

VSAC Financial Support Policy

1. What are we offering?

- Reduced, waived or subsidised:
 - membership fees.
 - entry fees to club events eg. LCW, Road Relays, PECO XC.
 - entry to other events eg. up to 2 VSGP races per year.

2. Why?

- To enable runners to take part and access the benefits of club membership, training and competition regardless of their financial circumstances.

3. Eligibility criteria

- Existing or prospective member of the club.
- Unemployed and in receipt of earnings replacement / income related benefits eg. Universal Credit **OR**
- Part-time wage earner (with no other wage earner in the household) and in receipt of earnings replacement / income related benefits eg. Universal Credit.
- Either of the above can be demonstrated by presenting a Leeds Extra Card.

4. How to apply

- Obtain and present a Leeds Extra Card. This card can be obtained by those on income related benefits and entitles the holder to discounted prices at Leeds City Council Sport and Leisure Facilities.
- Provide details of what aspect of club membership you are seeking help with (membership fees, competition entry fees etc)

5. Decision making

- Decisions will be made by a small sub-committee (chair, treasurer and membership secretary), to minimise the number of people with access to sensitive information.
- Discretionary, decided on a case-by-case basis and reviewed annually.
- Funds, and therefore availability, are limited. Meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee assistance.
- The club will prioritise and make decisions based on:
 - The individual's levels of financial need, and the club's available funds.
 - The individual's training and competition priorities
 - Current membership status (existing or prospective).