

# BLACKS CLUB RULES

## 1. NAME

1.1 BLACKS Ltd also known as 'Blacks Club' or 'the Club'

1.2 Is a Private Members Club, located at 67 Dean Street, London W1D 4QH.

1.3 The Club opening hours are as follows: Monday to Friday: 10 am until 1am, Saturday 5pm until 1am. Last entry and final orders are at 12.30 am. The Club is closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

1.4 The Blacks office is open Monday to Friday from 9am until 6pm at the above address.

1.5 Blacks is closed for two weeks in August and for one week over the festive period in December. We use the opportunity to carry out works during this time.

## 2. THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

2.1 The Membership Committee 'the Committee' is appointed by the company to discuss applications received for potential membership.

2.2 The Committee has authority over all matters regarding membership.

2.3 All decisions made by the Committee are made at its absolute discretion. They are final and without appeal.

## 3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership to the Club is by invitation or enquiry. Membership is open and must be applied for in writing or via email. It is preferred that an existing member acts as a proposer and puts forward the application (however it is not essential). Prospective members will be invited to meet with the Membership Manager. They will be shown around the house and the rules will be discussed. A decision will be made once the application form has been duly completed, with payment details and after the application has been discussed by the Committee. Once payment has been processed, membership will be issued to the member with a copy of the Club rules.

3.2 Requests for cancellation of membership must be made in writing 60 days before the annual and bi-annual date of the renewal. Membership cannot be amended during an ongoing year. Only written notice will be accepted in order to cancel a membership. Monthly fees and upfront annual fees are non refundable.

3.3 Prospective members must be 21 years at the time of application.

3.4 Any guests under the age of 21 years old will not be granted entry into the Club due to licensing restrictions.

## 4. FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

4.1 The annual fee payable by a member, as of 2014, is £500 per annum and a one-off administration charge of £250.

4.2 In the event that a former member should applying to re-join the Club, they will still be expected to pay the current annual fee.

4.3 An administration fee of £20 will be payable for any unpaid membership payment subscriptions.

## 5. MEMBER CONTACT DETAILS

5.1 Members shall inform the membership office of any changes to their contact details (postal, phone and email address) or Bank details in writing or by email.

5.2 Blacks Club is committed to ensuring the privacy and security of all member information. In order to prevent unauthorised access or disclosure, we have put in place physical, electronic and managerial procedures to safeguard and secure all of the information we collect.

## 6. ADMISSION TO THE CLUB

6.1 Members and their guests will only be admitted to the Club during normal hours.

6.2 Members and their guests must sign in/out on every visit to the Club.

6.3 All guests must be accompanied by a member at all times. If a member leaves the Club, their guests must leave with them. Members are responsible for their guests conduct and all must abide by the Rules, failure to do so will put your membership into review.

6.4 The Manager on duty may refuse entry to any member and their guest to the Club at their absolute discretion.

6.5 No food or beverages from outside are permitted to be consumed in the Club.

## 7. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

7.1 The General Manager acting on behalf of the Committee may expel from the Club (or suspend membership for a specified period) for any member whose conduct, in the opinion of the General Manager, might be injurious to the character or interest of the Club or render him/ her unfit to associate with other members of the Club.

7.2 If the member has their membership revoked by Management, there will be no refund of any fees paid.

## 8. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

8.1 On each visit to the Club, all members shall pay any account due for food and drinks before leaving the Club.

8.2 No member shall remove, damage or destroy any artwork, item of furniture or any other articles belonging to the Club.

8.3 If a member or their guest causes the loss, damage or destruction of any such property as described above (8.2), the member shall bear full responsibility for making good all resulting in any loss.

8.4 Blacks Club observes a zero-tolerance policy to drugs. If any member or other user is found in possession of, or using, illegal drugs or volatile substances, they will be asked to leave with a termination of membership. If they do not leave, the police will be called.

8.5 No telephone conversations are allowed in the Club at any time.

8.6 Laptops, electronic devices as well as any professional material will be asked to be put away after 6pm.

8.7 No pictures are to be taken on the premises at anytime.

## 9. CONDUCT OF GUESTS

9.1 Members introducing guests are wholly responsible for their conduct and ensure that their guests abide by the Rules of the Club.

9.2 A member should inform the Club of their guests' early arrival, as admittance to the Club shall not be permitted otherwise.

9.3 Guests may not remain in the Club once the member has left the premises.

## 10. MEMBERS PROPERTY

10.1 Property entrusted by a member or his guest to a member of staff for safe custody, or any other purpose does so entirely at their own risk.

10.2 Any items found in the Club after closing will be recorded in the lost property book, held for 28 days from the date found and then disposed of.

## 11. COMPLAINTS

11.1 Any incident that may occur in the Club or immediately outside the premises that involves a member, or the guest of a member, should be reported immediately to the General Manager, or to the manager on duty.

11.2 Aggressive or abusive behaviour towards staff, members or guests of members will not be tolerated, and expulsion of the Club will be immediate.

## 12. DOGS

12.1 We are proud to be a dog-friendly Private Members Club. The rule is simple; we trust the judgement of our members if they feel their four-paw friend is as well behaved as they are. We would like to remind our dog owner members that the Club can get particularly busy in the evenings, especially Thursdays and Friday and on special events. It is always advisable to contact the Club prior to your arrival.

## 13. ALTERATION OF THE RULES

13.1 Any or all of these rules may be revoked, supplemented or altered by the Company or the Committee at any time and all members will be notified within 14 days of any such change.

## 14. BINDING EFFECT OF THE RULES

14.1 Every member shall be bound by these Rules.

