

RAOS 200 CLUB

Rules of membership



- 1 The club to be called “**RAOS 200 Club**”.
- 2 The club promoter at inauguration is Chris Robinson.
- 3 The promoter may not be a member of the club.
- 4 The club is registered with Rochdale Council as a non-commercial society club and monthly draw – and runs under an operating licence under the Gambling Act 2005.
- 5 Membership is limited to 200 individuals or companies.
- 6 An individual member or company can hold more than one membership.
- 7 Membership is £5 per month.
- 8 When accepted, members will be allocated the next available membership number, this is the membership and prize draw number.
- 9 When an individual or company expresses an interest in joining the club, a copy of these full rules and instructions on how to pay (bank standing order) are sent to the applicant
- 10 On joining, the allocated membership number to be put into the draw bag (numbers are on individual disks).
- 11 Members to pay by bank standing order to reach RAOS bank account by 28th of the month.
- 12 Prize draw to take place 1st Monday of the following month (at the RAOS committee meeting) – and entry in to the prize draw is invalid if payment is not received by 28th of the previous month.
- 13 If there is no committee meeting – every effort to be made to ensure the draw takes place on 1st Monday of the month.
- 14 If due to bank holiday / unforeseen circumstances it is impossible to make the prize draw on 1st Monday of the month – it should take place as soon after 1st Monday of the month as possible.
- 15 3 x active RAOS committee members must be present at the draw and at least one non committee member (at least one RAOS society member but **not** committee member to be invited to witness / take part in the draw – in rotation and not the same person each draw).
- 16 1st prize to be 20% of monthly club revenue.
- 17 2nd prize to be 5% of monthly club revenue.
- 18 10% of monthly revenue to be donated to an appointed Rochdale Borough based charity – selected by the committee and optionally changed every six months.
- 19 RAOS Treasurer (or appointed representative) to confirm at the time of the draw (or within 2 days of the draw) if the prize draw winners are paid and up to date as of 28th of previous month.
- 20 If treasurer cannot confirm the member’s payment at the time of the draw, and the member drawn out as prize winner has not paid when confirmation is given – the next number higher in sequence wins the prize.
- 21 If rule 20 is invoked, the same member number cannot win both prizes, and in the event of a clash, the next higher number in sequence again receives the prize. (example 15 is

drawn as 1st prize winner and has paid - 14 is drawn as second prize winner and has not paid. The next highest number is 15 – but they won 1st prize - so the 2nd prize goes to next higher number of a paid member i.e. 16 if paid, and so on) - If prize allocation of number 200 is reached and is not paid, prize allocation rotates to start at member number 1.

- 22 If a member holds more than one number – they can win a prize on each separate number in the same month.
- 23 Treasurer (or appointed representative) to confirm monthly 200 club turnover to promoter and club secretary within the same week as the draw along with prize and charity donation split.
- 24 Prizes to be paid by cheque by end of the week of the draw.
- 25 Prize winners and amounts to be published on RAOS web site, broadcast by twitter and Facebook via our official accounts, quarterly in Rochdale Style magazine and monthly in the Rochdale Observer (free of charge on the “All Across The Arts” page).
- 26 All members to be listed in RAOS show programmes – along with prize winners since the previous show.
- 27 Suitable publicity to be given to the selected charitable cause using the same media as in point 25 and 26.
- 28 Full audit / account / prize and charitable donation history to be recorded and kept by promoter, treasurer and secretary and available for inspection and scrutiny at any time by legal authorities and/or the RAOS committee. Details also to be included in future RAOS AGM minutes.
- 29 One off draws can be included as and when suitable and available – for instance we may seek to canvass for tickets at Bridgewater Hall / Palace Theatre / Lowry / Opera House. We may be able to acquire signed merchandise etc. One off draws of this nature to take place at the same time as cash draw in the month where the promoter and committee agree is suitable.
- 30 2 x tickets for each RAOS show to be included in a draw leading up to a new show opening.
- 31 Members to receive priority ticket booking before tickets are released on open sale.
- 32 Members to receive show programme free of charge (whether attending the show or not).
- 33 An annual members’ only event to take place – entertainment from playing members plus refreshments.
- 34 In the event of any disputes regarding prize draw, allocation, distribution the promoters’ decision is final.
- 35 Any additional rules and amendments must be agreed by the promoter and society committee.