

## **FAQs about GWRFC's New Look Membership Categories**

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of Greenock Wanderers. This year our membership offering has been re-branded to better suit the needs of everyone that is now part of our club and to tackle some historic issues we have had with the collection of membership and match fees. With the membership having expanded so much over the last 4 years, it is important for us to make sure that our membership offerings are both suitable for all of our different members but also financially sustainable against the rising costs of providing rugby, maintaining our clubhouse and offering the experience that we do at GWRFC.

Moving forward there will be 5 main Membership Categories:-

1. Senior Player
2. Junior Player
3. Ordinary Member
4. Life Member / Honorary Life Member
5. Associate Member

This document will explain what is included in each category, the membership benefits you receive and how much each type of membership costs.

### **1. Senior Players**

The Senior Player Membership Category is designed for anyone who wishes to train and/or play rugby for the Club over the age of 18. This entitles the member to the following benefits:-

#### **Senior Player (age 21 and above)**

- Full Member of the Club holding Voting Rights at Club General Meetings
- Can be involved in the Management of the Club
- Full Access to Clubhouse
- Access to Training & Playing Facilities including Winter Pitch Hire
- Post-Match Catering included (previously known as "Match Fees")
- Your choice of Free Senior Player Kit Item (see separate note)
- Use of Club Physiotherapist
- Use of Club Ice Bath
- Use of Players Gym and Free Personal Fob to Access the gym out of hours
- Recordings of Matches where Veo cams are available.
- Free Hall Hire for personal events, discounted Hall Hire for friends & family.
- Access to Club Allocated International Tickets for Scotland Matches.
- Club Membership Card entitling you to any Members-Only Discounts.

**Cost per Month: £25**

**Senior Player (aged 18 - 20, or a registered full-time Student)**

- Full Member of the Club holding Voting Rights at Club General Meetings
- Can be involved in the Management of the Club
- Full Access to Clubhouse
- Access to Training & Playing Facilities including Winter Pitch Hire
- Your choice of Free Senior Player Kit Item (see separate note)
- Use of Club Physiotherapist
- Use of Club Ice Bath
- Use of Players Gym and Personal Fob to Access out of hours
- Recordings of Matches where Veo cams are available.
- Free Hall Hire for personal events, discounted Hall Hire for friends & family.
- Access to Club Allocated International Tickets for Scotland Matches.
- Membership Card entitling you to any Members-Only Discounts.
- 18th & 21st Birthday Parties can be booked by those holding a Playing Membership (usual rules permitting).

**Cost per Month: £21**

### **Exceptions / Discounts Offered on Senior Player Membership**

1. **Casual Players.** Where a member wishes to train casually with a team and play on only casual occasions such as Old Crock games, Boxing Day games, friendlies, or in less than 3 games per season, they will be entitled to a discounted cost. If the player plays in 3 or more games a season they will require to pay the full Senior Membership Cost. For Casual Players a £5 Match Fee will be charged per game played to cover post-match catering costs and strip laundry. Casual Players are not entitled to the free Kit Item included in the cost of full membership.

**Cost per Month: £17**

2. **Long-Term Injured Players.** Where a member who is a paying Senior Playing Member at the time of their long-term injury (defined as an injury which the Club Physiotherapist expects will keep the player out of the game for 6 weeks or longer), they will be entitled to retain all the benefits of a Senior Player membership but will have their membership fees discounted to reflect the fact that they cannot train or play in games. The discounted monthly figure will continue until such time as the player has been cleared by the Club Physiotherapist to train with their team and play in games, after which time the usual membership fee will be due.

**Cost per Month: £14**

3. **Maternity Policy.** Where a member who is a paying Senior Playing Member at the time find out that they are expecting, the Maternity Policy will apply and that player will be entitled to retain all the benefits of a Senior Player membership but will have their membership fee discounted to reflect the fact that they cannot train or play in games. This will continue until such time as the player has been cleared by the Club Physiotherapist to play in Games, after which time their normal subscription will be payable.

**Cost per Month: £0 whilst pregnant and up to 3 months post-partum. Thereafter payment will be £12.50 per month whilst on maternity leave and not playing in games. Once player has returned to playing games the normal subscription will apply.**

- 4. Social Membership for Partners & Spouses.** Paid up Senior Players can add Social Membership (see below for benefits) of the Club for their Spouses or Partners for a discounted cost.

**Cost per month: £2**

## **2. Junior Players**

The Junior Player Membership Category is designed for anyone under the age of 18 who wishes to train and/or play rugby for the Club. This entitles the member to the following benefits:-

### **1. Midis Players (S1 - S6)**

- Free Team Hoodie
- Post-Match Catering included (previously known as “Match Fees”)
- Training & Playing Facilities & Equipment, including Winter Pitch Hire
- Includes Free Attendance at the following event each year:
  - Pre-Season Teambuilding Day (in 2025 this will be Saturday 16th August)
  - Christmas Treat
  - End of Season Awards Night
- Subsidised Transport to Away Games (distance restrictions apply)
- Access to Club Gym at dedicated times for their age bracket
- Access to Clubhouse
- 18th Birthday parties can be booked only for our own Midis Players.

**Cost per Month: £20**

### **2. Minis Players (P4 - P7)**

- Free Team Hoodie
- Free Playing Shirt to keep, which can be personalised with name/number at Smiths in Greenock.
- Post-Match Catering included (previously known as “Match Fees”)
- Training & Playing Facilities including Winter Pitch Hire
- Includes Free Attendance at the following event each year:
  - Pre-Season Teambuilding Day (in 2025 this will be Saturday 16th August)
  - Christmas Treat
  - End of Season Awards Night
- Access to Clubhouse

**Cost per Month: £20**

### **3. Micros Players (P1 - P3)**

- Free Team Hoodie
- Training & Playing Facilities including Winter Hall Hire
- Includes Free Attendance at the following event each year:
  - i. Pre-Season Teambuilding Day (in 2025 this will be Saturday 16th August)
  - ii. Christmas Treat
  - iii. End of Season Awards
- Access to Clubhouse

Please note that the cost for Micros does not include a playing shirt, but this can be purchased separately for £22 if one is desired. Alternatively, why not purchase a second hand top from our kit store for £10.

**Cost per Month: £13**

### **Exceptions / Discounts**

**1. Wee Wandies.** Wee Wandies (nursery age children) will remain Free to all but does not come with any club membership benefits.

### **2. Family Discounts.**

In lieu of the previous Family Membership, we will now offer discounts for Families with Multiple Children Playing at the club as follows:

1. The First Additional Child will receive a 25% discount on fees due
2. Any further Additional Children will receive a 50% discount on fees due.
3. Any children of an active Senior Player who is paying a Senior Playing subscription will be entitled to a 50% discount on fees due.
4. Any children of an active Coach who is paying a Coaches Membership subscription will be entitled to a 50% discount on fees due.
5. Non-Playing Adults can add Social Membership for themselves for **£2 per adult per month.**

The appendix attached has examples of multiple discounts being applied - please speak to your Team Coach or the Subscriptions Convenor to confirm your total due.

### **Ordinary Memberships**

Ordinary Memberships entitle the holder to be a member of the club and they hold full voting rights and can be involved in Managing the Club / Hold Committee Roles. This membership Includes:

- Full Voting Rights at Club General Meetings
- Can be involved in the Management of the Club and Volunteering Roles.
- Access to Clubhouse & Bar

- Free Hall Hire for personal events, discounted Hall Hire for friends & family.
- Access to Club Allocated International Tickets for Scotland Matches.
- Membership Card entitling you to any Members-Only Discounts.

**Cost per Month: £14**

### **Exceptions / Discounts**

We offer a discount on the subscription due for Ordinary Members who are actively fulfilling a Coaching or Match Official role. Please note this only applies to those with Ordinary Membership.

**Cost per Month: £10**

### **Associate Memberships**

Associate Memberships entitle the holder to “house access” only of the Clubhouse/Bar and a Club Membership Card for Membership Discounts, but they cannot be involved in the management of the club and do not hold voting rights. Those entitled to hold Associate Membership include:

- **Associate Members** - Membership provided as part of certain sponsorship packages or as a member of an Associate Club.
- **Country Member** - Membership provided to those who do not live in Scotland.
- **Social Member** - Membership provided to those who wish to access the club only for the Bar and Social events and Membership Discounts. Social Membership can be added to certain categories of full membership as above at a discounted cost.

**Cost per Month: £10**

### **Life Memberships**

Life Memberships are provided to those who have paid 20 years consecutive membership as a Senior Playing Member or Ordinary Member. This is offered at a discount in recognition of many years support of the club.

Honorary Life Memberships are provided free of charge to those who the membership decide should be recognised for their contributions to the club or the game of rugby.

Life membership retains the full rights of an Ordinary Member. Honorary Life Memberships retain the full rights of an Associate Member.

**Cost per Month: £9**

### **Timings**

All subs must be paid by 1st August 2025. For those paying by Direct Debit this must be paid by the 1st of each month. The final payment will be made on 1st July 2026.

You can order your kit which is included in your membership once your first monthly payment has been made.

For Junior Members, a unique code to order your preferred size of Hoodie will be e-mailed to their responsible adult upon confirmation of the first payment being made. You can then use this code to place an order for your hoodie at Logo'd in Greenock. Playing tops will be available to choose and take away on the 16th of August at the Season Opening Party.

For Senior Players, a form to select your kit items, key fobs and membership cards will be sent to you by your Team Captain to place your order. Playing Tops and any available kit items can be sized / collected at the Season Opening Day on 16th August 2025.

We are hoping to set up a payment system on the Club Website - please keep an eye out for details.

We thank you again for your support of our club! We hope that this change will allow the club to:

- Ensure all memberships are paid and allow us to track this more efficiently
- Prevent the need to constantly ask players and parents to pay more money for things like match fees, kit and tickets for events.
- Ensure all players at GWRFC feel part of their team and benefit from the bulk-buy abilities available with the inclusion of some club kit in all player packages.
- Ensure our rugby provision is financially sustainable and allow us to continue to hire all weather parks for training during the winter months
- Allow us to continue to upkeep and provide our amazing clubhouse and grounds for everyone to use for as long as possible throughout the year.

Without us all playing our part in the financing of the club we simply could not afford to offer any of the opportunities that we do for our players and members so we are grateful to all of our members - players, parents or ordinary members - who help us to do this.

**Important - Please note that we continue to have our Scholarship Fund available to anyone who genuinely needs financial support and will struggle to pay subscription fees and buy kit. Please reach out to us if this is the case for you, someone you know or a child playing in one of your teams. This is confidential, discreet and intended to make rugby financially accessible for all.**

Thank you!

GWRFC Management Committee

## **Appendix 1: Example Calculations for Family Discounts**

To access Family Discounts please email [membership@gwrfc.com](mailto:membership@gwrfc.com) and tell us who in your family requires which membership and we will confirm your monthly amount due. As the primary person on the membership you are responsible for payment of the full sum due.

### **Example 1: Senior Player with two playing children (one Midi, one Mini) and adding a Spouse for Social Membership**

Senior Player: £25

Child 1 (Midi with 50% discount for child of senior player): £10

Child 3 (Mini with 50% discount for child of senior player): £10

Spouse Social Membership: £2

Total monthly payment: £47

### **Example 2: Junior Player (Midi), Junior Player (Micro) and adding 2 parents as Social Members**

Junior Player (Midi): £20

Junior Player (Micro with 25% discount for second child): £9.75

2 x Parent Social Members: £4

Total monthly payment: £33.75

### **Example 3: 3 Junior Players - one Midi, one Mini and one Micro with no parents included**

Junior Player 1 (Midi): £20

Junior Player 2 (Mini with 25% discount for second child): £15

Junior Player 3 (Micro with 50% discount for third child): £6.50

Total monthly payment: £41.50

### **Example 4: Senior Player, adding a Spouse or Partner for Social Membership**

Senior Player: £25

Spouse/Partner Social Membership: £2

Total monthly payment: £27