

## **RHAC Payments: Fairness for all Members 2020-2021**

Ed: This document was agreed between secretary Steve Gaines and treasurer Kevin Thomas, and agreed by exec committee members. It shows the determination of RHAC organisers to deal fairly with members in these difficult circumstances. All should equally pay an amount reflecting poor return and poor competition over the two years 2020-2021. Notably, England Athletics have not been anywhere near as generous, accepting fees from runners with nothing to show for it. That is out of our hands.

EA payment can be complicated: SG and KT will answer your queries if you find difficulty: email to [payment@rotherhamharriers.org](mailto:payment@rotherhamharriers.org)

The Club committee have been considering how to recognise the impact of the pandemic - which caused a loss of competition for around 6 months from March 2020, and long periods of no club activity – and whether this should be reflected in reduced member fees.

In 2018 / 2019 we had around 330 club members, and due to the pandemic impact this fell to 259 members paying the 2020 membership fee (a 21% fall).

We understand that many members did not get any competitive athletics in 2020, despite many paying the 2020 fee, and we are therefore proposing some reduction to the 2021 renewal fee to reflect that.

For those who paid the 2020 renewal fees we passed on the £15 Athlete Registration fee to England Athletics (EA), which means they are registered and able to compete until 31 August this year. {We did not pass on the £2 Northern Athletics subscription, as NA confirmed there would be no charge for 2020/21}.

We are proposing that those who paid in 2020, do not pay Club membership and pay only the £15 EA registration for the period from 1 September onwards, rather than the full renewal fee of £37 junior or £42 senior – to compensate them for the Covid impact on our sport over the last 12 months. We are asking members to make this payment before 30 April.

Any member who did not pay the 2020 member renewal fee will pay the 2021 renewal fee (£37 or £42). We would expect them to pay this when they start back training – sessions will start back on 29 March. We are expecting competitions to resume in some format in the spring and EA fees must be paid so that we can register athletes before they compete.

New member fees will be unaffected. These changes refer only to renewal fees. If you are unsure of whether you paid 2020 fees please drop us a message and we will confirm.



For those who have already paid the 2020 and 2021 renewal fees we will arrange a refund of what they paid less the £15 EA fee for 2021.

In order to ensure that all athletes are fully paid up members we are asking for membership/EA fees to be paid by 30 April at the very latest. Anyone who has not paid by this point may not be able to train or compete.