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Dear Club Representative

Membership fees 2018/19

We envisage a New Zealand where everyone has the opportunity to engage in athletics. We believe that fun, developmentally appropriate athletics encourages everyone to enjoy participating and achieving personal success at all levels. Through supportive clubs who are innovative and responsive to changing times and needs, our vision can lead to an engaging community who inspire and influence other New Zealanders.

For a number of years our aspirations to support our community have outweighed our resources, therefore resulting in sometimes limited developments across the country. We need to start to change this predicament and develop better strategies to share our knowledge and experience with one another, to better enable us all to grow our sport.

There are numerous reasons to be part of the Athletics NZ community, many of which benefit both clubs and members directly. As well as supporting and shaping the future of athletics as a sport in this country, and facilitating the opportunity for growth, here is an overview of some of the benefits involved:

Affiliated Club & Member Benefits



This can be used by clubs to inform members of some of the ways in which we contribute to both their experience and the growth of the sport as a whole.

Membership fees contribute to the core costs of running the organisation. These total just over \$800k per annum and include staging Board meetings and the AGM, representing NZ Athletics' interests nationally and internationally, and staging those events required under Athletics NZ's Constitution, as well as the ongoing costs of keeping an office open. They do not include most salary costs and any costs associated with our community or high performance programmes that benefit the sport. For every \$1 generated through membership fees Athletics NZ leverages a further \$11 to promote the development of athletics at all levels, this includes high performance funding which makes a significant contribution to the wider development of athletics within our community.

Each year the Athletics NZ Board needs to consider a fair and reasonable level for the membership fees. This is no easy task as we try to ensure the core costs of running Athletics NZ are adequately covered so that a suitable service can be provided to members, whilst trying to keep athletics accessible for all New Zealanders.

The Board met on 8 December and set the fees for the 2018/19 membership year. As there has been no increase in fees for two years and as with any organisation our costs have risen due to inflation as well as the need to meet legislative requirements, the outcome is that the fees will increase by \$5 across each membership category.

The table below outlines the fees that will apply in 2018/19

Membership Category	Category Description	Fee (inc gst)
Active member 6 years and under	All children born 2012 or later	\$10
Active member 7 to 14 years	All children born between 2004 – 2011	\$35
Competitive member 15 to 19 years	People born between 1999-2003 who participate in club and centre activities that are considered competitive in nature*	\$50
Competitive member 20 years and over	People born in 1998 or earlier who participate in club and centre activities that are considered competitive in nature*	\$65
Social member 15 years and over	People born in 2003 or earlier who only participate in non-competitive club runs and club nights. Does not include centre or interclub competitions	\$35
Volunteer	People who give their time freely to the club. They do not take part in club nights and club runs as a participant. This includes committee members, coaches and parent helpers.	\$0

* An activity of competitive nature includes Centre Championships and Inter-Club events. Friendly, non-competitive runs are considered social events.

Further, the Athletics NZ annual club affiliation fee has not changed for at least four years and has been increased to \$130 for the 2018/19 membership year. This will enable better support for our clubs and ultimately to create an ever stronger athletics community.

We all collectively make up Athletics NZ and share the ambition to grow athletics at all levels. These changes will help enable us to strengthen our community so everyone can participate and achieve in athletics.

We look forward to working with you to develop the sport further in the coming year.

Kind regards

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