

LEA R.C.

SUBS '23-24



Membership subs for the 2023-24 season are due by 30th October.

To pay your subs, [click here](#).

What's changed?

Most subs have increased 10% for 2023-24, in line with inflation, as is our usual practice (*full details overleaf*). The exception is that junior memberships have risen more substantially to bring them in line with adult memberships. This change has been made gradually over the past two years.

We are confident that our subs represent great value for money. We did not raise fees between 2020 and 2022, in recognition of our members' support throughout the pandemic. They remain 10-20% cheaper than other rowing clubs in the London area – and each year the club spends about double what we charge.

However, we do recognise that the current economic situation may make paying subs difficult for some. We will do everything we can to support any member who needs help paying. If you have any questions or worries, please email membership@learc.org.uk and we will assist.

Rowing Committee, September 2023

Frequently asked questions

When is my membership valid? Our membership year runs from 1st October – 30th September.

When is payment due? By 30th October.

What happens if I don't pay? Anyone that has not paid (or made alternative arrangements) by the last day of October will not be permitted to use Club facilities. Note that the Club reserves the right to terminate membership at any time if payment is not made.

How do I pay? We use a system called GoCardless, which will arrange a direct debit payment with your bank. Please follow this link to pay: [click here](#).

Can I pay in instalments? The standard form of payment is a single payment in October. But we offer an alternative of four equal instalments taken by direct debit, the first in October, and the remaining three in the following three months. You'll see this option on the payment page.

What can I do if I can't pay? We are very keen to keep rowing accessible to all. The Club may be able to offer an alternative payment scheme, bursary, reduction or waiver of fees. If you are worried about your ability to pay, email membership@learc.org.uk or speak with the Captain in confidence.

What are the conditions of membership? Paying subs does not automatically make you a member – you must first contact us to discuss joining. Your membership is subject to the provisions of the Club's Articles of Association, the Club Rules and its policies and codes of conduct from time to time in force. Full details are given on the membership form which you will be asked to complete.

What do subs fund? As you might expect, your subs fund our rowing activities. This includes equipment maintenance, transport, insurance, licence fees, and more. Note that subs do not cover coaching, new equipment, nor do they cover the costs of running the building. These are currently funded by other income sources (facilities hire, fundraising, learn to row classes, grants and donations). Members' time and support in these activities is very welcome!

Can I pay by bank transfer? No - please use the GoCardless system. It will save us a lot of time and allow us to administer fees more easily with the limited time our volunteers have available. If you have any problems using the system, please contact membership@learc.org.uk.

Membership classes & notes

Membership class	Full (adult)	Full student/75+ ²	Cox / coach ³	Recreational ⁴	Private sculler ⁵	Junior (12-18)
Use the water	✓	✓	✓	<i>off-peak hours</i>	<i>off-peak hours</i>	✓
Use the club gym	✓	✓		<i>off-peak hours w/permission</i>	<i>off-peak hours w/permission</i>	✓
Row in club crew boats	✓	✓		<i>in stable boats</i>		✓
Row in club small boats	<i>w/permission</i>	<i>w/permission</i>		<i>in stable boats</i>		<i>w/permission</i>
Cox club boats	✓	✓	✓	<i>in stable boats</i>		✓
Race under the club name	✓	✓	✓	<i>in stable boats</i>	✓	✓
Vote at general meetings	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>if 16+</i>
Rack a private boat	<i>addtl cost¹</i>	<i>addtl cost¹</i>	<i>addtl cost¹</i>	<i>addtl cost¹</i>	<i>1st seat incl. ¹</i>	<i>addtl cost¹</i>
Annual subscription	£557	£279	£43	£382	£532	£557

1. Racking: Boat racking may be available to Club members at a cost of **£215 per seat** (first seat included for those holding Private sculler membership). To enquire, contact membership@learc.org.uk

2. Student/75+ membership: 50% of full subs. This is available to registered students in full-time education, or those over 75 only.

3. Cox & coach membership: This is intended for those that purely cox or coach. Coxes and coaches that wish to also row/scull/use the gym should hold another class of membership.

4. Recreational membership: Recreational members is intended for those that wish to enjoy rowing but do not wish to compete regularly. They may use designated stable rowing boats during set times. Gym usage may be possible in off-peak times, with permission from the Captain. Recreational membership is cheaper to reflect these restrictions.

5. Private sculler membership: This is intended for those racking private boats, who do not use club equipment. Note: this is dependent on racking space availability. Contact membership@learc.org.uk.

6. Family discount: For adults with a dependent child who is a member of the junior squad, the individual members' subs will be added together, and two-thirds of total charged. This applies to membership only and not to additional fees like racking. Contact membership@learc.org.uk to arrange payment.

7. Student holiday membership: We are happy welcome students joining us during their university holidays. You will be asked to pay pro-rata at the student rate (£23.25/mo). Please contact membership@learc.org.uk to arrange.

8. Gym-only membership: We no longer offer a gym-only membership. Those wishing to use the gym should take another form of membership.

9. Friends of the Lea: We also have a community for supporters of the Club or those who no longer row with us and wish to stay a part of the Club. See learc.org.uk/support-us

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