

Appendix C – Member Club Affiliation Fees Review

This document provides a review of the existing member club affiliation fees along supporting statistics for discussion before voting on the subject of whether or not the existing fees should be increased and, if so, which of the options proposed is preferred.

Although it is not the objective of the League to generate surpluses it is important that the League should be able to cover its costs. That has been concern over the past season following the organisation of the Round 2 fixture by the League Committee.

In some quarters it is felt the League ought to have some reserve(s) in place to cover contingencies. That being said, the counter argument is that the League should be using the entry fees received from member clubs to organise races, not for it to be sitting in a bank account doing nothing.

Whatever the decision the League Committee believes the underlying principal in adopting any change to the existing League member club affiliation fees policy is that the fee structure should above all remain simple and fair.

The current fee structure for member clubs is based upon the number of runners that run at least once for the club each season. Please refer to the Unique Runners Summary provided for the statistics covering the past 4 seasons.

Over the course of the past season it has been evident that the number of entries continues to increase despite having ordered 5% more race numbers before the beginning of the season. Additional race numbers had to be ordered again after Round 2.

During course of handling the race entries this season it has become apparent that perhaps the number entries issued might provide a more accurate basis upon which to allocate member club affiliations fees. This suggestion is based upon keeping the existing affiliation fee bands unchanged.

An alternative approach would be to keep the existing runner basis and simply increase the fees associated with the current affiliation bands. A proposal on this basis is suggested to increase the fees associated with each of the affiliation fee bands by **£30** to: £80, £130 and £180. Please refer to the Unique Runners/Total Entries Comparison provided for the statistics covering the past 4 seasons.

Another suggestion would be to set a ***flat-rate member club affiliation fee*** applicable to all member clubs. Based upon the number of member clubs that affiliated for the 2017-18 season a flat rate fee of £140 per club would achieve

a similar income from the affiliation fees. It is worth pointing out that in comparison to the Mota-variation summer road race series where the entry fee is £38/runner (*for the series of 5 races*) or £20 if block-booked by an affiliated club the equivalent entry fees for the OXL are significantly lower, albeit bearing in mind that the Mota-variation entry fee incorporates the cost of chip timing.

A further suggestion would be to adopt the Mota-variation block-booking model and base the member club affiliation fees upon a block-booking entry fee per runner before the start of the season. A block-booking entry fee of **£5 per runner entry equating to £1/race still seems very reasonable.**

In addition, the League is also open to suggestions from member clubs for alternative affiliation fee structure proposals.

Based upon the information provided above the following options are offered to the member clubs to vote on:

- **Option A** – Switch a **total club entries basis** and keep the fees associated with the current affiliation fee bands the same: **£50, £100 and £150.**
- **Option B** – Retain the **unique runner basis** and increase the fees associated with the current affiliation fee bands from: *£50, £100 and £150* to: **£80, £130 and £180.**
- **Option C** – Introduce a **flat-rate affiliation fee** for all member clubs. **£140 per member club, for example.**
- **Option D** – Introduce a **block-booking fee model** for all member clubs. **£5 per runner entry, for example.**
- **Option E** – Introduce a **alternative affiliation fee structure** – *member clubs invited to put forward an alternative fee structure proposal.*
- **Option F – No change.** Keep the existing fee structure and basis upon which fees are allocated.

Please refer to the accompanying 2017-18 OXL Affiliation Fee Options Comparison document for a comparison of the proposed affiliation fee options.

OXL - 2017-18 Affiliation Fee Options Comparison

	Option A Total Entries Basis <i>band fees unchanged</i>		Option B Unique Runners Basis <i>increased band fees</i>		Option C Flat Rate Fees		Option D Block Booking Fees		Option E <i>Alternative Fee Structure Proposal?</i>		Option F Unique Runners Basis <i>band fees unchanged</i>	
Club	2017-18	Fees	2017-18	Fees	Club	Fees	2017-18	Fees	2017-18	Fees	2017-18	Fees
Abn	175	£ 150.00	111	£ 180.00	1	£ 140.00	120	£ 600.00	111		111	£ 150.00
Alc	102	£ 150.00	47	£ 130.00	1	£ 140.00	50	£ 250.00	47		47	£ 100.00
Ban	103	£ 150.00	52	£ 130.00	1	£ 140.00	60	£ 300.00	52		52	£ 100.00
Bic	57	£ 100.00	37	£ 130.00	1	£ 140.00	40	£ 200.00	37		37	£ 100.00
BTC	47	£ 100.00	42	£ 130.00	1	£ 140.00	50	£ 250.00	42		42	£ 100.00
Chw	78	£ 100.00	47	£ 130.00	1	£ 140.00	50	£ 250.00	47		47	£ 100.00
Did	65	£ 100.00	39	£ 130.00	1	£ 140.00	40	£ 200.00	39		39	£ 100.00
Eyn	86	£ 150.00	44	£ 130.00	1	£ 140.00	50	£ 250.00	44		44	£ 100.00
GtM	19	£ 50.00	8	£ 80.00	1	£ 140.00	10	£ 50.00	8		8	£ 50.00
Hed	122	£ 150.00	82	£ 180.00	1	£ 140.00	90	£ 450.00	82		82	£ 150.00
Hig	44	£ 100.00	23	£ 80.00	1	£ 140.00	30	£ 150.00	23		23	£ 50.00
Hkn	49	£ 100.00	29	£ 130.00	1	£ 140.00	30	£ 150.00	29		29	£ 100.00
Kid	60	£ 100.00	48	£ 130.00	1	£ 140.00	50	£ 250.00	48		48	£ 100.00
New	196	£ 150.00	122	£ 180.00	1	£ 140.00	130	£ 650.00	122		122	£ 150.00
OxB	13	£ 50.00	10	£ 80.00	1	£ 140.00	10	£ 50.00	10		10	£ 50.00
Oxf	140	£ 150.00	72	£ 130.00	1	£ 140.00	80	£ 400.00	72		72	£ 100.00
Rad	92	£ 150.00	70	£ 130.00	1	£ 140.00	70	£ 350.00	70		70	£ 100.00
Swh	113	£ 150.00	68	£ 130.00	1	£ 140.00	70	£ 350.00	68		68	£ 100.00
Tkt	150	£ 150.00	93	£ 180.00	1	£ 140.00	100	£ 500.00	93		93	£ 150.00
Wds	45	£ 100.00	26	£ 130.00	1	£ 140.00	30	£ 150.00	26		26	£ 100.00
Whh	106	£ 150.00	67	£ 130.00	1	£ 140.00	70	£ 350.00	67		67	£ 100.00
Wit	119	£ 150.00	69	£ 130.00	1	£ 140.00	70	£ 350.00	69		69	£ 100.00
Totals	1981	£ 2,700.00	1206	£ 2,910.00	22	£ 3,080.00	1300	£ 6,500.00	1206		1206	£ 2,250.00
	Band 1	£ 50.00	Band 1	£ 80.00	Flat-rate	£ 140.00	Blocks	£ 50.00	<i>Criteria?</i>		Band 1	£ 50.00
	<i>Up to 25 participants</i>		<i>Up to 25 participants</i>		<i>Affiliation flat-fee</i>		<i>Allocated in blocks of 10</i>				<i>Up to 25 participants</i>	
	Band 2	£ 100.00	Band 2	£ 130.00							Band 2	£ 100.00
	<i>26 – 79 participants</i>		<i>26 – 79 participants</i>								<i>26 – 79 participants</i>	
	Band 3	£ 150.00	Band 3	£ 180.00							Band 3	£ 150.00
	<i>80+ participants</i>		<i>80+ participants</i>								<i>80+ participants</i>	