



DMVAC – 2018/19 Membership Fee Proposal

Background

We want to ensure that everyone who is a member of DMVAC, whether they are a serious competitive athlete or someone who trains hard but seldom or infrequently competes, gets the most out of their membership of the club and as a result gets the maximum enjoyment from the fantastic running opportunities that the club offers.

The proposal for the membership fee structure results from the following challenges we have as a club:

- Not enough people competing at a junior or a senior level, whether it's in the cross-country league and competitions, or in the various track and field events for juniors, seniors and vets.
- Our membership system is too complicated and there have been a number of examples of people not being aware of what they need to purchase in order to compete; both of these have created an unacceptable administration burden for those responsible for managing the membership process

The vast majority of clubs in the local area have addressed the second of these points by having a simpler structure for their membership in which the English Athletics Licence is an integral part of the club membership fee.

It should be noted that all competitors in county leagues and county / regional competitions are required to have an EA licence. In addition, the majority of road races charge an additional £2 for runners without an EA licence.

Proposal from the DMVAC Committee

The proposal before the AGM from the DMVAC Committee is to simplify the membership fee structure and include the English Athletics fee as part of the annual membership fee.

The proposed fee structure is as follows:

- Individual membership - seniors: £55 including EA licence
- Individual membership – students (i.e. those over 11 in full time education): £40 including EA licence
- Individual membership – junior academy (i.e. those u11): £25 (excluding EA licence as it is not required for U11s to compete)
- Family membership (i.e. 2 adults + children living at the same address): £125 including EA licences
- Second claim membership: £20 (NB: excludes EA licence as this will already have been obtained through first claim club)
- Designated coaches: zero fee; EA licence included as recognition of significant contribution to the success of the club (NB: this does not include Running Leaders or Coaching Assistants)

To further simplify the membership process it is also planned that the Early Bird discount is withdrawn.

Comparison with 2017/18 fees

The proposed £55 / £125 fee proposal compares to the following standard membership fees for 2017/18:

- Individual membership: £51 (excluding EA licence)
- Family membership: £102

Comparison with other clubs

The proposed feestructure compares favourably with the current (i.e. 2017) membership fees charged at other local clubs:

- Reigate Priory AC: £50
- Holland Sports: £65
- Epsom & Ewell AC: £35 + £1.50/session track fee
- Guildford & Godalming AC: £97

Decision requested

The Committee request that the members agree the proposal proposed by the Committee to take effect for the new membership year from 1 April 2018.

DMVAC Committee