

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

Livingston Athletic Club aim to be inclusive and accessible to all and have therefore introduced a financial assistance policy to support individuals who are in need of financial help, to allow them to benefit from continuing with their club membership and personal progression without facing financial hardship.

The categories of support are:

- Low Income Discount
- Student Discount
- Athlete Competition Support Grant

All requests for discounted membership fees will be kept in the strictest of confidence.

This policy will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 and will not be backdated.

## Low Income Discount

Where the parent or guardian paying an athlete's membership fees is in receipt of Scottish Child Payment, Child Tax Credit, Universal Credit (with child element) or carers allowance, there will be a 25% reduction applied to monthly membership fees.

Please email [enquiries@livingstonac.com](mailto:enquiries@livingstonac.com) with a photo of a letter showing you are in receipt of one of these benefits for this discount to be applied.

## Student Discount

Where the athlete is a full-time student and is paying for their own membership fees, there will be a 25% reduction applied to monthly membership fees.

For full-time students who are not training at Livingston during term time, a further reduced monthly rate is available to reflect this.

Please email [enquiries@livingstonac.com](mailto:enquiries@livingstonac.com) with a photo of your student ID for this discount to be applied.

# Athlete Competition Support Grant

The Board of Trustees have introduced this financial support policy in order to support athletes to participate where they otherwise may not be able.

We recognise that on occasion athletes are given the opportunity to compete at a level which incurs a significant cost to the athlete and their family, or that they may need specific equipment or resources in order to facilitate their inclusion.

- A maximum of £500 will be awarded per athlete, per financial year.
- The club will not fund more than 25% of the costs.
- The club will only be able to contribute when the club is financially able to do so.
- The club can grant a maximum of five applications per year.
- To apply for funding towards competition costs, please email [enquiries@livingstonac.com](mailto:enquiries@livingstonac.com) and provide detailed information about the event, associated fees, and any other relevant details.
- Applications should be made in good time in order for the Board of Trustees to review and make considered decisions with all the information.
- An update will be presented at the AGM of all grants awarded.

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure that it fits the needs of those in receipt of the financial support and that it has no financial detrimental impact to the running of the club.