WHHC Goalkeeper Expense Policy

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1. Introduction

For several seasons, WHHC has benefited from a dedicated group of goalkeepers across our teams. Their contribution is a cornerstone of the club's success, ensuring every squad can compete safely and effectively.

Recognising the unique costs associated with goalkeeping compared with outfield play, WHHC provides discounted membership rates alongside a financial contribution towards kit purchases.

2. Scope

This policy sets out WHHC's approach to supporting goalkeepers with the purchase and use of kit. The aim is to ensure a consistent, transparent, and fair process that acknowledges the higher costs of goalkeeping while balancing sustainability for the club and equity across all members.

3. Approach

- WHHC holds a limited stock of goalkeeping kits, distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. The club does not have sufficient kit or finances to provide every goalkeeper with a full set.
- Discounted membership is provided to help offset the disparity between goalkeeping and outfield kit costs.
- In addition, WHHC contributes towards the purchase of new kit by goalkeepers who are active members of the club.

Responsibilities for borrowed kit

- Goalkeepers borrowing club kit must store it safely and maintain it in good working order.
- All club kit must be returned when no longer required or if the goalkeeper leaves the club.

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4. Kit Contributions

To qualify for financial support:

- The goalkeeper must be a fully paid-up member of WHHC.
- New kit must be purchased to replace equipment that is no longer fit for purpose, unsafe, or unavailable.
- While it is hoped that any goalkeeper claiming support will continue to play for WHHC in the following season, this is not a formal requirement.

Contribution limits

- WHHC will reimburse **50% of the cost of new kit**, up to **£100 per season**.
- Any unused allowance may be rolled forward into the next season, up to a maximum cumulative cap of **£300**.
- Allowances cannot be brought forward from future seasons.
- If a goalkeeper is reimbursed £100 for kit in one season but this represents less than 50% of the cost, they may submit an additional claim for the same item in the following season. This claim will be limited to **£100 or 50% of the remaining cost**, whichever is lower.

5. Review

This policy has enabled WHHC to operate successfully with many goalkeepers providing their own kit and claiming contributions for replacements as needed.

If, in future, a significant number of goalkeepers join without their own kit, the current policy may place an undue burden on individuals purchasing full sets. In such circumstances, the club will review this policy to ensure sufficient kit provision.