



## Membership Rules

*This document is a rule under Clause 32 of the Constitution of Tavonians Theatre Company.*

Membership of Tavonians Theatre Company is open to everyone of 16 years of age or above, without discrimination in accordance with the Equality Act 2010. For specific productions children of between 12 and 16 years of age can become members.

All members – whatever their involvement in Tavonians – are volunteers; it may be helpful to read this document alongside the separate document which outlines what it means to volunteer with the Tavonians.

### Membership Rates and Payment

Membership rates are set by the committee and are reviewed annually. The membership year runs from 1st January. Members joining from 1st October get 15 months of membership.

The rates currently in place are:

Adult Member: £20  
additional member at the same address: £10  
Youth Member (under 25): £10

Everyone who is joining for the first time, or re-joining after a break, must complete and sign a Membership Form. This is to ensure Tavonians are complying appropriately with the Data Protection Act regarding the storing of information. A Membership Form does not necessarily need to be completed for a renewal of membership.

Subscriptions can be paid in person, by post, online by PayPal or Credit Card, or by bank transfer. There is no Direct Debit facility.

## Membership Advantages

**Discount Tickets:** Members (with the exception of those paying the reduced rate for additional members) may purchase up to four tickets for most Tavonians' productions at a discount of 25%. Box Office arrangements for some performance venues mean that the discount cannot be administered, and occasionally Tavonians undertake productions on behalf of another organisation, or arrange productions which include an additional element such as a meal, in which case the discount would not apply.

**Other membership benefits:** Only members can take part in productions. Members can attend playreadings at no cost, whereas non-members are made a charge of £2. There are occasional social gatherings that are open only to members.

**Insurance:** All members are covered by a comprehensive insurance policy whilst involved in activities with or for the Tavonians.

### Termination of membership

The committee of Trustees have the right to refuse or cancel membership if they feel any member is not acting in the best interest of the company. There is a Grievance Procedure to help guide anyone who feels they are being refused membership inappropriately.

Where the person, whose membership has been terminated, has paid a membership fee that fee shall be refunded. If it is paid by standing order the member shall be asked to cancel the standing order but if they fail to do so, it shall not be the responsibility of the Trustees to refund any such fee.

Any member who chooses to terminate their membership, for any reason, is not entitled to a refund of the subscription.