



May 2024

Dear Corinthians family

Firstly, thanks to everyone for their support and participation during the 2023-24 Season, which (despite rain cancellations and postponements) has been really busy. It's been great to see all the new teams bed in this season – thank you to all our managers and coaches for the time and effort they put into encouraging and supporting their teams.

We'd also like to say a really big thank you to our sponsors this season, it's been fantastic to see all the new training and match day kits in action. The new kit provider has been high quality and the kits still look fantastic, and so we will NOT be replacing these this year, which gives our sponsors a 2<sup>nd</sup> year of visibility which increases the value to them, and will help next year when we go into a refresh cycle.

As a committee we are already preparing for the 2024-25 Season, and this letter is to communicate on the Subscriptions for next season. As a club we are very conscious of the current challenges for everyone financially, and we do try to keep everything as affordable as possible.

### **Fees for 2024-25**

We have been crunching the figures and we're really pleased to let you know that we are able to hold Subscriptions at the same level as 2023-24.

<b>Age Group for 24-25</b>	<b>Season 23-24 Subs</b>	<b>24-25 Subs</b>	<b>Increase %</b>
U7-U12	£150	£150	0
U14-U16	£190	£190	0
U18	£210	£210	0

Please note, we will maintain the club rule that younger siblings receive a 50% discount to their fees.

### **What will the players get for these fees?**

We are experiencing average rises of around 5% for next year from various suppliers – for instance, the ground rental at Tilsworth and the training facilities at Vandyke (where, even as a “partner status” club, we are seeing a 4% rise in costs). Also, the cost of training equipment (balls, cones, etc.) continues to increase (we've seen a c.6% increase this season).

So, just a reminder of what your subscription covers:

**Training:** On the Vandyke astro from Sept through to May, June-August at Tilsworth, at your manager's discretion.

**Equipment:** balls, bibs, cones, first aid kits, linesman flags, etc.

**Match Day:** As well as the training sessions, we also need to pay for the hire of the pitches at Tilsworth, goals, nets, pitch marking, referees, etc. This is all covered in the annual fees, with the exception of referees for friendlies where we do ask that volunteers ref, or the team pays for the ref.

**League Fees / CRB Checks / Manager Qualifications / Insurances:** These are all examples of the administrative and obligatory charges that go with running a team.



## **What we won't be spending money on in 2024-25**

**Playing and Training Kit:** As you know we invested heavily in new playing and training kits and Club sweatshirts this year, and this meant that for a 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive season we ran at a (forecast) budget deficit. This cannot continue, and this is in line with our intention to get a 2<sup>nd</sup> season out of the existing kits, and to not replace them in 2024-25, and only have new kit for new players joining the club. We hope you agree, that for sustainability and affordability reasons, this makes sense.

## **How can I pay?**

As previous seasons, we do ask that you support the club by adhering to the payment schedules outlined below. Please remember that many of the costs (kit, equipment, registrations, etc.) are paid before the season even starts and that is the reason for the initial registration costs, and importance that the payment schedules are observed. If you want to pay in full ahead of this schedule, this is also OK (and appreciated!).

Age Group for 24-25	2024-25 Annual Fees	Registration due 1 <sup>st</sup> July	1st Payment due 15 <sup>th</sup> August	2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment due 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Final Payment due 15 <sup>th</sup> October
U7-U12	£150	£75.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00
U14-U16	£190	£100.00	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00
U18	£210	£105.00	£35.00	£35.00	£35.00

Note: Registration are based on roughly 50% and then three Equal payments for Aug / Sept / Oct to be clear by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 months away from Christmas. Adhering to these helps club and parents.

## **Club Tournament June 1st**

Just a reminder that it is the end of season club tournament and presentation day on June 1<sup>st</sup> – you can fill in the online entry form [here](https://www.leightoncorinthians.co.uk/2024-tournament-presentation) (<https://www.leightoncorinthians.co.uk/2024-tournament-presentation>) . **Please make your payment of £3 per player to your team manager.** We look forward to seeing you that afternoon and early evening.

## **AGM – June 23rd**

Our club runs on volunteers' time, and we really need people to keep the club running – including a Chairman, a Treasurer and a Child Welfare Office for the 24-25 season. As the club increases the number of teams we run, in certain roles (for instance, welfare) we will need at least 2 people to meet FA requirements. Please come along to the AGM on June 23<sup>rd</sup> (time TBC) to find out more and offer your time.

Finally, as a heads-up, 2025 will be the Club's **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**. We want to mark this occasion with some special events, and we will be looking for volunteers from each team to ensure that this is celebrated across all teams in the club, and to help with ideas and execution for events around the anniversary – watch this space.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. If you have any questions, please ask your manager or anyone on the committee.

Thanks

Leighton Corinthians Committee