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St Albans RFC – Rugby Club Membership Information for Season 2020-2021

St Albans RFC is an amateur rugby club for the use of its members, therefore, we actively encourage all who attend the club on a regular basis to respect this status and subscribe to our membership requirements to help support our Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC).

The details for rugby club membership (including non-playing rugby club affiliation) are highlighted below.

To apply for any of our membership plans please contact: John Martin (Non-playing) or Paul Mather (Players).

Application for Membership

By applying to become a member of St Albans Rugby Union Football Club you agree to abide by the terms of the club constitution as well as the regulations, core values and ethos of the Rugby Football Union. You also acknowledge that your personal details may be held electronically and used solely for the purposes of the management of St Albans Rugby Union Football Club. The membership year runs from 1st September to 31st August inclusive.

- Any existing member not commencing payment by the 1st September (S/O instalment payments) or 31st October (full subscription), or within 30 days of joining St Albans RUFC, shall be deemed a non-member and therefore unavailable for selection to play rugby for St Albans RUFC.
- Any member that pays by instalments and subsequently cancels that standing order will be deemed to have resigned from the Club and are therefore unavailable for selection to play rugby for St Albans RUFC.
- All rugby memberships will be payable by cash/card/cheque or standing order; only in rare circumstances will membership payments be accepted at the bar.
- Players who can only play a limited number of games throughout the season will pay a match fee of £5.00 to the team captain on match day
- Note that the monthly standing order payment scheme facilitates the spreading of the cost of annual membership and therefore needs to be paid for the full 12 months, even though the rugby season, and therefore the provision of rugby, is limited to the months of September to April inclusive. If any member who is paying their fee via this 12-monthly arrangement subsequently cancels their direct debit before full annual payment is made, they will be required to make good the shortfall prior to consideration of any subsequent membership application.



Financial Hardship

Here at the club we are always aware of the impact of the financial climate on our members. We would never want to turn people away from the club because the cost of membership is out of reach. If you think you may struggle to meet the cost of membership, please get in touch with our membership secretaries, who will be able to discuss alternative options with you in complete confidence.

Insurance (IMPORTANT)

Playing and coaching members of St Albans Rugby Union Football Club are covered by the Rugby Football Union's Compulsory Insurance Scheme. This scheme provides cover in the event of death from accidental bodily injury and permanent total disability while playing or training. Further details of the cover can be found at:

<http://www.englandrugbyinsurance.co.uk/personal-accident>

*The RFU Compulsory Scheme does **NOT** cover any injury other than an injury that causes permanent total disability. The Officers of St Albans RUFC encourages all players to take out insurance, at their own expense, to cover themselves for the cost of medical treatment for serious injuries and loss of earnings while injured (this is particularly appropriate for those who may be self-employed or do not have access to lengthy periods of employer-funded sick pay).*

There are several companies who offer this type of cover and their details can be found online or via an insurance broker. The annual premium is determined by the level of cover purchased and, often, can be paid in instalments. The policies offer the flexibility to balance the level of protection required against the premium that one wishes to pay. It is possible to find basic cover costing less than the price of two or three beers per month!

- Club coaches and match officials are covered by the RFU Club Match Officials & Coaches' Liability.*
- Club Administrators are covered by the RFU Insurance for Administrators.*

Why should you be a member of St Albans RUFC?

St Albans Rugby Club, as its name signifies, is a membership-based organisation. It is a local amateur sports club that exists primarily to provide facilities for the sport of rugby. The provision of these facilities cost money. Membership fees exist for all participants to pay towards the costs of providing rugby at St Albans Rugby Club. Members need to club together to reimburse the expenses of their collective rugby and social activities, whether playing, volunteering or spectating!

As the club also aspires to develop and grow their participants and facilities, this creates an additional need for financial profits over and above its operating costs. The social facilities exist to provide an environment to encourage and facilitate interaction and collaboration between participants to promote and enhance rugby. They also exist to provide the club with an additional revenue source, since the membership fees do not cover all the costs of providing and developing the sport. Other revenue streams include sponsorship, grants, donations, and the hiring of our facilities for non-rugby related activities; all of which are required, together with the membership income, to pay our operating costs and to provide profits to invest in the club's future development.



All players are required to contribute (in the form of subs) to support their activities associated with the club.

Others (VPs and social members) are more than welcome to make donation(s) to support the club's activities in its desire to make improvements to our community's physical and social health, wellbeing and overall functioning.

Membership gives you an opportunity to invest in our club personally; to enjoy being part of the organisation and the value it gives; to experience an increased sense of belonging and comradeship through the sport we love, in your local club.

St Albans RUFC (CASC) – Rugby Club Membership Benefits

	Senior Players	U18 Players	Non-Players
International Tickets (application via club ballot)	Yes	Yes (via parent)	Yes
Physiotherapy (training and match day)	Yes	Yes	Yes
RFU Insurance (see "Insurance")	Yes	Yes	X
Strength & Conditioning coaching (pre-season)	Yes	Yes	X
Eligibility to vote at the club AGM	Yes	Yes	Yes
Coaching at all levels	Yes	Yes	X
Usual rugby playing provisions	Yes	Yes	Yes
Food (training night and match day)	Yes	X	X
Hold a Club Officer role	Yes	X	Yes
Opportunity to become a club VP	Yes	X	Yes
Venue Hire Discount	Yes	Yes (via parent)	Yes

By becoming a member of St Albans RUFC, you are agreeing to receive mailings from the club. We will never disclose your information to any third party.

Membership Fees from 1st September 2020:

Membership	Annual Fee	Monthly Fee
Senior Male Player	£200.00	
Senior Male Player		£20.00
Student Player	£25.00	
Social Membership	£50.00	
VP Membership	Donation (minimum £50.00)	