



Team Solent Sharks Members Information

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Who are the Sharks?

Team Solent Sharks are the first wheelchair rugby club in Hampshire, established just after the London 2012 Paralympics. Solent University has supported the Sharks since that time with excellent training facilities.

We are a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO). We have a governing Constitution that meets the requirements of the Charity Commission, and we have Charity Trustees to ensure continuing compliance.

We are affiliated to the NGB, Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby (GBWR), and follow its policies & guidelines and adopt its Values included in their Codes of Conduct document. This includes Codes of Conduct for Players, Volunteers, Parents & Carers, and Children/Young People.

Our Values:

Everyone involved with Team Solent Sharks is expected to follow the core values of our sport:

Enjoyment We want everyone who includes wheelchair rugby in their lives, whether as a player, a member of staff, an official, or a volunteer, to love everything about the sport: the excitement, its contact, and the feeling of belonging to a community.

Excellence Everyone involved will strive to be the best at everything they do.

Trust The wheelchair rugby family believes in honesty, integrity, and fair play.

Respect People involved with the game and all who encounter the sport have respect for one another.

Inclusiveness Wheelchair rugby is open to anyone who shares our values of the sport. People will help each other to reach their goals: treating them fairly and equally.

Teamwork All those in wheelchair rugby are part of a team and part of the wheelchair rugby family.



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What we do

Team Solent Sharks offer training and competition to anyone from age 12 and up who is physically disabled. We provide the facilities, wheelchairs, coaches & support staff. We enter players into youth tournaments, the Paralympic leagues, and the Wheelchair Rugby 5s. You can, of course, just come along to training just for the fun and keeping fit.

We play Wheelchair Rugby in accordance with the rules of the sport (including rules for any disciplines of the sport) set out by the International Wheelchair Rugby Federation (IWRF) and/or by Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby Ltd (GBWR).

We have a duty of care to all members of the club and aim to provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone.



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How to Join the Sharks

After 3 free training taster sessions, you are required to join the club by

1. Becoming a member of GBWR & choosing the Sharks as your club

Sign up at <https://gbwr.justgo.com/Account.mvc/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FWorkbench%2FHome>

Fill in all the information and select Team Solent Sharks as your club but don't pay the membership fee. The club will pay the GBWR membership fee of all those who are paying subs. We would like to ask Players for a £60 (£5 a month) donation to cover GBWR membership fees – but only from those who can afford to do so.

Support Staff also need to join GBWR, and the club will pay the GBWR membership fee, but they don't need to pay subs.

Membership may be rescinded if you fail to pay subs and/or fail to attend training sessions.

2. Paying the appropriate monthly Subs by standing order. The starting subs is usually £10 per month which will rise to £30 per month if you represent the Sharks in competition.

The subs amounts are as follows:

- Recreational Players: £10 pcm
- Youth Players (under 18): £10 pcm
- Student Players: £10 pcm
- Competitive Players (4s & 5s): £30 pcm
- Support Staff: £0

The subs amounts are set at the AGM. Members are entitled to vote at AGMs and EGMs.

The standing order is to be paid into the Sharks bank account:

Account name: Solent Sharks Wheelchair Rugby Club

Account number: 61317393

Sort code: 40-36-33

Reference: "your name"



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Please set the date of the Standing Order to be in the middle of the month rather than at either end if you can.

Once you have joined the club, we will order you some kit to wear for training & competitions.

We communicate with members through various WhatsApp groups, which you will be asked to join.

Player Support Scheme

At Team Solent Sharks, we believe that a player should not be in a position where they don't participate because they can't afford to do so. We offer help with subs and competition travelling expenses. If you need to know more, please contact the Chair or Secretary.

Where to find us

We train at the Solent University Sports Complex, East Park Terrace, Southampton, SO14 0YN.

Parking is found at the rear of the Sports Complex off St Andrews Rd. Parking payment is contactless or via a parking app, e.g., Ringo.

Our training sessions are Saturdays 11 am-2 pm and Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm

If First Aid is required, the Sports Complex staff are on hand to provide that.



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Management Committee members

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8 Policies and Procedures

We have a governing document, the **Solent Sharks Wheelchair Rugby Club Constitution** for the CIO, of which the **Team Solent Sharks Operations Manual** forms a part.

To help us operate in a way that protects our members, the reputation of the club, and the integrity of the sport, we have developed the following policies:

TSS Equality Policy

TSS Safeguarding Policy

TSS Social Media Policy

TSS Members Information

TSS Anti-Doping Policy

TSS Anti-Bullying & Harassment Policy

TSS Data Protection Policy

TSS Health & Safety Policy

TSS Whistle-Blowing Policy

TSS Privacy Notice

TSS Code of Conduct for Players

TSS Code of Conduct for Children & Young People

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These policies can be found on our website www.solentsharks.org.uk

Changes

Changes to this Document must be approved by the Sharks Management Committee

Issue Number	Changes Made	Approved By	Date
V001	First Issue	SMC	28/2/24
V002	Added the Values & list of policies	SMC	2/4/24
V003	Updated committee member details, added standing order date detail and added website reference	SMC	10/10/24
V004	Updated committee member details after AGM	SMC	17/9/25
V005	Formatting and subs change	SMC	29/12/25