

Dear Friends, Supporters, Members, Players, Coaches & Volunteers of Clifton Rugby Club,

As an Executive Committee we are constantly striving to improve the experience at Clifton Rugby for all our members – players, supporters and families.

Last season we brought the care of our grounds in-house and employed a head groundsman (long-term this will represent a cost saving to Club). However, we did have to invest in equipment rather than rely on an external contractor – this has reaped benefit already and last season we lost very few playing days to the weather.

In preparation for the 2019/20 season the entire Club grounds are undergoing an extensive program of refurbishment, which together with further work planned over the course of the coming season represents a considerable cost of around £20,000.

In another new development, at the request of our Minis' coaches, we provided hot food after training sessions and matches for all Minis' age groups. Next season this will be extended to include the Junior teams. This is an important part of our young players' overall personal and rugby development and compliments what we believe is the provision of one of the best youth rugby experiences in Bristol in terms of coaching and playing facilities.

Other improvements over the past season have included the £30,000 upgrading of floodlights on the shelf and the purchase of a Junior scrum machine for £1,500.

In the coming season the club are planning to invest £7,000 in the creation of a rugby gym in the Eastfield room, which will be accessible for junior players during supervised S&C sessions. The Rugby Committee are currently planning a schedule of position specific coaching sessions, bringing in professional resource where necessary.

For next season we've taken the decision to update our membership categories and the benefits that Club membership attracts. From September your membership will now entitle you to free entry\* to all 1st XV matches and a £5 discount\* on 1st XV prematch lunches (£20) regardless of whether you are a non-playing adult member or a family member (previously £5 entrance to the matches and no discount on lunches).

<sup>\*</sup>On production of valid membership card

Clearly, against a background of increasing costs and benefits and with no membership fee increase last season, the cost of membership for next season will increase.

With those additional benefits though we believe that all categories of Clifton RFC membership will continue to provide a first-class rugby experience.

For our family members this represents 34 weeks of first-class rugby provision at less than £4.50 per week; and remember the additional benefits that one or two parents/guardians can expect.

Clifton RFC Executive Committee, July 2019 membership@cliftonrugby.co.uk

## Clifton RFC Member Benefits 2019/20

- All grass pitches looked after by in-house dedicated groundskeeper
- More floodlit training pitches
- Hot food provided for Minis & Juniors players
- New Junior scrum machine
- Supervised Strength & Conditioning and access to new on-site gym
- Free entry to National League 2 rugby matches at home\*
- Discounted pre-match lunches for 1st XV fixtures\*
- 1st XV players led coaching sessions

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES 2019-20**

ADULT PLAYING MEMBER	£150
STUDENT PLAYING MEMBER	£75
MICRO PLAYER + FAMILY	£70
M&J 1 PLAYER + FAMILY	£150
M&J 2 PLAYERS + FAMILY	£225
M&J 3 PLAYERS + FAMILY	£300
ADULT PATRON (NON-PLAYING MEMBERS)	£150
COUNTY/SENIOR PATRONS	£100
LIFE MEMBER	£500

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