



WHHC Membership Policy

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Introduction

This document outlines the arrangements for the club's membership and match fees. It aims to provide guidance on discretionary reductions in the adult membership rate based on individual circumstances. All players who attend training or participate in matches are required to be members and pay the appropriate fees.

Financial Approach

The club relies on annual membership fees and match fees as its only sources of income. These funds are critical for the sustainability and growth of the club, ensuring that we can provide a high-quality experience for all members.

Membership funds are essential to cover the costs associated with playing hockey, including:

- Pitch hire for training sessions & league fixtures
- England Hockey Affiliation and insurance
- Equipment, such as goals, balls, first aid kits, and goalkeeping kit
- Insurance & Affiliation

In addition to contributing to membership fees, **match fees** cover vital expenses necessary for the club to participate in competitive hockey leagues and provide training for players, including:

- Umpiring costs
- Match teas

Finally, income is also used to promote the club and enhance the member experience through:

- Additional equipment (e.g. goalkeeper equipment, face masks, ball bags, security equipment)
- Website and digital applications
- Social events



- Cup competition entry

The hockey club is a non-profit organisation and does not aim to generate profit at the end of the year. The club strives to keep membership rates and match fees as low as possible while ensuring all the costs mentioned above are covered.

The club benefits from not having to pay any fees or maintenance costs for the clubhouse we use each week.

Rates

The club offer a range of memberships and match fees including:

- Adult
- Concession (graduate, student, goalkeeper)
- Junior
- Reduced (social / non-playing)

The payment amount for each season will be posted on the WHHC website and Teamo. Membership options can be paid in instalments and an early bird discount will also be applied for a limited period during pre-season.

Payment

All players must have registered and paid for their membership (or contacted the treasurer) within 3 weeks of playing their first match. Players who have not registered are not permitted to attend training or be selected for Saturday matches until they have registered their membership.

Additionally all members must pay match fees (or contact the treasurer), no longer than 3 weeks after the game. Players who have a balance greater than 3 matches will not be selected for games until they have cleared their balance.

Qualifications

Goalkeeper Membership	Members must play as a goalkeeper in at least 50% of the league games they participate in during a weekend when playing one game per weekend.
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Graduate Membership	This applies to students who have completed their first full-time tertiary education course between January and September of the year in which the season begins.
Student Membership	Members must be enrolled in full-time secondary or tertiary education.
Junior Membership	Members are classified as juniors if they are under 18 years of age.

The Adult membership rate assumes that members will have the option to attend a 2 hour training session and a match for approximately 20 weeks of the season. This will generally allow for a player to miss one training and one league match per half season (league dependent). As such total contribution from any player should equate to approximately £25.00 per match.

Discounted memberships

This section provides guidelines for discounted memberships to ensure that the club treats every member equitably and avoids increasing costs for full-paying members to subsidise discounted rates. Discounted rates are not available for players who are unable to attend training sessions. All requests for discounted memberships will be considered at the discretion of the club's committee.

Half-season membership	Any player who is available for 12 or less league games can be considered for a half season membership.
Causal Membership	Players who play less than 6 games during the season can be considered to pay a social membership which includes a higher match fee of £10.00. Playing more than 6 games should result in the member paying a half season membership.



Part-time education	Members who are enrolled in part-time education are required to pay the full standard membership fee. The eligibility for this membership type will be assessed based on the number of hours spent working compared to the hours dedicated to study. Members must provide documentation or proof of their education status upon request.
Flexible Payment	Any member who requires a flexible payment plan should contact the treasurer in the first instance to agree payment plans.
Financial hardship	Any existing member experiencing financial hardship can apply to the club for a discounted membership and match fee rate. It is noted that we appreciate the loyalty of our members and will aim to help them out wherever we can.

Review

It is important to acknowledge that establishing firm policies for discounted memberships can be challenging due to the variety of individual circumstances that may arise throughout the season. Therefore, this policy should be reviewed annually once the number of club members and projected income can be assessed with greater confidence, taking into account the profit or loss experienced in the preceding season.