

2023 AGM Notice of Motion: Athlete Registration Fees proposal

Welsh Athletics athlete registration fees to increase each year from 2024/2025 to 2026/2027

Background: A previous motion passed September 2019 to increase athlete registration fees by £1/year from 2020/21 to 2024/25 was postponed twice in response to the disruption due to Covid.

The cost of delivering core activity continued to increase throughout the years when membership fees were held unchanged. In recent financial years, unprecedented inflationary cost pressures further impacted Welsh Athletics' ability to maintain existing core delivery and support services.

e.g. Insurance cover protecting athletes and activities rose in cost to over £30k per year (£15k in 2021/22).

Membership fees are used to support a range of core activities – club support, IT systems, insurance, subsidising competition delivery, subsidising coach and officials education, safeguarding and compliance.

Proposal

To increase Athlete Registration fees to the following levels;

Age Group	Current Fee	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Senior	£19.50	£21.00	£23.00	£25.00
Junior	£12.00	£13.00	£14.00	£15.00

The proposed fees would remain below the annual membership currently charged for many sports in Wales and comparable with Scottish Athletics (prices advertised July 2023 and subject to review)

July 2023

Welsh Cycling	£27 – £78 competing / racing	£40 Commuting / £44 social riding
Welsh Gymnastics	£19 – £43 competing gymnast	£13 pre-school gymnast
Wales Netball	£40 Adult (or £10 per month)	£20 Junior
Welsh Triathlon	£66 - £92 race licence	£31 training and social benefits.
Scottish Athletics	£22 senior club members	£12 (Under 20), £9 (Under 13)

Note 1

If the September 2019 motion to increase junior membership by £1/year continued uninterrupted by Covid, Junior membership fees would have risen earlier to the proposed £15/year, in 2024/25.

Senior membership fees would have increased to £22.50 by 2024/25 and if the gradual £1/year increase extended to 2026/27, senior fees of £24.50 would be near to the proposed £25.00

Note 2

The favourable financial impact of the increase in athlete registration fees is estimated to be:

	Current Year	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Total Membership*	13,000	13,500	14,000	14,500

Total Income	£229,125	£256,500	£290,500	£326,250
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** Membership figures projection based on 4% growth year on year with a 25% Junior membership.*

Proposal increases self-generated income, affording increased costs of delivering core membership services and to generate additional income to wholly reinvest back into athletics in Wales.

The proposal further reduces the organisations dependency on uncertain Sport Wales grant income.

To ensure that the sport remains affordable to everyone, an additional £5k would be allocated to the club modernisation fund to support clubs to promote activities focused on participants from areas of social deprivation.

2023 AGM Notice of Motion: Club Affiliation Fees proposal

Welsh Athletics club affiliation fees to increase each year from 2024/25 to 2026/27

Background: Welsh Athletics continues to invest into safeguarding work to ensure the sport is safe and inclusive for everyone. An experienced and dedicated member of staff leads in this area working with clubs to upskill and support club welfare officers to deliver a safe sport for all.

Starting in 2023/24, Welsh Athletics will begin making annual financial contributions to UK Athletics safeguarding and integrity areas, representing a pro-rata of costs for central safeguarding work and higher level case work support. (2023/24 = £10k contribution requested)

This proposed increase in Club Affiliation fees is intended to cover those new UKA safeguarding costs alone and is not anticipated to generate material surplus income for reinvestment into other areas.

The Club Affiliation fees would increase to the following levels.

Fee	Current Fee	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Club Affiliation	£100	£200	£250	£250

For comparison, England Athletics 2023/24 Club Affiliation = £150 (proposal to increase)

Scottish Athletics 2023/24 Club Affiliation = £7 / athlete

100 members pay £700 per year Club affiliation fees.

50 members pay £350 per year Club affiliation fees.

Welsh Cycling 2023/24 Club Affiliation = £98 - £370 (sponsors)

Welsh Gymnastics Club Affiliation = £110 - £365 (size)

Note 1

The favourable financial impact of the increase in Club Registration fees is estimated to be:

	Current Year	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Total Clubs*	97	100	100	100
Total Income	£10,000	£20,000	25,000	£25,000

** Total number of clubs not expected to increase significantly, membership growth efforts targeted predominantly to increase membership within existing clubs.*

This proposal increases club affiliation fees to achieve an additional £10k per year income aligned to the cover the new safeguarding cost contributions to UK Athletics.