



United Cornwall FC - Player Payment Guidelines

How can you support us?

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2025 UCFC Costs



UCFC 2025 Costs:

UCFC believes that finances should not be a barrier to playing the sport we love, but this does not mean it is free football. It means players should support us when they are doing OK, but feel no shame in turning up for a game when times are tough. We are able to do this thanks to player payments, sponsorship and the occasional grant.

We are a club run on good will, and it will not be able to continue if players take advantage of this.

For those who are attending without paying, we ask you continue to get your football fix by attending one session per week.

Payment Guidelines	Genuinely can't afford it	Getting by	Doing Well
Weekly Social Sessions.	£0	£3.50	£5

Monthly Payments are also welcome:

One session per week: £15 per month

More than one session per week: £25 per month

Please pay via bank details below, online or bring cash on the night.

Beneficiary: Grow Cornwall CIC

Sort Code: 309950

Account Number: 38485168

Bank Name: Lloyds Bank

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Overview

It is a core belief of United Cornwall FC that finances should not be a barrier to playing the sport we all love and we hope everyone within the club supports this. However, this does not mean that we are free football, and players should support us when they can, but feel no shame in attending when times are tough.

We are able to offer this thanks to player payments, sponsorship and the occasional grant, however, if we are unable to cover the costs of sessions we will not be able to continue.

Our sessions, from how we play to how we charge is all done on good will, and we hope no one will take advantage of this.

Our Costs

1. Pitch hire (£25-40 per hour for a half pitch, depending on location)
2. Insurance
3. Equipment - Bibs, Balls, cones, kit, First Aid equipment etc.
4. Management Costs - Project Officers
5. Website, email etc.
6. Accountancy costs - this is required as we are a CIC and need to provide accounts.

How to Pay.

Payment Options

We offer a range of payment methods, and ask where possible players pay via BACS or our website. It is important that we are able to work out which sessions you are paying for, so we can understand which groups are covering costs.

- **BACS Transfer:**

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If you donate by BACS, please can you state which session it is you are attending by using your name and the following in the reference:

**Camborne - Ca, Penair - Pe, Truro College - Tr, Newquay - Ne, Helston - He
Brannel - Br**

- **Via our website:**

Players can pay via our website: <https://unitedfc.org.uk/session-donations>

Please can you also state which session you are paying for by the drop down menu on Session Donation.

- **Cash**

The preferred methods of payment are above, so we would encourage everyone who can to pay by them. However, if you are unable to, we will accept cash paid to a Project Officer (Jack, Damo or Kieran). This needs to be discussed with them beforehand, and we would prefer payments monthly rather than each week.

The reason we are trying to move away from cash is so we are able to keep track of where our money is. We currently have over 10 session leads, who we completely trust, but arranging cash pick up and understanding of how much money we currently have is proving increasingly difficult.

Feel free to ask any questions about this.

Player Sponsorship

Getting involved with UCFC is proven to improve a players wellbeing, and therefore see it as also improving their work life balance. We are looking for local businesses, whose employees benefit from UCFC, to get involved.

For just £250 a player can get 12 months unlimited social football (this is our weekly evening sessions), plus they will receive 2 UCFC t-shirts with the sponsoring business name on. One for the player, and one for the workplace.

We are also happy to explore other sponsorship opportunities, so please reach out on jack@growcornwall.com to discuss. Any player who wants to approach their employer about this opportunity, we would also be happy to support.

Tracking Payments

UCFC Management Team needs to keep track of payments to make sure costs are covered. This is another reason why online payments are preferred. The list of payees will be shared with our Project Officers, who may speak privately with those who are not paying. This is simply because we cannot afford to have a majority playing for free. This information is not shared with our volunteers.

If you are genuinely going through a tough period financially, we ask that you have a private word with a Project Officer or Session Lead to explain your situation. As a club we recognise that this happens, and you should feel no shame in continuing to get your football fix with UCFC. Having a private word just helps us understand your situation, and you never know we may be able to signpost you for support.

Unable to pay? Still come and play.

We promote the mental and physical benefits that football brings, and whilst we welcome players to continue to get their football fix when times are tough, we ask politely that during this period only attend one session per week. This is simply because financially we are unable to support players attending multiple sessions without paying.

We hope that this is a fair policy, and all our players understand our reasoning behind this.

How we hope it works

On a number of occasions those paying regularly have had a private word with UCFC Management to explain their financial situation. There is no judgement from us, and we just ask that communication is made so we understand the situation - plus it stops any awkward conversations.

On previous occasions, players who have been unable to pay have then gone on to support us once their situation changes. This is how we hope this works.

What if it doesn't work?

If we are unable to cover costs in this way, we will simply be forced to stop. The nature of volunteer-led, drop in football means booking systems will not work, and the UCFC management do not want to spend their time working out who has and hasn't paid, and then following up.

Part of the management's role will be looking into which sessions are covering costs, and depending on the financial situation, those losing money may be forced to stop. We see our funding as the safety net we need to get groups up and running, but the long term future of a group is that it is able to cover basic costs from within.

Friendlies, Socials and other groups.

Friendlies

We play occasional friendlies against other groups and teams. There will be a set cost to get involved with these games, and this needs to be paid in advance to secure your spot in the team. If someone is genuinely struggling, they can speak with UCFC management to explain their situation and we will do our best to get everyone involved.

Sands United and Sunrise FC (UCFC partnerships)

Sands United and Sunrise FC are separate groups for specific demographics. This is run in partnership with Sands Charity and Sunrise CIC, who cover the costs, which allows us to offer these sessions free of charge.

Socials

Socials will be managed on an individual basis, and where there is a cost this will have to be covered by the attendees. Sadly, it is unlikely that UCFC can cover the cost of someone who can't afford it - for example our yearly FootGolf Tournament.

Contact

We hope that this all makes sense and thank you for your time and support.

For more information, please feel free to reach out on jack@growcorwall.com or speak directly with a Project Officer.