

New Member Process

The process for individuals wishing to join our WVB Club is as follows:

- 1) The interested individual contacts Red Ball Liaison (currently Ginger Nickerson).
- 2) The RB Liaison provides information about our club, its activities, where we play, etc. and the steps for getting the individual started.
 - a) The RB Liaison will arrange an orientation meeting with an available Red Ball Committee Member on a mutually agreeable time. This meeting will likely take ½ hour and will use the Orientation Checklist.
 - b) The individual will be encouraged to bring their dues with them in the event they wish to join the club following the orientation.
 - c) The RB Liaison will contact the Mentor Administrator (currently Harriet Rogers) to alert them there is a potential new player.
 - d) If the individual joins as part of their orientation, they would be able to play on the following Saturday (which is Open Play) and be assigned a mentor for the following Tuesday evening training.
- 3) The Orientation Meeting
 - a) The individual will be walked through the Orientation Checklist which includes how to access the website and club rules, equipment information, skill levels, assignment of a mentor and their level and playing time, etc.
- 4) The individual decides to Become a Member
 - a) When the individual decides to join (either that night or later), they fill out the membership form and pay their dues. However, they cannot play until their dues are paid and posted.
 - b) Once the dues are posted, the Treasurer/Membership Chairperson (currently Claudia Bernt) will send the new player an email with the password to the website.
 - i) Only the pictures are password protected.
 - ii) The new member can now play on Saturdays.
 - c) The Treasurer will contact the Mentor Administrator for assigning a mentor to the new player and the Photo Chairperson to arrange for taking a picture of the new player.
- 5) Following the Orientation Meeting
 - a) The new player will go on the website at their convenience to read and learn the Club Rules.
 - b) The Mentor Administrator will contact the new player with information about their assigned mentor for skill assessment/training.

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- i) The Recreational Skills Evaluation sheet (see Club Documents) is used by the mentor and the new player to track the current level of the player and which of the skills are being worked on for improvement. This is a living document, which is continually being updated as the player improves.
- ii) All new members start at a Level 1.
- iii) If the new member is a skilled player, the mentor will simply confirm the skill level during Tuesday training period and place the new member where appropriate (Level 2 or 3). Additional mentoring may or may not be needed.
- iv) The mentor will notify the Membership Chairperson of the new player's skill level following training.