



## **2019** MEMBERSHIP FEES

## ABOUT HERTS BASEBALL CLUB

Herts Baseball Club is one of the largest baseball organisations in Great Britain. The club comprises adult and youth baseball and softball teams playing in the various league tiers of the British Baseball Federation, British Softball Federation and Little League Baseball Inc.

Substantial investment in the expansion and upgrade of Grovehill Ballpark, with support from the National Lottery, Sport England, BSUK, Dacorum Borough Council and other organisations, partners and club members, has made it one of the best baseball venues in the country.

Herts is the host of some of the largest baseball events in the UK including the BBF National Baseball Championships, Herts Spring League, Herts Futures Tournament, Hunlock Series and others.

## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

### ADULT BASEBALL CATEGORIES *(must be 14 or over on 31 March 2019)*

- National Baseball League (NBL)
- Triple-A League
- Double-A League
- Single-A League
- Non-Roster members (training sessions and tournaments only, not eligible for league play)<sup>1</sup>

### ADULT SOFTBALL CATEGORIES *(must be 14 or over on 31 December 2018)*

- Adult Softball

### YOUTH BASEBALL CATEGORIES

- U18 Baseball – ages 15 to 17 on 1 May 2019
- U15 Baseball – ages 13 to 14 on 1 May 2019
- U13 Baseball – ages 11 to 12 on 1 May 2019
- U11 Baseball – ages 8 to 10 on 1 May 2019
- U8 Baseball – ages 4 to 7 on 1 May 2019

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

All of the membership categories listed above have full voting rights at general meetings (subject to being 14 or over on 31 December 2019). By registering as a member you agree to abide by the [Club's Constitution](#), Terms and Conditions of Membership for [Adult](#) and [Youth](#) Members, [Online Clubhouse Terms of Use](#), and applicable club and league [codes of conduct](#).

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<sup>1</sup> Non-Roster Members are not rostered with the Herts adult league teams therefore this membership is not suitable if you are interested in league play. However, Non-Roster membership entitles you to take part in all Herts training sessions for adult members as well as other selected competitions/events such as the Hunlock Series and the Herts Spring League.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

The 2019 membership fees for the different categories are listed below. As in previous years, we are running a tiered membership fee structure to reflect the costs of running the different teams. The fees cover the costs of BBF, BSF and Little League Inc. affiliation, civil liability cover and personal accident insurance, ground lease and maintenance, team equipment (bats, balls, helmets, catchers' gear, etc), umpiring fees, team and administrative staff costs, hire of external venues and other costs of running the respective teams.<sup>2</sup>

### ADULT MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	FULL FEES	STUDENT
<b>ADULT BASEBALL MEMBERS</b>		
National Baseball League (NBL) <sup>3</sup>	£204.00	£102.00
Triple-A League	£149.00	£74.50
Double-A League	£139.00	£69.50
Single-A League	£129.00	£64.50
Non-Roster Members	£30.00	
<b>ADULT SOFTBALL MEMBERS</b>		
Adult Softball <sup>4</sup>	£50.00	£30.00

### YOUTH MEMBERS<sup>5</sup>

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	NW LONDON
<b>YOUTH BASEBALL MEMBERS</b>		
U18 Baseball (ages 15 to 17 on 1 May 2019)	£79.00	£79.00
U15 Baseball (ages 13 to 14 on 1 May 2019)	£105.00	£69.00
U13 Baseball (ages 11 to 12 on 1 May 2019)	£95.00	£59.00
U11 (Player-Pitch) Baseball (ages 8 to 10 on 1 May 2019)	£85.00	£49.00
U11 (Coach-Pitch) Baseball (ages 8 to 10 on 1 May 2019)	£55.00	£49.00
U8 Baseball (ages 4 to 7 on 1 May 2019)	£26.00	£20.00

Full-time students who are members of the adult league teams are entitled to a student discount and their discounted fees are shown in the "Student" column above.

<sup>2</sup> Unlike some previous years, in 2019 members will not have to pay the separate Spring Training venue entry fees which were around £4 per session. Venue hire costs will instead be covered by the club and members will have free entry to these events. If you attend all indoor sessions this Spring, you would be saving around £32 and therefore, when compared like-for-like, the 2019 membership fees are considerably lower than in previous years and represent great value for money.

<sup>3</sup> By virtue of finishing as a Runner-up in 2018, the Herts Falcons qualified to play in the European Federations Cup in 2019. The competition requires the team to wear an away uniform, where necessary. To cover the costs of supplying an away jersey to NBL players, the NBL membership fee has been increased slightly.

<sup>4</sup> Compared to 2017 the Softball membership fee has been reduced significantly because play in the big tournaments will be on a Pay-As-You-Go basis. Herts Softball members will enjoy discounted Pay-As-You-Go entry fees to these tournaments of around £10 per tournament compared to non-members whose fee will be around £15 per tournament.

<sup>5</sup> Youth membership fees in NW London are lower as that branch operates with a different cost structure.

A member who plays for a youth league team and an adult league team would pay the fees applicable for each team. For example, a full-time student who plays with the Herts U15 team and the Herts Adult Single-A team would pay the U15 fee of £69 plus Adult Single-A Student's fee of £64.50 which is a total of £133.50.

For members who change team roster during the season e.g. from Single-A to Double-A, the fees due will be based on the team which has been their primary team over the course of the season.

The membership fees for members who join the club partway through the season will be reduced on a pro-rata basis. For example, for a player who joins with 30% of the regular league season remaining, their membership fee would be 30% of the amount shown in the table above.

Players purchase their own uniform items (jersey, pants, baseball cap, belt) separately i.e. uniform is not included in the membership fees. If you wish to purchase uniform or other items please [contact us](#).

## HOW TO PAY

### DIRECT DEBIT

Our members pay membership fees by Direct Debit. Using direct debit simplifies our administration, reduces our costs, and enables us to offer flexible payment arrangements. Our Direct Debit service provider is [GoCardless](#) whose customers include Virgin, Thomas Cook, The Guardian, HM Government and 30,000+ other organisations around the UK and Europe.



If you have not already completed a Direct Debit authorisation form, after you register online as a Club member, you will receive an email from GoCardless. Please click on the link in that email and follow the instructions to authorise the Direct Debit mandate.

Your membership fee will be paid in two direct debit payments as follows:

- First instalment on or around 3 June equal to half of your membership fee
- Second instalment on or around 1 July equal to half of your membership fee

If your account balance is £30 or lower, it will be paid in one Direct Debit payment on or around 3 June.

Your payments to Herts Baseball Club are protected by the [Direct Debit Guarantee](#). In particular, you will receive an email notification three days prior to any payment, and if you believe a payment has been taken in error, you can request an immediate refund.

Direct Debits must be maintained throughout the season until 31 October otherwise the £10 surcharge applicable to other payment methods will apply.

If you have any questions about Direct Debit or membership fees in general, please [contact us](#).

### **OTHER PAYMENT METHODS**

If you wish to pay using a different method, please [contact us](#). Please note that a £10 surcharge applies to payments made other than by Direct Debit, and the full amount will be due at the time of registration.

### **CANCELLATION AND REFUND**

If you cancel your membership, the membership fee is **not** refundable.

### **LATE PAYMENT CHARGE**

If a payment is not received on time, the Club reserves the right to apply a late payment charge of £10 per month to that member's account until the outstanding balance is paid in full.

### **SUSPENSION FOR FAILURE TO PAY**

A member who fails to make payment on time due to failure to maintain Direct Debits or for other reasons, will be suspended and will be ineligible to play until payment arrangements are made.

### **PAYMENT DIFFICULTIES**

If you expect that you will not be able to make payment on time (e.g. due to cash flow or other difficulties), please contact the club to agree a suitable payment plan. The Club does not want membership fees to be a barrier to anyone playing and enjoying baseball and softball. In particular, no youth player will be turned away for financial reasons. If you are a youth member and would like to apply for assistance with fees, please [contact us](#).

### **CONTACT US**

If you have any questions or require assistance, please [contact us](#).