

Dear Players/Parents/Guardians,

We hope you all have had a great summer and enjoyed the good weather while it lasted. As autumn arrives and the schools return, so does the new season for Naas Serpents Basketball Club. It promises to be an exciting year: we have 17 teams across all age groups, from U12s to Seniors, competing in the Dublin Men's and Ladies' leagues, alongside junior academies in Naas and Blessington for children aged 7 to 10. We also hope to open our Naas Academy to younger children this season (facility availability permitting).

Club membership fees for the new season are now due. We would like everyone registered by **30th September 2026 (at the latest)** to ensure all playing members are properly covered by club insurance for matches and training, and to comply with the rules and regulations of Basketball Ireland and the Dublin leagues.

About Our Fees

Naas Serpents is a not-for-profit club, run entirely by volunteers; no coach, team manager or committee member is paid for their time. Membership fees are reinvested fully into running the club, covering facility hire, Basketball Ireland and league fees, referee fees, insurance, coaches' development, and IT and banking costs. The annual fee covers the full season, from October to the end of April, and we do not charge additional weekly fees for training or facility hire.

Facility hire costs have risen steadily over recent years and accounted for more than half of the club's total expenditure in the 2025/26 season. Unfortunately, we expect this to increase further in 2026/27, as we will lose access to the hall at St Mary's due to the school's redevelopment. St Mary's has been a great supporter of the club, and losing this facility means we will rely more heavily on other venues that charge higher rates. These increased costs have been the main driver which has necessitated an increase in our overall fees.

2026/27 Membership Fees

Category	Annual Fee
Senior Men's / Ladies	€280
Juvenile / Student	€220
Academy	€150

Family discounts:

- 10% off the annual fee for a second child registered
- 20% off the annual fee for a third child registered
- No fee for a fourth or subsequent child, capping the maximum a family pays at €594 per year

Payment Options

Ideally, we would like to collect all fees in a single payment, as this reduces administration and supports the club's cash flow. We recognise, however, that this is an expensive time of year for families, so we also offer the option to pay membership fees in instalments.

In recognition of this year's fee increase, and as we look to have all league teams in the appropriate kit, we are extending our instalment plan from 3 to 4 equal payments this season. The first payment is collected on registration, with the three remaining payments collected in October, November and December, on the anniversary of the first payment. Please note that this instalment plan cannot be extended to registrations received after 30 September 2026

Financial Assistance

We are committed to making basketball accessible to everyone in our community, and club fees should never be a barrier to a child's participation in the sport. If you are experiencing genuine difficulty with any fees payable, please contact the club directly and in confidence to discuss how we can help.

Club Kit

For many years the club has provided match-day kit for our teams. As the club has grown, however, this has resulted in a patchwork of kit across different teams, and we face the added challenge that the Dublin Men's and Ladies' leagues each require a distinct "away" kit.

From this season, in line with practice at other clubs, we are changing our approach: each player will now own and be responsible for their own match-day jersey and shorts.

2026/27 Club Team Kits



Kit Pricing

Item	Retail Price	Club Subsidy	Net Price to Members
Top	€28	-€15	€13
Shorts	€30	-€16	€14
Total Kit	€58	-€31	€27

We have partnered with ISO Basketball, who manufacture the kit; their online shop will handle all orders on our behalf. After you register, you will receive a link to the shop, which will remain open until **18 September 2026**. This cut-off date is necessary to allow time for orders to be produced and dispatched ahead of the start of league matches in mid-October.

We are keen to be as sustainable as possible with the existing kit already in the club. Where kit is current and has already been purchased by members, provided by the club, or covered by sponsors, we intend for it to remain in use — so please only order what you actually need. Coaches and team managers will allocate existing kit to players over the coming weeks, and these details will be shared with ISO Basketball to maintain squad number continuity and help ensure each member orders only the kit required.

This will not be an annual cost, as it is our intention to commit to this kit for a minimum of three years. We will also introduce a kit recycling scheme to keep kit in use within the club for as long as possible.

Our Club Community

The club is a community. In addition to our adult playing members, all registered parents and guardians are automatically club members on behalf of their children. As our membership grows, maintaining that sense of community remains important to us. We encourage parents to come along and support their team at matches, and we warmly welcome anyone who would like to get more involved — whether through courtside coaching, team management, social events, fundraising, or administration. We would be grateful if you could let us know your interest during the registration process.

In what capacity can you volunteer to support the club ?

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Help Us Find a Facility

As outlined above, securing access to facilities for training and matches remains one of the club's biggest challenges, and the lack of a dedicated facility limits our further development. We are not alone in this: there is a distinct shortage of indoor facilities in Naas for sports such as basketball, volleyball and badminton, meaning as local sports facilities have not kept pace with the town's growing population, clubs are competing for the limited time available in the town's existing facilities. The club is actively working to find a solution. If you are aware of any connections or networks that could help us in this effort, we would be delighted to hear from you — please get in touch with a member of our committee.

Thank you again for your continued support of Naas Serpents Basketball Club. We are looking forward to another enjoyable and successful season and to seeing our players back on court over the coming weeks.

Naas Serpents Basketball Club Committee