



# 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 teams playing in the various league tiers of the British Baseball 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.

In 2019 the Club expanded into North West London with the opening of Basing Hill Ballpark.

Herts has hosted some of the largest baseball events in the UK including the BBF National Baseball Championships, Great Britain National Team events, Herts Spring League, Herts Futures Tournament and others.

### **MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

**ADULT BASEBALL CATEGORIES** (must be 14 or over on 31 March 2020)

- 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>

#### YOUTH BASEBALL CATEGORIES

Note: Youth baseball categories and membership fees are expected to be published in January 2020 at which point youth members can start to register for the 2020 season.

### 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 2020. By registering as a member you agree to abide by the <u>Club's Constitution</u>, Terms and Conditions of Membership for <u>Adult</u> and <u>Youth</u> Members, <u>Online Clubhouse Terms of Use</u>, and applicable club and league <u>codes of conduct</u>.

#### **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

The 2020 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 and Little League affiliation, civil liability cover and personal accident insurance, ground lease and maintenance, team equipment (bats, balls, helmets,

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

catchers' gear, etc), umpiring fees, team and administrative staff costs, hire of external venues and other costs of running the respective teams.

# **ADULT MEMBERS**

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	FULL FEES	STUDENT
ADULT BASEBALL MEMBERS		
National Baseball League (NBL)	£209.00	£104.50
Triple-A League	£154.00	£77.00
Double-A League	£139.00	£69.50
Single-A League	£129.00	£64.50
Non-Roster Members	£30.00	

## **YOUTH MEMBERS**

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	NW LONDON
YOUTH BASEBALL MEMBERS		
U18 Baseball (ages 15 to 17 on 1 May 2020)	TBC in Jan 2020	TBC in Jan 2020
U15 Baseball (ages 13 to 14 on 1 May 2020)	TBC in Jan 2020	TBC in Jan 2020
U13 Baseball (ages 11 to 12 on 1 May 2020)	TBC in Jan 2020	TBC in Jan 2020
U11 Baseball (ages 8 to 10 on 1 May 2020)	TBC in Jan 2020	TBC in Jan 2020
U8 Baseball (ages 4 to 7 on 1 May 2019)	TBC in Jan 2020	TBC in Jan 2020

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.

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.

#### **UNIFORM**

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 <u>GoCardless</u> 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 1 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 1 June.

Your payments to Herts Baseball Club are protected by the <u>Direct Debit Guarantee</u>. 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, instead of Direct Debit, you wish to pay by bank transfer, the full amount will be due at the time of registration. If you choose to pay by bank transfer and we don't receive full payment within 14 days of your registration, a £10 administrative surcharge will be billed automatically to your account.

#### **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 from the month it became due 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. 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 <u>contact us</u>.

# **CONTACT US**

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact us.