which will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee. They will also need to pay any relevant show fees, again the amount of which will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- ❖ At the discretion of the Executive Committee, auditions for a particular production, possibly including first auditions, could be opened up to other members of Panda Players and/or non-members.
- ❖ Neither being a member nor having auditioned guarantees that you will be able to take part in a production, particularly where the number of people wishing to take part exceeds the number required for that production.
- ❖ Members will be kept informed of Panda Players events and be invited to attend social occasions.