

WBC Charity Policy – 2014

Warwick Boat Club is happy to support charities, and put back something into society. It has wonderful facilities that can help fund raisers who wish to arrange events, either sporting or social. However a balance needs to be maintained between this use of facilities and the demands of the club members, as they support the club financially, ensuring that it continues to be in existence.

There are a few simple rules covering charity events:

- They must not conflict with the ethos of the Boat Club, which is sports orientated with health benefits.
- The charity should preferably be local, or have a strong local connection.
- The event must be sponsored by a club member or members.

There are only certain times when charity events can be held, and therefore the number must be limited. The control of these is strictly governed by the section heads. For example, if a tennis event is to be requested, the first approach would be to the Captain of Tennis. The decision to hold the event would be made by that person, who would carefully consider it, ensuring it did not conflict with activities at the club. Not all events can be accepted. If an event were to be rejected, the decision would be final, and each sports section captain has the authority to make that decision.

If the event involved the clubhouse, the kitchen and the bar, the Social Chair, Catering Manager and the Bar Manager would also need to be involved.

Events would be charged for, and in addition a deposit taken; returnable if there was no damage.

All events must have a Warwick Boat Club member ultimately responsible for running it. The club does not have the resources - particularly the staff - to run charitable events, and will only be able to provide, in most cases, the facilities, and the staff required to operate those particular facilities.

Formal paperwork covers events and must be completed. This ensures that both parties are aware of their obligations and responsibilities. All the activities must be detailed in advance, including the use of the club and clubhouse facilities. The forms are available from the club administrator and will be supplied when the event has been agreed.

Finally, the club resists the use of its premises to promote charity events at other locations, as it feels most banners, posters and similar are detrimental to its own image. Any such proposed display must seek prior approval via the sponsoring sports section captain from the Marketing Committee, and will be subject to time restrictions. In most cases, no banner will be allowed to be hung for longer than two weeks.
