



# GREENWICH SPORTS CLUB

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## Fee Policy

(As of 10/01/2017)

### Registration Fees

#### Football

In prior years, the NSFA has undergone a process to establish value-based fee structures (taking into consideration factors such as game length, field size, referee requirements, etc.). During this process, fees for younger players were reduced over the period. Commencing with the 2017 season, the NSFA will review fees annually to ensure that player equity is maintained.

For the 2017 season, the NSFA reviewed the fees and has applied team fee increases to Miniros teams and junior teams.

Adults who can show identification as a student will be charged a discounted adult fee.

#### Netball

The NSNA has increased fees for all age groups in 2017 to cover increased costs.

The Club's fee policy is to reflect our affiliated Associations' fee policies to provide equitable fees, notwithstanding there are costs specific to the Club, such as hiring grounds for training and meeting obligations to provide equipment and other services to players or volunteers.

### Payments

Greenwich Sports Club relies on player fees to pay for equipment, ground/ court hire, uniforms, insurance, team and player subs to the Association, along with ground and facility maintenance and capital improvement costs.

Late payment of fees makes club administration difficult, is unfair to members who pay on time and causes unnecessary work for the volunteers who have to chase the payments. As such, the Club requires payment by credit card at the time of registration. A player will not be considered to be registered until full payment is confirmed by the Treasurer as having been received.

## Refunds and Waivers

Registering to play with Greenwich Sports Club is a whole of season financial commitment. The Club incurs expenditure, mostly committed at the start of the season, including for equipment, ground hire, uniforms, insurances, plus team and player fees to the Associations. The Club also incurs ground and facility maintenance and capital improvement costs. Player registration fees are relied on to fund the Club's operations and in return players are provided the opportunity to play for the entire season.

### Refunds

A refund request must be submitted in writing to the Registrar and the decision to refund any or all of the fees will be at the Club's absolute discretion in accordance with the guidelines set forth below:

- Players who submit a request for a refund prior to the first competition game of the season will be granted a full refund less any unrecoverable affiliation fees either due or paid to the respective sporting Association(s).
- Players who submit a request for a refund after the first competition game of the season will not be entitled to a refund unless special consideration is granted due to exceptional circumstances such as financial hardship. Refunds will not be granted due to withdrawal caused by injury or moving out of the area. Requests for a special consideration refund will be considered by the Committee on a case by case basis. The refund will usually take into account fees already paid to the Association(s) and the proportion of the competition season that has elapsed, calculated from the time a request for a refund is submitted in writing.
- The Club may from time to time approve refunds to players if it is of benefit to their team.

### Fee Waivers Due to Hardship

Fee waivers (part reduction or full waivers) will be considered by the Committee on a case by case basis where financial hardship can be demonstrated. Hardship requests will be treated in confidence and the Club encourages people to approach a Committee member to discuss.

### Fee Waivers Due to Late Registration

Players who register late will generally be required to pay the full player fees. Exceptions will be considered by the Committee on a case by case basis once half of the competition season has elapsed. The minimum fee payable will be 50% of the full player fee.

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