

Membership 2017/2018 – REGISTRAR’S REPORT FOR 2018 AGM

There continues to be a consistent increase in membership, particularly new members and female lifters.

Year	Total Membership	No. of Female Members	Female Percentage of Membership	Total Membership Increase from previous year	Female Increase From Previous year
2011	741				
2012	815	154	18%	10%	
2013	1006	161	16%	23%	5%
2014	1573	320	20%	56%	99%
2015	2242	518	23%	42%	62%
2016	3051	826	27%	36%	59%
2017	3940	1249	32%	29%	51%

The automated system of making applications online has been an essential step forward and has reduced errors in transferring data.

The membership statistics on the website dashboard are available for everyone to see.

There has been some confusion regarding valid memberships. To clarify: ALL current members will have a 2018 membership card regardless of when they applied or renewed or whether it was taken out as an early membership or extended membership.

Every 2018 member will have been posted a 2018 membership card and ALL 2018 memberships expire on December 31st 2018, regardless of when they were issued.

All lifters who took out an extended membership 2017 – 2018 will have received both a 2017 membership card and a replacement 2018 membership card on December 31st 2017.

Associate memberships:

It was decided to remove this category as it created an unmanageable amount of confusion. Out of the 4,000 members in 2017, there were less than 25 members who were associate members and several of these should actually have been full members. Whether they were deliberately or accidentally applying as associates unknown, although two were genuine mistakes which were subsequently altered but still appeared on the statistics. This category generated an unrealistic number of queries and confusion and was too heavy on workload time to be considered worth continuing. The very few genuine associate members have all joined this year as full members.