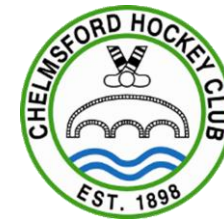




Chelmsford Hockey Club
2025/26 Season

**Subscription and match fee
update**



Subs and Match Fees: 2025/26

At the recent AGM the following revision to our club subscriptions and match fees was unanimously approved by the membership.

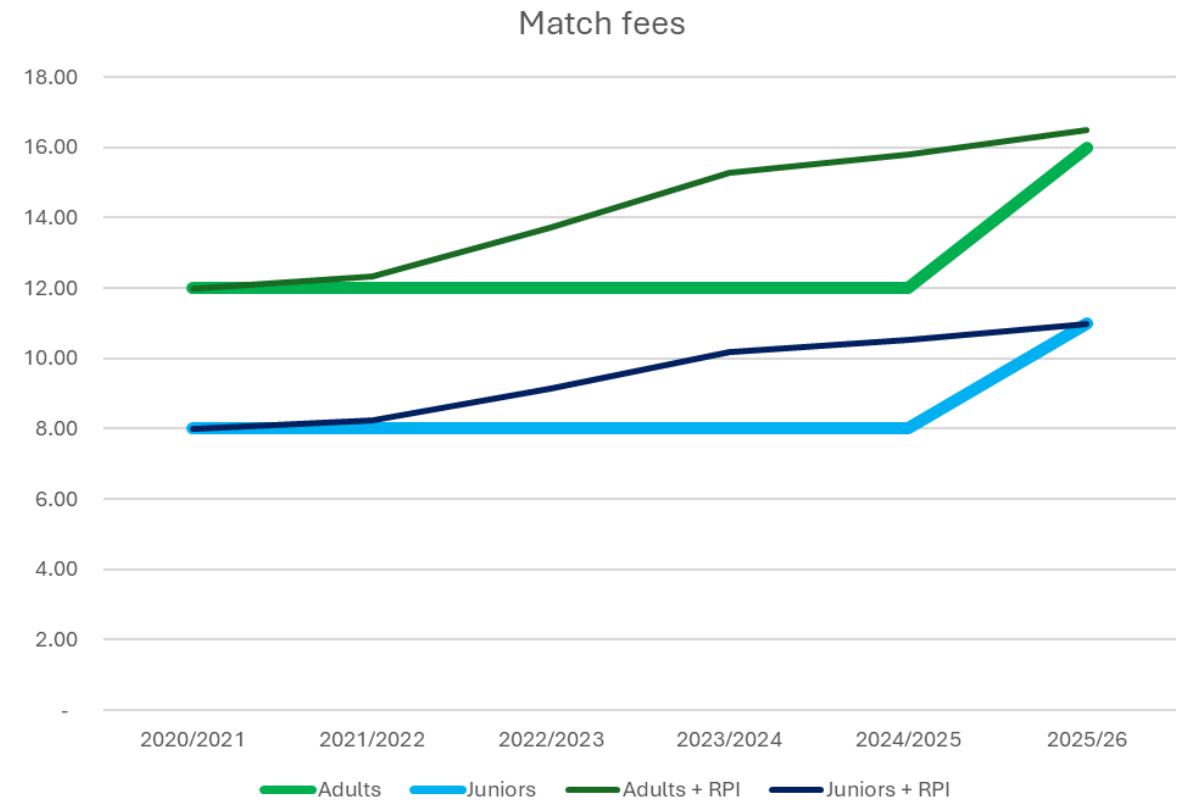
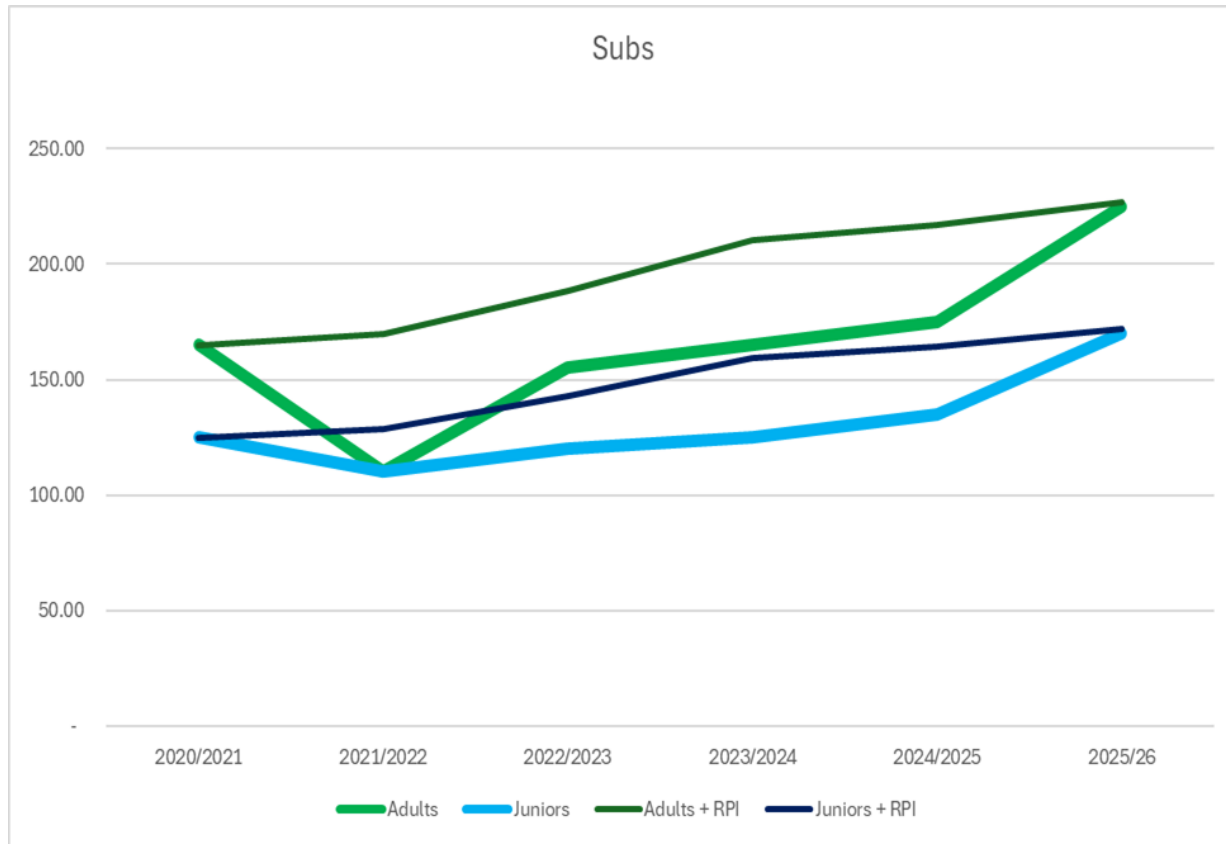
Annual subs

	Current	Proposed	% increase
Adult	175	225	29%
Associate (up to 9 games per season)	60	120	100%
Associate (non-playing)	25	30	20%
Junior (up to and including school year 3)	90	115	28%
Junior (school years 4-8)	130	165	27%
Junior (school years 9-13)	135	170	26%
Social	15	20	33%
Young Adult (aged 18-25 on 1st September)	135	170	26%
Match Officials	N/A	50	N/A
Adult All-Inclusive	385	510	32%
Young Adult All-Inclusive	270	365	35%

Match fees

	Current	Proposed	% increase
Adult	12	16	33%
Junior	8	11	38%
50% discount for GKs providing their own kit			

Subs and Match Fees: 5 Year Evolution



Rationale for Changes



- **Increases in 2024/25:** Costs for the club have been increasing significantly, most notably were:
 - increases for senior coaching costs (£13.2k) implemented following a market review, and
 - An increase in electricity (+£10k) since our fixed rate expired.
 - There have also been increases in food costs, umpiring fees and M1 league charges. This has led to a deficit of £13k in the 2024-25 season which, after cost control measures, was reduced from a forecasted £20k.
- **Further cost increases for 2025/26:** There are 2 significant cost increases this coming season:
 - £15 per member increase in the England hockey affiliation fee (this is to go towards individual accident insurance for members, state school hockey support and TV/online coverage of international matches), and
 - £5 per member increase from the Sports Club to maintain the clubhouse.
- **Relatively flat income in recent years:** We have not increased subs and match fees in line with inflation over the past few years, choosing to keep them low through Covid, and in the years following, given the rising cost of living. This is no longer sustainable for the club. Overall, the subs and match fees are in line with UK inflation (RPI) for the past five years - the time when subs/match fees were last significantly increased.
- **Sponsorship and fundraising not guaranteed income:** Given the resources and commitment required to attract sponsorship and fundraise at a significant scale, we cannot rely on these as guaranteed sources of income and have taken the decision that the club should be breaking even on the provision of hockey based activities, i.e. through subs match fees and other 'paid for' hockey provision.

CHC VFM Proposition



We believe that the subs and match fees still provide good value for money. As a reminder this is what is included in your subscription:

- Two great quality astro pitches
- A clubhouse and bar, including pitchside refreshments
- Fantastic changing facilities and showers
- Regular coaching with qualified coaches
- A level of hockey to suit the vast majority of players
- Access to year around hockey including summer leagues and summer tournaments
- Insurance cover through England Hockey including personal accident cover whilst engaged in any hockey activities with the club.

Very few clubs in our region can match our offering.



Ways to mitigate your personal costs

We recognise that this is a significant increase. There are ways to help offset the increase:

- Volunteer to become a team Captain
- Umpiring matches (paid at £20 a match), training is free
- securing sponsorship for the club and taking a cut
(contact wrighty_hockey@hotmail.com for more details)
- Become a coach and coaching a senior team