

Basingstoke Gymnastics Club – Fees & Charges Policy

Purpose

This policy provides clarity on how membership fees are calculated and applied across all programmes at Basingstoke Gymnastics Club (BGC). As a registered charity, all income is reinvested into the club to support our mission of providing high-quality gymnastics opportunities for the community.

General Principles

- Fees are set annually and reviewed each September in line with the club's financial year (1 September – 31 August).
- Increases are kept as modest as possible and are typically linked to inflation and rising operational costs.
- All fees are published on the club website and communicated to members before the start of each membership year.
- This policy should be read in conjunction with the club's **Refund and Cancellation Policy**, which sets out how refunds are managed.

Recreational & Preschool Fees

- Fees are calculated based on the **number of weeks per year that classes are offered** (e.g., 41–48 weeks depending on the programme).
- **Preschool classes are not charged during August** as these sessions do not run.
- If the club closes for holidays, those weeks are not included in the charged schedule.
- **Unexpected closures** (e.g., emergency maintenance, staff absence) are **refunded or credited**, as Recreational and Preschool fees are charged strictly on weeks delivered.
- Missed sessions due to personal reasons (e.g., illness, holidays, other commitments) are not refundable, although catch-up sessions may be offered where space is available.

Squad Fees

- Squad fees (Competitive and Performance pathways) are calculated on a **monthly basis**, linked to weekly training hours.
- Squad training is **heavily subsidised by the club**:
 - Squad gymnasts benefit from a **much lower hourly coaching rate** than recreational classes.
 - Families are not charged for additional coaching hours provided at competitions, Christmas shows, or other events, even though coaches are present and supervising gymnasts.
 - As training hours increase, the **hourly fee decreases**, reflecting the club's charitable commitment to supporting higher-level training.

- **Missed sessions / unexpected closures:**
 - The club will always try to reschedule or recoup hours where possible.
 - Refunds are not usually applied to squad fees, as the overall programme already provides significant additional value through subsidies and uncharged coaching support.

Payment Rules

- Fees are payable monthly in advance via Direct Debit (or another approved method agreed with the club).
- Late payments may result in suspension of training until fees are settled.
- Members are responsible for keeping their payment details up to date.

Notice Periods & Cancellations

- Recreational & Preschool programmes: **one month's written notice** is required to cancel membership.
- Squad programmes: **one full calendar month's notice** is required to withdraw from training.
- No refunds are provided for mid-month withdrawals.

Additional Costs

- Competition entry fees, leotards, tracksuits, and event tickets are charged separately and are not included in monthly training fees.
- Optional extras (holiday camps, workshops, birthday parties, etc.) are charged at published rates.

Support & Concessions

- As a charity, BGC offers financial assistance to families in need where possible, subject to application and available funds.
- The club also runs fundraising initiatives to help support gymnasts in the squad pathways.

This structure ensures fairness across programmes, maintains accessibility, and allows BGC to reinvest in facilities, staff, and equipment for the benefit of all members.