



2021 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 2021)*

- 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)¹

YOUTH BASEBALL CATEGORIES

- U15 Baseball – ages 13 to 14 on 31 August 2021
- U13 Baseball – ages 11 to 12 on 31 August 2021
- U11 Baseball – ages 6 to 10 on 31 August 2021

Note: U18 Baseball is not listed in the youth membership categories as that age group will be playing their season in the senior leagues, therefore U18 players should register as Adult members. The club may still enter an U18 or U17 team in the Youth National Championships and/or the UK and European Little League Qualifiers and players will be informed of the one-off entry fee to enter those competitions.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

By registering as a member you agree to abide by the [Club's Constitution](#), Terms and Conditions of Membership for [Adult](#) and [Youth](#) Members, [Covid Disclaimer Terms and Conditions](#), [Online Clubhouse Terms of Use](#), and applicable club and league [codes of conduct](#).

All of the membership categories listed above have full voting rights at general meetings, subject to being 14 years of age or over.

¹ 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 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 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.

COVID-19

In July 2020, the UK government approved a Covid-secure protocol to allow baseball games to be played. Despite this, some events may be affected if the government imposes stricter Covid restrictions in which case the club will do its best to minimize its own costs related to affected events in an effort to reduce membership fees as much as possible. For example, when the 2020 league season was scaled down, membership fees were reduced to £20 for adult league play. In view of the effect of Covid-19 on the economy and on the finances of many families, the club has already reduced its 2021 membership fees by removing many peripheral costs and focusing spending on the core elements of the membership packages.

ADULT MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	FULL FEES	CONCESSIONARY DISCOUNT
ADULT BASEBALL		
National Baseball League (NBL)	£209.00	20%
Triple-A League	£139.00	20%
Double-A League	£119.00	20%
Single-A League	£114.00	20%
Non-Roster Members	£30.00	

The **20% Concessionary Discount** will be applied to club members of the adult teams who are full-time students or those on Universal Credit. Appropriate evidence will be required.

YOUTH MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	FULL FEES	CONCESSIONARY DISCOUNT
YOUTH BASEBALL MEMBERS		
U15 Baseball (ages 13 to 14 on 31 August 2021)	£59.00	50%
U13 Baseball (ages 11 to 12 on 31 August 2021)	£59.00	50%
U11 Baseball (ages 6 to 10 on 31 August 2021)	£49.00	50%

The **50% Concessionary Discount** will be applied to club members of the youth teams whose parents are on Universal Credit. Appropriate evidence will be required.

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.

Youth membership fees do not include entry in the UK and European Little League Qualifiers. When the entry and other costs are announced, players participating in that competition will be informed of the separate fee which would be payable.

UNIFORM

Uniform is not included in the membership fees. Players purchase their own uniform including jersey, pants, baseball cap, belt. If you require more information about purchasing uniform 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 in April equal to half of your membership fee
- Second instalment in June equal to half of your membership fee

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

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, instead of Direct Debit, you wish to pay by bank transfer [please contact us](#). 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.

CONTACT US

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