The Side Saddle Association®

The Side Saddle Association was formed in 1974.
It aims to encourage and promote the elegant art of riding side saddle.

The benefits of membership are:

- Part of a unique equestrian discipline with like-minded, welcoming enthusiasts keen to share their experience and offer help and support to each other.
- Your membership helps the Side Saddle Association promote and protect the skill, sport and education of riding side saddle and continue to develop clear systems and standards for riding, welfare, education, instructing and judging and therefore maintain the highest levels of all aspects related to side saddle.
- Area based local help, advice and encouragement is readily available; as well as access to well organised and insured regional events and activities organised by Area Committees including clinics to assist you in your side saddle journey and develop your skills.
- Public Liability Insurance cover for all activities organized by the Association for riders and helpers (however, please note riding Members must hold their own third-party liability insurance for themselves and their horses/ponies).
- Eligibility to compete at the National Side Saddle Show and in the Side Saddle Equitation Championships and for National Show Points Trophies (Life, Full & Junior Members only).
- Special rosettes in SSA Affiliated classes plus Equitation Championship Qualifier Points Rosettes (Life, Full & Junior Members only).
- Sponsored classes specifically to be ridden side saddle along with classes in conjunction with other Societies.
- Members' Handbook with Competition Rules, Newsletters, National Show Schedule and regularly updated online Shows & Fixtures list.
- List of approved Instructors and facilities offered.
- Special Classes for Junior Members including lead rein.
- Facilities to help Members wishing to buy and sell side saddle equipment (special rates for Members).
- Grade Tests and Instructor Examinations.
- Probationary Judge Scheme for those who would like to progress to be a Judge.
- Performance Points Awards Scheme (Rules, etc. available on request).
- Reciprocal Contacts for Overseas Side Saddle Groups.
- List of Specialist Side Saddle Saddlers.
- Online Equitation Competitions in winter months.
- Online question & answer sessions and seminars.
- Access to the 'Members Only' section of the SSA website which includes hints and tips on turnout and preparing for competitions.
- Facebook business and group pages.
- Annual accounts and voting rights at the SSA AGM (not Junior members) as well as Area AGM.

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

- Subscriptions are due on 1st January annually or on joining.
- An administration fee of £5 will be payable for all PayPal/online and cheque payments
- A registration fee of £5 is payable on joining, or on renewing after 31st March. If the direct debit form is not completed, a cheque administration fee of £5 is payable.
- Direct Debit Forms can be downloaded from the SSA website www.sidesaddleassociation.co.uk or on request from the Hon. General Secretary.
- All Membership applications not made online **must** be accompanied by a bank transfer or cheque for the current year. If the direct debit form is completed, the £5 cheque administration fee will be waived and the direct debit automatically collected the following year. The subscription for the following years will be debited each January thereafter as long as the direct debit instruction remains in force.
- **A new direct debit without a bank transfer or cheque will not be accepted.**
- Alternatively, you can choose to renew online.
- New members joining after 1st October will not be required to renew their membership until 31st December of the following year.

The Council of the Side Saddle Association reserves the right to refuse any application for, or renewal of, membership without giving a reason.



MEMBERSHIP RATES & CATEGORIES
EFFECTIVE FROM 1st JANUARY, 2024 *(updated September 2026)*

Please note all Junior memberships have to be linked to a responsible adult/ adult family member who holds Life, Full or Associate membership.

- **LIFE MEMBERSHIP –** available as online correspondence only (excepting Handbooks and Membership Cards)
  Current age (as on 1st January of current year)
  LIFE BAND 1 = 50 plus years - **£1,500**
  LIFE BAND 2 = 31 - 50 years - **£1,750**
  LIFE BAND 3 = 18 - 30 years - **£2,000**

- **FULL - £55** A Full Member is eligible to take part in all riding activities and SSA Affiliated competitions and receive SSA special rosettes and participate in all other activities.

- **ASSOCIATE - £33** Associate membership enables you to be part of and stay connected to side saddle activities. An Associate Member is one who takes part in general Area riding activities but does not compete in SSA Affiliated classes and/or is a side saddle supporter who in addition may choose to take on helper and admin roles to support activities within their Area and the wider Association and be part of behind-the-scenes experiences.

- **LINKED ADULT PACKAGE:** Adult families of a lead Full member (using electronic correspondence and receiving one Handbook per household only) can be added where family members are resident at the same address:
  Additional Full Member **- £47**
  Additional Associate Member **- £25**

- **LINKED JUNIOR PACKAGE:** A Junior Member is eligible to take part in all riding activities and SSA Affiliated competitions and receive SSA special rosettes and participate in all other activities. Junior membership is combined with a linked responsible adult/ adult family member, applications will not be accepted solely for a Junior Member as this is not a stand-alone category (a Junior is aged under 18 on 1st January of current year). One Handbook and one set of correspondence will be sent to each linked Junior package, more than one Junior can be in a single package and each adult and Junior will be issued with their own unique membership number. A choice can be made between Royal Mail and online correspondence (see below).
  Full Member and 1 linked Junior **- £72** Additional linked Junior Member **- £22**
  Associate Member and 1 linked Junior **- £50** Additional linked Junior Member **- £22**

- **OVERSEAS FULL - £65**

- **OVERSEAS ASSOCIATE - £45**

- **LINKED OVERSEAS ADULT PACKAGE:** Adult families of a lead Full member (using electronic correspondence and receiving one Handbook per household only) can be added where family members are resident at the same address:
  Additional Full Member **- £58**
  Additional Associate Member **- £38**

- **OVERSEAS LINKED JUNIOR PACKAGE** A Junior Member is one who takes part in general Area riding activities and competes in SSA Affiliated classes and is entitled to SSA special rosettes. Junior membership is combined with a linked responsible adult/ adult family member, applications will not be accepted solely for a Junior Member as this is not a stand-alone category (a Junior is aged under 18 on 1st January of current year). One Handbook and one set of correspondence will be sent to each linked Junior package, more than one Junior can be in a single package and each adult and Junior will be issued with their own unique membership number. A choice can be made between Royal Mail and online correspondence (see below).
  Full Member and 1 linked Junior **- £80** Additional linked Junior Member **- £30**
  Associate Member and 1 linked Junior **- £60** Additional linked Junior Member **- £30**

SSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM *(updated September 2026)*

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES/ MEMBERSHIP TYPE REQUIRED (tick as appropriate)

Full Member:	**£55.00**	☐	**Associate Member:**	**£33.00**	☐
Linked Adult Additional Full:	**£47.00**	☐	**Linked Adult Additional Associate:**	**£25.00**	☐
Linked Full Member & Junior:	**£72.00**	☐	**Linked Associate Member & Junior:**	**£50. 00**	☐
Additional Junior to Link:	**£22.00**	☐			
Overseas Full:	**£65.00**	☐	**Overseas Associate:**	**£45.00**	☐
Overseas Linked Additional Full:	**£58.00**	☐	**Overseas Linked Additional Associate:**	**£38.00**	☐
Overseas Linked Full & Junior:	**£80.00**	☐	**Overseas Linked Associate & Junior:**	**£60.00**	☐
Additional Overseas Junior to Link:	**£30.00**	☐			

LIFE MEMBERSHIP – available as online correspondence only (excepting Handbook and Membership Points Card)
Current age (as at 01.01 of current year)

18 - 30 years – £2,000 ☐ **31 - 50 years - £1,750** ☐ **50 plus years - £1,500** ☐

ONLINE CORRESPONDENCE DISCOUNT - £5
In return for your help in reducing printing & postage costs, **the Association is able to offer a reduction of £5 in the current membership rates:**
For those members willing to accept **ALL SSA correspondence electronically** (SSA Handbook and membership points cards will still be posted), available to those who pay by direct debit, bank transfer, online or cheque.

DETAILS
Title: Mr./Mrs./Miss/ Other.....

Forename.....Surname.....

Address.....

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Postcode..... Telephone.....

Email.....

Preferred Area (see map on reverse).....

Signature.....Name of responsible adult/adult family member.....

Year of birth (Juniors only).....

I wish to purchase the following items:

SSA badges @ £6.00 ☐ Points Card holder @ £5.00 ☐

SSA car window stickers @ £3.50 ☐ Stirrup/Kit drawstring bags @£10.00 ☐

PAYMENT DETAILS

Subscription as shown above	**£.....**
Registration fee	**£5**
Online correspondence discount	**(£5)**
Cheque administration fee if DD form not completed (£5.00)	**£.....**
Badges & stickers as above	**£.....**

TOTAL £.....

Please send your completed application form, payment and Direct Debit Form, if applicable, to: Miss Lizzie Briant, The SSA Hon General Secretary, The Side Saddle Association, Cider Orchard, Grittenham, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 4JU