

1. Finance

- 1.1. There are current fundamental rules relating to Club finance in the constitution, they are in clause, 2, 3b, 5a vii and all of clause 8 (Finance).
- 1.2. The above clauses, as with any part of the club constitution, may only be changed or added to at the club AGM or a specially arranged EGM.

Financial Assistance

- 1.3. Financial assistance will be available only to First Claim members of the club.
- 1.4. To ensure funds are distributed fairly whilst at the same time promoting inclusivity of all members; financial assistance will only be available for events where all club members are invited to attend. Any exceptions to this rule are listed below.
- 1.5. Where funds are limited, priority should be given to junior members of the club, followed by those in limited income. E.g. Student in full time education.
- 1.6. All funding requests should be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary and Treasurer at least one month before the event for which assistance is requested.
All requests will be considered by the Management Committee.
- 1.7. For all requests please complete the 'Club Trip Authorisation Form.'
(APPENDIX X)
- 1.8. Whilst any member has outstanding subscription fees they will be unable to claim any financial assistance from the club

Club Level (Mainland)

- 1.9. The club will contribute 50% of an Athletes cost of travel, subsistence and accommodation while attending mainland events up to the following upper limits:

Nights absent	Max. Club Contribution
0	£30
1	£55
2	£70
3	£85

- 1.10. The Club will presume that all athletes, coaches and parent helpers attending a mainland event will travel with the squad and stay in accommodation arranged by the Club. Athletes, coaches and parent helpers wishing to make alternative travel or accommodation arrangements must inform the trip organiser. Athletes, coaches and parent helpers not doing so will be liable for non-recoverable costs incurred by the Club.
- 1.11. The Club will also assist with the cost of the minimum number of adults necessary to provide adequate supervision of the athletes in compliance with the Club's Child Welfare Policy.

Number of Athletes	Number of Adults
10	2
20	3
30	4

- 1.12. In cases where it is not possible to comply with clause 1.6., the Office Bearers will make the decision on behalf of the Management Committee.
The Management Committee will be informed of the request and decision at the next Management meeting.

Club Level (Local)

- 1.13. Club trips to Local Races will have the cost of hiring a vehicle, met from club funds where the trip is:
- (i) Is approved by the Management Committee;
 - (ii) Is a day trip, i.e. depart and return the same day; or
 - (iii) Is a Heb 3 event and requires a single overnight stay.

- 1.14. Non-Club members will not benefit from this arrangement and will pay a pro rata sum of the cost of vehicle hire, fuel and any vehicle ferry fares.

Representational Level

- 1.15. Selection for District and National squads is a mark of achievement for the athlete and the Club. Participation in District and National squads at events is encouraged and will be financially supported by the Club in so far as Club finances permit.
- 1.16. Representational Level funding assistance will be provided at the same levels specified for Club Level Mainland events.
- 1.17. The Club Secretary must be notified immediately (by telephone or email) of a selection for District and National squads.
- 1.18. In cases where it is not possible to comply with clause 1.6., the Office Bearers will make the decision on behalf of the Management Committee. The Management Committee will be informed of the request and decision at the next Management meeting.

Western Isles International Island Games

- 1.19. Where possible the Club will provide financial support to First Claim Club members selected for the Western Isles Island Games Athletics Team to participate in the Island Games. The eligibility criteria for financial support is as follows:
- (i) An athlete selected for the first time must be a fully paid up First Claim member at the time of selection and must remain a fully paid up First Claim member in the year the Games take place.
- (ii) An athlete selected for a second time, and subsequent times, must have a record of unbroken membership from the year of their first appearance at an Island Games and the year the Games for which selection has been made.

Open Graded Events

- 1.20. As a general rule financial assistance will not be provided for Open Graded events.