

**Affiliate Membership** is defined as:

An adult person who is elected into membership by the club can be designated as an Affiliate Member. Due to personal circumstances beyond their control, this member may be unable to attend all club meetings and events but can be seen to be a valuable asset to the club. As such, due to the lack of attendance, it can be agreed by the club that an Affiliate member can pay less than the full amount of this club's yearly dues. The Club Board shall determine an Affiliate member's ability to vote on club matters. An Affiliate member shall be required to attend at least one half of this club's regular meetings or club-organized events. If circumstances and or time commitments change for this member to allow more club involvement, an Affiliate member's membership can be converted to active membership by a decision of the Club Board provided that he or she otherwise meets the requirements of active membership. The club would have to determine the merits or demerits of this option. No member shall simultaneously be an active member and an Affiliate member.

If a club adopted this type of alternate membership, the Club's constitution and by-laws would have to be changed to include this new membership.

Examples of an Affiliate Membership might be: 1) for someone transitioning from Rotaract to Rotary for a defined period (i.e. five years) to give some financial relief to those members; 2) all new members for a defined period (i.e. one year) to provide some time to test the waters; 3) for people who want to contribute time to hands-on, work projects only provides a formal connection with less commitment but has no defined period, or for those members who, for family or business reasons cannot dedicate the time required of a full time active member.

A **Family Membership** is defined as:

A Family Member occurs when two members from the same family becomes members of one Rotary club. Family is defined as adult relatives that live in the same household. This situation can arise when both members have a strong desire to become members of Rotary but

because of the expense of membership, one member often declines to join. How this works: the first member would pay full club dues and the second member would pay half price while enjoying all the benefits of full membership. This concept would enable the club to recruit another valuable member without it being a financial burden on the family members. The downside would be that the club would lose the dues of half a member. The club would have to determine the merits or demerits of this option.

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These two types of alternate membership would be permitted at the discretion of the club and, if clubs offers discounts, there must be approval from the Boards.

It goes without saying that these two types of memberships would only work if financial discounts were taken into consideration.

These alternate types of memberships are considered **options only**.