
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Community Amateur Sports Clubs Regulations 2015

PART 3

Costs associated with membership of a club and membership fees

Costs associated with membership of a club

5.—(1) The amount specified for a year for the purposes of section 659(2A) of CTA 2010 (costs associated with membership of a club) is £520.

(2) The costs associated with membership of a club for a given year consist of amounts A and B together.

(3) Amount A is the membership fees for a member for that year (see regulation 8).

(4) Amount B is the sporting activity costs for that year (see regulation 9).

Limit on membership fees

6. A club is not entitled to be registered as a community amateur sports club under section 658 of CTA 2010 if it receives membership fees exceeding £1,612 in respect of any member in respect of any year.

Apportionment of limits in regulations 5(1) and 6

7.—(1) Where—

(a) the membership fees charged by the club vary by reference to duration of the membership, or

(b) the club offers memberships for periods of greater or less than one year,

the limits specified in regulations 5(1) (costs associated with membership of a club) and 6 (limit on membership fees) are proportionately reduced or increased accordingly.

(2) If a club chooses to reduce the participation threshold (see regulation 19), the limits specified in regulations 5(1) (costs associated with membership of a club) and 6 (limit on membership fees) are proportionally reduced by reference to the number of weeks the club is open.

Membership fees

8.—(1) “Membership fees” means—

(a) any joining fees, and

(b) any supplementary fees, subscriptions or other costs,

charged by the club as a condition of membership.

(2) In calculating the costs associated with membership—

- (a) where a club charges a membership fee which relates to more than one member, that fee is to be divided the number of members to which it relates, and
- (b) where a club charges membership fees which vary, whether by reference to the duration of the membership or otherwise, the highest fee is to be used.

Sporting activity costs

9.—(1) “Sporting activity costs”, for a year, means charges, fees or other costs that a member would be required to pay or incur to participate fully in the club’s activities for the year (other than membership fees).

(2) Sporting activity costs include, in particular—

- (a) any fee that a member is required to pay to use the club’s facilities for the purpose of playing an eligible sport;
- (b) any fee charged to play an eligible sport in a match;
- (c) any fee charged by the club for the use of specialist equipment required to play an eligible sport;
- (d) where it is not provided free of charge—
 - (i) the cost of hiring or purchasing any specialist equipment required to play an eligible sport; and
 - (ii) the cost of hiring or purchasing any clothing required by the club to play an eligible sport; and
- (e) the cost of insurance cover required by the club to play an eligible sport.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(c) and (d)(i) specialist equipment includes equipment required for the purposes of health and safety.

(4) Sporting activity costs paid or incurred—

- (a) under paragraph (2)(a), (b) or (c); and
- (b) where equipment is hired rather than purchased, under paragraph (2)(d),

are calculated by reference to a member participating fully in the club’s activities.

(5) For the purposes of this regulation, a member is not to be treated as participating fully in the club’s activities unless the member has the opportunity to participate—

- (a) where a club chooses to apportion the participation threshold in accordance with regulation 19(1) (apportionment of days of participation: seasonal sports), on at least one occasion in each week the club is open; or
- (b) where a club chooses not to apportion the participation threshold in accordance with regulation 19(1), on at least 52 occasions.