

Appendix C Annual Dues Payment Deadlines

Purpose

This policy establishes the club's membership year, dues payment timing, grace periods, late renewals, returning member handling, and new member payment structure to ensure fairness, consistency, and accurate membership records.

Membership Year

The BoneShakers Social Club membership year runs from **October 1 through September 30**.

The operational year for newly elected officers begins in January, following the December election.

Dues Payment Deadline & Grace Period

- Dues must be paid at or before the **first Tuesday in October**, coinciding with the club's General Meeting.
 - A **30-day grace period** extends until the **first Tuesday in November**.
 - Members who pay within the grace period remain in good standing.
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Voting Eligibility

- Members who have **not paid dues by the November meeting** become **inactive**.
 - Inactive members may not vote, be nominated, or hold a Board position.
 - Timely payment ensures eligibility to vote in the December Board of Directors election.
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Late Renewal by Existing Members

Any member who was previously active but fails to renew by the November meeting and later renews during the same membership year:

- Must pay the **full annual renewal membership fee**.
 - Regains active status.
 - Membership still expires on September 30.
 - Member must renew again during the next October membership drive.
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Returning Members

Members who return to the club after being away must:

- Pay the **full membership fee** for the current membership year, regardless of return date.
 - Renew again during the next October membership drive.
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New Members

New members pay a total of **\$100**, consisting of:

- \$50 Membership Fee
- \$50 One-Time Patch Fee

The membership portion covers the member through September 30 of the current membership year.

The patch fee is paid once and is not charged again.

Late-Year New Member Discretion

If a new member joins **after August 1**, the Board of Directors may, at its discretion, allow the membership to count toward the next full membership year (October through September).

Board Authority

The Board of Directors may make minor adjustments or clarifications to this policy as needed to ensure fairness and consistency.

Adoption

Adopted by unanimous Board vote on January 27, 2026.

Effective beginning with the 2026 membership year.