

# MEMBERSHIP AND CLUB AFFILIATION - UPDATE 1

## What's New?

*"It's not the strongest of the species who survive, nor the most intelligent, but the ones most responsive to change."*

Charles Darwin

OWNZ are currently working on a new technology platform that will make registering easier, provide more accurate, reliable, and "easier to access" membership information to those authorised to use the information in a more cost-effective manner.

This is being completed to ensure that we are compliant with the revised Privacy Act and the recent changes to our Constitution and by-laws regarding membership.

There will be a progressive "roll-out" of functionality that will provide a better service to members, clubs, and officers of OWNZ. This will include a new-look website home-page, and access to more information and resources for members.

These changes will be communicated as they are introduced, so "watch this space".

The first "cab off the rank" is the way which we receive and store membership registrations.

## "New" Membership Registrations

The new membership process (including Recreational members) is still accessed from the current OWNZ website homepage by selecting the "Membership Registrations" button. This is still linked to "My Platform", providing the options "Individual" or "Club" registration, and provides the following instructions;

*The first step requires you to enter your e-mail address. You will then receive an e-mail to that address requesting you to join Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand.*

*Select this and you will be directed to the membership application page.*

*Complete all compulsory fields (name, date of birth, gender, phone, club). If you miss one, it will be highlighted in red and you won't be able to proceed until this field is completed.*

*Once complete, select Join Now. You will be asked to accept the Conditions of Membership, and then redirected to the payment section to complete your membership registration*



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### NOTES:

- *Name; The name you register under must be the same as stated on your passport ie not a nickname or an abbreviation of your legal name. If you don't have a passport, register with your name as it would appear on a legal document such as a passport.*
- *Date of Birth; This MUST be entered as shown YYYY-MM-DD (eg 2003-05-26). You MUST include the – between year and month, and month and day. You can also use the “Calendar” option at the right to enter your dob.*
- *Selecting your Club; Choose your club from the drop down menu. You may only select a Club that is currently affiliated with OWNZ. If your Club has not yet affiliated with OWNZ then the club name will not be available to select in the drop-down box. Please contact your Club Manager to notify you when the Club is affiliated so that you can register.*
- *Registration type; Select from the menu the category that you are applying for. This will generate the “Membership Fees Due”*
- *Other Affiliation; If you are also a member of another National Weightlifting Federation you must select this from the drop down menu*
- *Contact Information; All the other contact information ( emergency contacts, etc) are non-compulsary – but useful for your club administrator to have access to if needed.*

This process is currently functioning.

NB: the date of birth that is entered determines which membership categories are available in the drop-down membership category menu (including Recreational). For example, if under the age of 17, then it will only offer Youth Competitor, Official, or Recreational).

The DOB also generates a unique membership registration number which will be used to log-in, re-register, etc, so getting this right is very important!

## New Club Affiliation Applications



The same process is used for new club affiliations.

Selecting “Club Membership” currently provides the PDF application form to print, complete, and submit for approval.

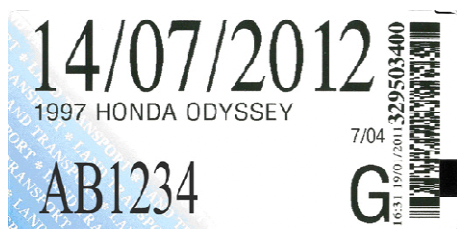
This will change to become an on-line application process rather than paper based, and the club will become active once approval is received and fee payment made. This will be available shortly.

## Existing Memberships

All current members who were registered for 2020 prior to 24 November have had their memberships extended until 31 January 2021.

At the OWNZ AGM this year, a remit to move to “rolling registrations” was approved. This means that from now on all memberships (with the exception of Honorary and Recreational memberships) will receive a full 12 month membership from the anniversary date of registration, ie;

- all existing memberships as above will have an anniversary date of 1 February
- all new memberships from 24 November onward will have an anniversary date of when they registered.
- Honorary Members (eg Life Members) do not pay fees and will automatically “roll-over”, so nothing required apart from updating contact information if necessary.
- Recreational Members will need to convert to the appropriate financial membership within 2 months of registering or after competing in their first sanctioned club event - whichever comes sooner



The “rolling registration” process works essentially the same as a motor vehicle registration. If you pay late, it starts when it was due (ie your anniversary date – not when you re-registered. If you re-register early, the clock starts ticking when it was due.

Your anniversary date will be available to you on-line. It is also anticipated that we will be able to automatically generate a reminder e-mail prior to the due date.

This process will be made “live” in January and we will communicate the process when it is available - for those who like to pay prior to expiry. Meantime - relax!!

## 2021 Club Re-affiliations

The re-affiliation of existing clubs (including those who have recently affiliated) will be available this week. We will communicate the process along with an invoice for 2021 club affiliation fees as soon as this is available.

NB: It is VERY IMPORTANT that clubs pay their 2021 affiliation fees as soon as possible to allow re-affiliation in the New Year.

They are due 1 January 2021. The club affiliation is NOT “rolling” – it remains as a 1 January to 31 December affiliation period. If the club is not financial it will NOT appear as an option in the drop-down menu for individual members to register. They will therefore not be able to register until the club affiliates.

Re-affiliation will be an on-line process completed by the currently named “club contact” for your club. More details soon!

**YES! WE'RE OPEN  
AGAIN**

### What Could Possibly Go Wrong??!!

As mentioned, the new platforms will enable a wider range of information, processes, and resources for members and clubs, and these will be introduced and communicated progressively.

The majority of these resources will require members to log-in to gain access. More on this to come!

Naturally – as with most new technology platforms – the changes may take a little time for us all to come to grips with. We will undoubtedly also have the occasional “bug” to sort out, so if you have any questions or identify any issues in the meantime, please contact me at [info@olympicweightlifting.nz](mailto:info@olympicweightlifting.nz)

#### Where To Get More Information;

- OWNZ Website (<http://olympicweightlifting.nz/>)
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