



Cambridge Cangaroos (www.cangaroos.org) – Fees and Payment

There are two fees – a yearly membership fee and then per-term session fees. (Last fee increase in either was in 2008)

Yearly Membership Fee

- The membership fee covers one member from 1st October 2011 through 30th September 2012, which is how British Gymnastics (BG) membership years run. It must be paid in advance as the club insurance is through BG which requires **all** our members to be BG registered. Membership of ECGA is also included.
- For new members we need all the details on the membership form – either on the form itself or just emailed is fine.
- Note that the membership fee is separate to session fees which are payable in advance each term for each session.

Club Membership Type (all members require BG membership) Membership fee is paid to the club and we pass on the relevant amounts to BG and ECGA	Sep 2011	Part year deductions
Club plus BG Bronze Member. Doesn't compete or competes at grade E-I. **Most members have this**	£27.50	n/a
Club plus BG Silver Member. This is required for grade D-A competitors plus level-1 coaches	£52.50	£3.35 per month after October
Club plus BG Pre-School Member (Must be 4 or younger at 1 st October 2012)	£20.00	n/a
Club only. (BG Membership already paid via another BG registered club)	£10.00	n/a

Session Fees

- Session fees are paid termly in advance and are based on £5 per session per week. The number of sessions in a term varies and follows school terms. A typical term is 13 weeks x £5 = £65. See Q&A below for the multiple session discount scheme.
- First session for new members is a free no-obligation taster session

Payment Options

- Preferred payment method is via bank transfer to **Cambridge Cangaroos TC. Barclays. Sort Code 20-74-05. Account No 10087254.** You can also setup a standing order if you prefer. For bank transfer or standing order please put the name of the member in the reference/comments. (Cheques are being phased out by the banks so you'll have to get used to paying on-line)
- If paying by cheque make it payable to "Cambridge Cangaroos". Any cheques please put in a sealed/named envelope and snail mail to the address at the top of this page, or give to a committee member/coach. Any cash in a sealed/named envelope and give to committee/coach.

BG Fee Disclosure

We have to register all our members with BG as a condition of the BG club insurance – this is the same for any gymnastics/trampoline club. It is also mandatory for us to make clear the BG components of membership costs that we pay on :- BG Bronze membership costs £15, Silver membership costs £40 and Bronze pre-school membership costs £10. We also have to register everyone with the Eastern Counties Gymnastics Association (ECGA) at £2.50 each. Only BG Silver membership is reduced on a per-month basis pro-rata if joining after October – all other memberships are the same regardless of how far into the year it is (yes, that is unfair, but please complain to BG, not us). The Cangaroos club membership element is £10 which reduces to £5 after March 2012.



Financial Q&A

What if I don't pay on time? Anyone bouncing more than their initial two sessions without joining the club/BG invalidates the clubs insurance. So the senior coach for the session may say you can't bounce - accidents do happen and the insurance needs to be there and valid. If session fees are late then the club reserves the right to withdraw bouncing privileges – if there are issues please contact the treasurer.

What if I am in financial hardship? The club has a hardship policy, so in this event (e.g. benefits, redundancy) please contact the treasurer to discuss options. We can come to an arrangement on staged payments or reduced fees – the only thing that has to be paid in full up front is the yearly membership. All arrangements are confidential between you and the treasurer. Assistance with fees is available from places like "Elfrida Heath" – see <http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/ccm/content/sports/sports-clubs/funding.en> - the club will be happy to support your application.

How does the multiple session discount work? The first session by any family member is charged at the full rate. The second session, for the same term, by any family member, is then reduced by £1 a session. Any further sessions are then reduced by £2 per session. With the current rate of £5 per session, this means the second session is £4 and any after that are £3 a session.

Can I pay the coach? If you'd prefer, but they won't know how much you owe; they are busy setting up the equipment and coaching and any time they spend sorting payment/forms shortens the session for everyone – and it all has to make it's way back to the treasurer anyway. Some coaches I don't see very often, so can sometimes have to go in the post, and because of that has occasionally gone missing.

How do I know how much I owe? Fees are hopefully clearly explained above and on the website. Any sundries like competition entry and kit are added to your account if/when you order them. Every family will get sent a statement of account periodically via email – whether money is owed or not. You may even be in credit if we've needed to refund any sessions. Please take account of any credit when paying the next term's fees.

If I miss any sessions in a term do I have to pay for them? The answer is normally yes, as session fees are paid in advance for the whole term and there is too much admin overhead to handle odd absences. But if there are circumstances that will cause several weeks of consecutive absence then contact the treasurer. If you were injured at the club, then any/all missed sessions will be credited.

Can I pay adhoc if I can't make every session? Not usually as it would prevent us filling that spot with a full-time member – it also adds to the admin workload. However, existing members already doing at least one full session can be considered for adhoc bouncing in sessions that have spaces. This is at the discretion of the treasurer and the coach for the adhoc session though and must be checked with them in advance.

If I join part-way through a term do I have to pay the full term fees? No, you will only pay for however many sessions are left in the term.

What about Holiday Sessions? These are done pay as you go. You can pay the coach in cash on the night but the money all has to make it's way back to the treasurer anyway, so easiest not to and it will just be added to your account from the register when I get these.

Can I pay for less than a years membership? BG Memberships run October to September - if you join part-way through a year and the relevant BG membership offers a discount then we reflect this, but only Silver membership does this. Yes, this is unfair, so please complain to BG. There are 17-week (£10) and 6-week (£6) BG temporary membership options that we use towards the end of the year.