

Graces Cricket Club – Financial Inclusion Guidance

Graces Cricket Club is committed to enabling all members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies to participate in cricket in an inclusive and welcoming environment. We recognise that cricket can be an expensive sport with considerable costs for equipment, membership and match fees. As a club we aim to keep costs to a minimum, yet despite this, costs can be prohibitive for some people. We have received funding to help ensure that financial barriers to participation are minimised or removed completely. This guidance sets out the eligibility criteria for the funding, including how people can apply.

Eligibility

Funding for membership fees is available for all members as well as prospective members of the club.

Applicants must be members of the club in order to access funding for match fees, travel support or equipment costs.

Scope

Exceptions may apply on a case-by-case basis, but funding is primarily available to cover the following:

- **Membership and match fees:** Fees for both membership and matches can be waived if members (or potential members in the case of membership fees) provide a financial barrier to participation. These can be applied for on an annual or match-by-match basis, as appropriate.
- **Kit costs:** The club seeks to provide one article of club kit/clothing per year as part of someone joining club. Equipment can be provided under this scheme.
- **Travel costs:** Travel costs to and from matches and training can be supported. Applicants should apply for realistic travel cost funds up to the maximum amounts outlined below:
 - £25 per match for petrol
 - £35 per match for public transport

Policy agreed in March 2023 - to be reviewed annually



How to apply

Members and prospective members should apply using the form below. Please fill out as much detail as possible. Completed forms should be marked as confidential and sent to the Chair of the club at leoskyner@hotmail.com

Member name:

Contact email and phone number:

Funding applied for (delete as appropriate): Fee waiver / Personal equipment / Travel

Details of funding needed:

Graces use

Decision: Approved / not approved **Notes:**

Bank details / Order details (if applicable):



Application number and date (n/dd/mm/yyyy):