

Swansea Harriers Annual General Meeting 29.1.26

Agenda Item 9:

Proposed Increases to Membership Fees

The Trustees have been considering an appropriate membership fee increase for 2026-27 given Welsh Athletics membership registration fee will increase in April 2026 to £25 Seniors & £15 Juniors (£1 increase) and the club affiliation fee has changed from a flat rate £150 per year to £100 flat rate plus £1 for each member, which effectively is a further £1 increase on the Welsh Athletics membership fees.

In addition, the club wants to move away from charging athletes for coach travel to matches (£5) and overnight match stays (£20 contribution). This is in addition to the club already covering athletes match fees, entry to the Welsh Cross Country Championships and Welsh and UK Road Relay Championships. To achieve this there is an inevitable cost and it is proposed to cover this cost through a membership fee increase.

It is calculated that to cover the increased Welsh Athletic fee charges (effectively £2 per athlete) and to eliminate match coach travel and hotel costs to athletes that a total membership fee increase of £10 is needed. It is proposed that this increase is spread over two years, so for 2026/27 it is £5 and for 2027/28 a further £5.

It is thus proposed to increase our fees for **seniors by £5 from £55 to £60 and £5 for juniors from £45 to £50 (including the Welsh Athletics registration and affiliation fee) for 2026/27 with a further similar increase in 2027/28**. We consider these remain competitive fees in relation to other sports and reflect the increasing financial demands of competing in local and national junior and senior competitions and helps ensure athletes who compete for the club have their costs covered.

