

GMES JUNIOR MEMBERS

Reworded Clause 7(a) of the Articles of Association

Boys and girls under the age of 18 will be entitled to Junior Membership in accordance with the Rules for Junior Membership as established, updated as necessary and published by the Council of Management.

People who are 18 and over who are in full time education at the time that subscriptions are due, may choose to apply for Student Membership instead of full membership. People over 18 who choose to become student members will pay the same subscription as junior members but will have the same rights as full members with the exception that they shall not have the right to vote.

Rules for Junior Membership

- 1 Junior members are defined as those between their 14th and 18th birthdays.
- 2 Applications for junior membership must be accompanied by written parental permission and agreement that a senior family member or legal guardian will accompany the junior member whenever he or she is engaged in GMES activities. An application for junior membership will be declined without this formal agreement.
- 3 Junior members will only be allowed to attend the society's activities or be on the society's premises when accompanied by an adult family member or legal guardian who agrees take full responsibility for the junior member and supervise them whilst on site. Any such supervisor who is not a member in his or her own right will have none of the rights of membership. Junior members who attend the society without an appropriate supervisor will not be allowed to stay; their parents will be contacted and asked to remove them. No member may agree to take on the responsibility for a junior member to whom they are not related unless he or she has the appropriate CRB clearance.
- 4 Subject to Rule 3, junior members may take part in any of the published activities of the Society with the exception that they are not entitled to vote at any general meeting. They may also take part in any activities intended specifically for junior members that may, from time, to time be organised by the Council of Management.
- 5 All junior members who exhibit their own work at the society's annual Summer Rally shall be entitled to have it judged in the competition for the Jeffrey Shield and for any other trophy that the judges think appropriate.
- 6 Junior members may not have a club key. They may not use any club machinery or tools or take responsibility for any of the club's trains or traction engines etc unless strictly supervised by their parents/guardian who **MUST** in this case be a senior member.
- 7 Junior members may drive their own locomotives and traction engines on the society's premises providing they are properly supervised under rule 3 above but only if they or their adult supervisor can provide evidence to the CME of their proficiency to take such responsibility. They may not drive otherwise. Only those junior members who have a valid locomotive driving certificate will be permitted to drive the clubs locomotives or traction engine and then only if properly supervised under rule 3.
- 8 Junior members under the age of 17 may not drive trains nor act as guards on public running days except at those times when no members of the public are on site and then only when properly supervised by an adult family member.