

Gravesham Girls & Ladies Football Club

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RE: Training and Match fees

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I am sorry to inform you that for the coming 2011/12 season our training and match fees will need to be increased, however I am pleased to confirm that our signing on fee will remain the same as last year.

Below I hope to layout the new cost clearly for you and explain why this has to happen.

Training fees:

All Squads	£2 per session
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For the last 11 seasons we have kept our training fees at £1, but because we have had to find alternative training facilities our training fees have had to increase to accommodate the additional cost of hiring Swan Valley for the foreseeable future. To hire this facility it will cost us £80 a week, we will probably be making a small loss each week but the deficit will be considerably less than if we charge £1 per play per session. We are continuing to look for alternative cheaper locations to train and we see this as a temporary stop gap to allow us to continue training.

Match fees:

U10s + U11s	£2 per game
U12s + U13s + U14s + U15s	£3 per game
Ladies	£4 per game

From the table above you will see we have raised prices across all teams but with a new structure in place. The costs of all pitches have risen and it has been decided that the fairest way to cover this cost is on pitch size. The smaller the pitch the cheaper it is and the bigger the pitch the more expensive, the match fees must also cover the cost of match officials.

For those of you at the AGM you will know we have a healthy bank balance and you may be wondering why we are not eating into this to cover the extra cost. The committee are of the opinion that due to the uncertainty of where we will finally end up playing it would be best to keep this in reserve. Ideally we would love to be in a position to invest in a piece of land and develop this into our home ground but this will not be possible in the foreseeable future. Moving from NTC has not been cheap, to move the container to a new location will cost up to £500, it is quite possible we will need a new larger container as we have lost storage at NTC and this could cost up to £1800 + VAT. In addition to this there is the loss of income from the tea bar which was generating approx. £1500 each season. The club also has to invest in new training equipment, especially samba goals which will take up less storage space as we were unable to bring our old metal 5-a-side goals with us. On a positive note we may well have an extra squad this coming season so a new kit will be required if no sponsor can be found. Plus we need to replace items of kit from the past season.

I hope you understand the need for the increases, but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in football,
Steve Piper
Chairman



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