

Hampstead Chorus Membership Rules

(Made by the trustees pursuant to clause 12 of the Society's constitution at a meeting held on 6 September 2017, as amended at a meeting held on 31 May 2023 and further amended pursuant to the written consent of all trustees on 21 July 2023 and 3 August 2023 and re-amended at a meeting held on 29 July 2024)

Definitions

Hampstead Chorus "the Society"

References to clauses are to clauses of the Society's constitution.

Eligibility and admission to membership

1. From the date of adoption of this Rule on 29 July 2024, any individual who wishes to sing with the Society may apply to the trustees to become a member of the Society and, upon their application being approved by the trustees, shall become a member of the Society. For the avoidance of doubt, existing members at the date of adoption of this Rule shall remain members and shall not be obliged to re-apply for membership but shall from such date be required to pay the annual membership subscription referred to in Rule 7 below.
2. The trustees may only refuse an application for membership if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interests of the Society to refuse the application. In that event the procedure and provisions set out in clause 3(2)(b) and (c) shall apply.

Non-transferable

3. Membership is not transferable to anyone else.

Register of members

4. The trustees must keep a register of the names and addresses of the members which must be made available to any member upon request.

Membership rights

5. Members shall be entitled to notice of and to attend and vote at all general meetings of the Society. Every member shall have one vote.
6. Members shall also have the other rights set out in the constitution of the Society, including the right to nominate persons for election to the committee (as set out in clause 14(5)) and to call a special general meeting (as set out clause 15(4)).

Membership subscription

7. Members are required to pay to the Society an annual membership subscription of an amount determined by the trustees. The trustees may determine the date when the subscription year begins and ends and that the subscription shall be payable by instalments of such amounts and on such dates as they see fit.

Termination of membership

8. Membership is terminated if the member:
 - (a) dies;
 - (b) resigns by written notice to the Society, unless after the resignation, there would be less than two members;
 - (c) any sum due from the member to the Society is not paid in full within six months of it falling due;
 - (d) the member is removed from membership by a resolution of the trustees that it is in the best interests of the Society that his or her membership is terminated. The procedure set out in clauses 4(4)(a) to (c) shall apply in respect of any resolution to remove a member from membership. Any decision by the committee to terminate membership is final.