



## Subs and Fees

### A. Subs

- Subs are fees the club charges players to play the upcoming season.
- Subs cover insurance and a player's last 2 x two-day tournament fees of the season.
- Subs, including the tournament fees, are non-refundable and non-transferable to the next year. The club expects players to commit to a minimum of two tournaments.

### B. Fees

- Two-day tournaments are charged at £32 for both days
- One-day tournaments are charged at £15 for one day.
- Players are expected to commit to both days of a two-tournament unless agreed to prior by the team captain.

### C. Refunds

- Subs are non-refundable and non-transferable to a new season.
- Fees are only refundable up until 7 days before the tournament.
- After 7 days a player are liable for the fees of that tournament if they marked themselves as available.

### D. Payment of fees

- Fees must be paid no later than 7 days before the tournament.
- Failure to pay owed tournament fees before the next tournament will result in a player being excluded from the lineup.

## FAQ

| Question  | Response  |
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| <p>Why do we ask for 2 tournament fees upfront that only covers you at the end of the season?</p> | <p>The club has a lot of costs at the beginning of the year, both for tournaments and kits (Jerseys). The club on average will have to spend around £2000 - £3500 before March on tournaments. Demand for all tournaments is at an all-time high and entries and payments are having to be paid earlier each year. Edinburgh usually sells out after a few hours in February (6 months before it's scheduled). Jerseys can be anywhere from £500 - £1000 depending on how many are being purchased. So, we ask for subs upfront to basically replace the outgoing money so we can continue to pay for upcoming tournaments in advance to avoid disappointment.</p>  |
| <p>Why do I need to pay so soon when we have a surplus in the account?</p>                        | <p>As mentioned above, the club's outgoing costs have to be paid earlier and earlier every year, they add up quickly and bleed the account. While there is a fair amount of surplus in the account the committee set a minimum reserve of £3500. This covers the cost of 2 tournaments for all 3 mixed teams and 1 single sex team (Plus any other miscellaneous costs not factored in, such as jerseys). This helps cover tournaments that might arise that we wish to enter that aren't planned for such as Fully Loaded, Bristol, Windsor and/or Edinburgh, all of which have become more popular, with entry happening earlier every year. It also helps the club ask for money later on for things like Jerseys to help you as a player spread the costs of a softball season out a bit.</p> |



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| <p>Which 2 end of season tournaments do my subs cover?</p>   | <p>Whichever tournaments you put down as your last two tournaments of the year, within your team availability sheet. Those two tournaments will be considered your last two tournaments. If things change and you can not make one of those tournaments, that money will then be allocated to the next last tournament.</p>  |
| <p>Can my subs cover my first two tournaments?</p>   | <p>No. As explained above we need subs to help bankroll the initial outgoings of the club.</p>   |
| <p>Can my subs cover 1 day split over 4 tournaments?</p>   | <p>No. Your subs can only cover 2 x Two Day Tournaments. This is to help cut down on captains having to find ringers for just one day which is very hard.</p>  |
| <p>So, my last 2 tournaments of the season are paid for. Do I pay for the rest of the tournaments as normal?</p> | <p>Yes. £16 for one day tournaments and £32 for two-day tournaments. We ask you to commit to both days of a two-day tournament. Again, to help cut down on finding ringers for one day. Sunday ringers specifically are the hardest.</p>   |
| <p>When do I need to pay by?</p>   | <p>We ask members to pay their subs no later than the <u>31st of March</u>. We ask members to pay their tournament fees <u>no later than a week before a tournament</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NO PAY, NO PLAY</u></b></p> <p>If a player has not settled their debts by the time the next tournament comes around, they will not be allowed to play, until their debts are settled in full. While the club tries to be accommodating, chasing money year after year can be extremely time-consuming for the club. As such the club has enacted a <b><u>NO PAY, NO PLAY</u></b> policy. It is to ensure all players are paying their subs, insurance and tournament fees in advance of playing, unless it is agreed otherwise with both your captain, committee and the club treasurer.</p> |
| <p>I'm not sure I can pay my subs or fees on time. Will that be a problem?</p>                                   | <p>We recognise it costs a lot of money to play softball. First and foremost, the club wants you to play. If you are in a bind and need more time to pay (Either for tournaments or subs) please let either your captain and/or the treasurer know. We are not mean-spirited and will come up with an agreement that suits everyone. What we want to avoid is chasing people for money and a repeat of the worst offenders who pay all their fees at the end of the season with us repeatedly chasing them throughout the year.</p> <p>We try to help by keeping sub-payments and other payments, such as kit, separate by a few months where possible to help spread those costs out.</p> <p>However as with the above if there is an agreement we expect it to be stuck to.</p>                              |



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| <p>I need to drop out of a tournament 7 days before. Can I get a refund?</p> | <p>No! - We ask members to pay a week before a tournament to avoid dropouts and show commitment. Up to 7 days before, you are considered locked in for that tournament and liable for payment. We ask members to be on top of your calendar.</p> <p>However, we do recognise there are certain circumstances in which a member might need to drop out. Please ensure you speak to your captain and treasurer beforehand. 48 hours is the absolute deadline to drop out of a tournament under special circumstances. 48 hours in which to find a ringer is incredibly difficult as is asking them to pay and to travel to slough on top of that usually results in a no. This helps us find ringers by saying the spot is paid for.</p> <p>If you haven't paid, after marking yourself available, and drop out within 7 days (or 48 hours under special circumstances) before a tournament, you are be expected to pay and it will count as a non-payment.</p> |
| <p>Can I pay for all my tournaments upfront?</p>                             | <p>Yes - If you have the money to pay for the season up front then please do so. We do ask you however to keep an eye on what you've paid for. If you have to drop out at any stage (With sufficient warning) you will need to inform your captain and /or treasurer of this as soon as possible so we can arrange a refund or deferral to next season. Cut off for refund or deferral is 7 days before said tournament.</p>  |
| <p>Blitz is a non-profit club. What are we doing with the surplus?</p>       | <p>As previously mentioned, Blitz aims to keep a surplus in the bank as reserves. This is to cover any unexpected costs, specifically tournament and kit fees. Spending for things like our mid-season social (Usually at Windsor) and training are budgeted into our forecast. Anything over and above will be spent on the club members.</p>  |