



# Member Financial Hardship Policy

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Manvers Waterfront Boat Club (MWBC) is very proud to be able to offer a Member Financial Hardship Policy. This aims to alleviate significant financial hardship in order to support people to take up or continue participating in activities offered by the club.

Any prospective or existing member of MWBC can apply for the Hardship Membership Fees Waiver including members, coaches and volunteers, with no preference given. The criteria for granting a waiver application are set out later in this document.

All fee waiver/reduction applications will be assessed and considered on a case by case basis.

To apply for a Hardship Membership Fee Waiver, you must meet the eligibility criteria (see table below).

Please complete the attached form titled Hardship Membership Fee Waiver Application Form. Once completed, please hand your completed form, along with the Hardship Membership Fee Waiver Endorsement Form, to the club secretary in a sealed envelope. Any queries relating to the Hardship Membership Fee Waiver scheme should be directed to the club secretary.

### **Aim of the Financial Hardship Policy**

To alleviate significant financial hardship (see definition below) in order to support people to take up or continue their activities within the Club.

### **MWBC's definition of significant financial hardship**

For the purposes of the Financial Hardship Policy, MWBC defines significant financial hardship as being a shortage of finances which:

- prevents people from taking up membership of MWBC or continuing to be a member of MWBC.
- makes it unreasonably difficult for people to take up membership of MWBC or to continue to be involved with MWBC.

### **Who is eligible for Financial Hardship fee waiver/reduction?**

Anyone experiencing financial difficulty which is preventing them from taking up membership of MWBC or from continuing in membership of MWBC can apply for a MWBC hardship membership fees waiver/reduction, this includes paddlers, coaches and volunteers.

### **Who is not eligible for a MWBC Financial Hardship Membership Fee Waiver/reduction?**

- Those who are deemed to be financially capable of/or have the means to fund their own involvement in MWBC. However, MWBC may, at its discretion, waive membership fees for non-financial hardship.
- Any person who has made a false claim in the past.
- Members in receipt of UK Sport funding.

### **Other Notes**

- MWBC's Committee may verify hardship membership fee waiver applications.
- Retrospective Hardship Membership Fee Waivers (fee refunds) cannot be made.
- The maximum fee waiver will be a 100% reduction to the adult club member fee.
- Queries relating to the Financial Hardship Policy should be sent to the Club Secretary.

## Hardship Membership Fee Waiver/Reduction Application Form

Name:			
Date of Birth			
Home Address Line 1			
Home Address Line 2			
Town:			
County:		Post Code:	
Daytime Tel No:		Mobile Tel No:	
E-mail Address:			

**Please tick the statement that applies to you**

	I am in full time education		I am self employed
	I am employed full-time		I am seeking work
	I am employed part-time		Other (e.g. retired)

### Tell us about your situation

Please use the space below to tell us about your situation (including any financial support or help in-kind that you receive) and why you are in need of the Financial Hardship Policy Membership Fees Waiver/Reduction. Please also use this space to tell us what difference it would make to your life if you were granted a Hardship Membership Fees Waiver/Reduction:

What will be the outcome if you do not receive a Hardship Membership Fee Waiver and what other options are available to you?

### My Declaration

I confirm that all the information that I have provided on this form, is to the best of my knowledge, complete and correct. I agree that the information may be shared with the MWBC Committee as required to assess my application and to support me in continuing or starting the club activities.

Signed by applicant  (parent/guardian if under 18):	
Relationship to applicant (if applicable):	
Name:	
Date:	