



ROYAL OVER-SEAS LEAGUE

Club Rules



A prime ROSL aim is that Members and their guests should enjoy visiting and staying at the clubhouses in London and Edinburgh. Would all Members please read and act upon the following simple rules to make sure that everyone's stay is a pleasant one.

1. General:

a. As a Member, you will have signed your application form confirming that you subscribe to the following statement:

"I promise to support the aims and objects of the Royal Over-Seas League to the best of my ability by upholding the ideals and principles of the Commonwealth and by service to others."

b. This means that as a Member you support the objects of ROSL as set out in our Bye Laws:

The League aims at promoting an enduring multi-racial fellowship pledged to the support of the Commonwealth and to the service of others and humanity at large.

It endeavours to attain its objects by inter alia:-

- Fostering interest in the Commonwealth;
- Maintaining social centres in London, Edinburgh and at branches in the United Kingdom and overseas;
- Encouraging the arts within the Commonwealth, particularly amongst young people;
- Sponsoring and encouraging projects designed to assist those who are in need;

- Publishing journals;
 - Holding social events and lectures and entertaining public men and women; and
 - Co-operating with kindred societies working for the welfare of the Commonwealth.
- c. We would like to emphasise that ROSL cannot tolerate any discriminatory or disrespectful behaviour by Members or their guests to each other, staff, guests or visitors either at the Clubhouses or any associated ROSL event or activity.

2. Membership administration:

- a. All Members are asked to register an address to which communications and notices are to be sent and at which they may be usually found (proof of address may be requested by the Membership Department). Members shall pay the current rate of subscription according to their place of residence. (Bye Law 4.3).
- b. No Member, whose subscription is in arrears for more than three months, shall be entitled to vote or enjoy any privilege of ROSL. Any Member in arrears will be informed at their registered or last known address and if their subscription is not paid within the current year they will cease to be a Member (Bye Law 5.5-5.6).
- c. The name or address of a Member may not in any circumstances be divulged without the Member's prior consent in writing.

- d. No Member may use the address of ROSL Clubhouses as a standing address for business purposes (Bye Law 5.7).
- e. Any Member having cause for complaint about the general running of ROSL is invited to address a letter to the Director-General giving full particulars. Any Member who wishes to complain about matters to do with quality of service and facilities provided at either Clubhouse should likewise address a letter to the Operations Director. Members are reminded that, in no circumstances should they personally reprimand a Member of staff if they wish to make a complaint.
- f. Infringement of any of the Club rules may result in the Member concerned being summoned by the Director-General to offer an explanation for the infringement. Pending the decision of the Central Council, the Member may be suspended and during such suspension shall not be entitled to enter or use ROSL premises or to enjoy any privileges or advantages or Membership.

3. Visiting the Clubhouses:

- a. ROSL premises shall be open to non-resident Members daily from 8am to 11pm, or as otherwise notified from time to time by the Director-General. (Licensing hours permitted by Westminster and Edinburgh City Council for the Clubhouses are available at www.ros1.org.uk).
- b. Members are requested to show their ROSL Membership Card at Reception on arrival at the clubhouse and, thereafter as necessary when purchasing food or beverages.

- c. Children of all ages are welcome at Over-Seas House and parents or other supervising adults are entirely responsible for their good behaviour.
- d. Members must comply with the Licensing laws particularly in regard to the purchase or supply to persons under the age of 18.
- e. Members are welcome to bring up to six guests to Over-Seas House at any one time. The name and address of each guest, together with the name of the Member, shall be entered in the Guest Book kept for that purpose at Reception.
- f. Members are responsible for their guests' behaviour and guests may not use the premises if unaccompanied by a Member. Visitors are not admitted to bedroom floors, except with the special permission of the Duty Manager.
- g. No person whose application for Membership has been rejected or has been cancelled by the Central Council shall be introduced as a guest.
- h. Cloak-room facilities are available at the London Clubhouse and Members are requested to use them, and not to place hats, coats or bags on furniture in the public rooms.
- i. A Baggage Room is available at Over-Seas House, London for Members wishing to deposit luggage, for which a service charge is made. Baggage may be stored for only three months unless special arrangements are

made with the Duty Manager. Property left unclaimed for a period longer than six months will be disposed of at the discretion of the Director-General.

- j. ROSL shall not be liable for damage to, or loss of, any property of Members left at the Club, nor for any consequential loss arising therefrom. Bedrooms in London are equipped with secured safes, which have electronic locks; instructions for their use are provided. Whilst Members are encouraged to use the safes for their valuables, ROSL, its management and agents cannot accept any responsibility for valuables so deposited.
- k. ROSL cannot accept responsibility for the loss or damage to Members' mail, parcels etc. posted to Over-Seas House, but all reasonable care is taken to safeguard such items. Mail addressed to a Member c/o Royal Over-Seas League will be retained for two months and then redirected to the address registered against the Member's name.
- l. We request that Members and their guests do not consume food, beverages or alcohol in the public areas of the Clubhouses, unless it has been purchased on the premises.
- m. We are always happy to discuss alternative menu options if Members or guests have dietary needs. Please contact Reception to warn of any special dietary requirements in advance of arrival.
- n. Gratuities are at the discretion of Members.

- o. No unauthorised person shall remove or deface in any way any ROSL property under any pretence whatsoever.
- p. Newspapers and periodicals are provided for Members' enjoyment in the Drawing Room. Members are requested to replace them on the oak table when they have finished with them and to note that newspapers and periodicals remain the property of ROSL.

4. Accessibility:

- a. We request that no animals, other than Guide Dogs, are brought into ROSL's premises.
- b. A Hearing Loop system is available in the Princess Alexandra Hall, London.
- c. Members should contact the Reception Desk for assistance with any mobility and access issues when visiting the Club.

5. Dress code:

- a. Members and their guests are requested to dress in a manner consistent with the character and standing of ROSL. Members and their guests are at liberty to wear smart casual clothing, including smart and presentable dark coloured jeans, whilst enjoying the Club's facilities. National equivalents to ROSL's dress code are always welcome.
- b. We request a slightly higher standard of dress in the Restaurant for lunch and dinner, so that all may enjoy their fine dining experience. The minimum acceptable standard is a sports jacket or blazer, collared shirt and

tailored trousers; ties are optional. Presentable dark coloured jeans are acceptable.

- c. Members and guests wishing to take exercise outside may pass through the public spaces of the Club in sportswear but should not linger. Whilst dress appropriate for the sport to be pursued is acceptable, it should be clean and presentable. Sportswear is not permitted in any of the public rooms at any time.
- d. The following items of clothing are not permitted in public areas of the Club at any time: torn, dirty, bleached or distressed jeans; vests, T-Shirts or any collarless shirt unless covered by a suitable over garment; flip-flops, trainers or crocs; hot pants or micro-skirts; cropped tops. Men are requested not to wear shorts; ladies may do so. Members or guests in contravention of this rule will be politely asked to change by a Member of staff.
- e. Organisations hiring ROSL's facilities for the purposes of business or entertainment are expected to observe our minimum dress standards.

6. Use of electronic equipment:

- a. ROSL is pleased to provide complimentary Wifi, which is available throughout the London and Edinburgh Clubhouses. Passwords are available at Reception.
- b. Members and guests are welcome to use their mobile telephones and electronic devices in the Clubhouses but are requested to place all electronic devices (mobile or smart phones, iPads, etc.) on to 'silent' or 'vibration' mode

when entering either Clubhouse. Users are requested to ensure that keyboard 'clicks' are switched off.

- c. Members and guests are kindly asked not to make or receive calls in the following London and Edinburgh Clubhouse locations: The Bar, The Members' Drawing Room, The Restaurant (and, in London, also The Brabourne Room). Please be considerate to other Members when using your phone in the public spaces.

7. No Smoking policy:

- a. ROSL operates a strict no smoking or vaping policy on both premises.
- b. Designated smoking areas have been assigned in London; these are located at the front of Vernon House adjacent to the Westminster Wing entrance; and in the far left-hand corner of the Garden. No more than 15 people, according to our licence, may smoke in either of these locations at any one time.
- c. When using ROSL's outdoor facilities, please be considerate to other Members, guests and visitors and dispose of all rubbish in the bins provided.

8. Staying at the Clubhouses:

- a. It is regretted that bedroom accommodation in our London Clubhouse cannot be provided for guests of Members; this applies to husbands and wives who are not Members. This upholds the tradition established by our founder in 1910 that women, in particular, should be Members as of right.

- b. Room bookings should be made in person, by telephone or email with the Reception Team.
- c. Cancellations must be received before noon on the day prior to the date for which the room is reserved. The Member will otherwise be liable for the full charge for one night if the room is not re-let.
- d. When demand for accommodation is high, it may be necessary to restrict a Member's length of stay.
- e. Should Members wish to reserve accommodation whilst temporarily out of London, they are asked to notify the Reception Desk of definite dates of departure and return; the accommodation must be paid for as if it were occupied.
- f. Members are asked to vacate and remove luggage from bedrooms before noon on the day of departure; the cost of the room for the ensuing night may be charged to the Member concerned if this is not done.
- g. Members are asked to hand back room keys to the Reception Desk on vacating their room.
- h. Members are requested to settle all accounts in full on the morning of the day of departure. In the case of an extended stay Reception staff will present the account weekly for payment. The management regrets that no credit can be granted.

- i. In case of illness or accident, Members are requested to make prompt arrangements to transfer to a place where proper care and attention is available. In cases of emergency, the Duty Manager is empowered to make or assist with the necessary arrangements.
- j. Members are liable for the cost of any damage they cause to ROSL property.

9. Reciprocal Clubs:

- a. Members requesting Letters of Introduction must abide by ROSL's Reciprocal Club Terms and Conditions, as well as those of the Club they are visiting. Please note that each Reciprocal Club may have different rules covering dress, guests and Clubhouse usage to ROSL's and that those rules are defined by that Reciprocal Club and not ROSL.

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