

JUNIOR MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES – Keble Sports Fund 2025/2026

For the particular attention of all sports' captains/secretaries and all officers in charge of recognised Junior Members' Activities.

Thanks to generous support from donors to the Keble Sports Fund <https://thebrick.keble.net/issue-80-content/the-keble-sports-fund>, we are excited to have increased funding for Keble sports teams from 2025-26.

Each academic year, a *provisional* budget will be drawn up for each of the individual activities, based on levels of expenditure incurred by each of the activities in previous years, with adjustments to reflect the fact that participation in different activities will have declined or increased. The provisional budget has now expanded to allow separate allocations for purchase of team kit.

The provisional budget can be further adjusted to take account of actual levels of activity as the year progresses. The adjustment can take one of two forms: if an activity underspends, that sum is added at the end of the year to the sum reserved for the Blues Fund which is used to reimburse individual members of college for some of the costs of playing University sport. If an activity needs additional funding, it can make a claim against an "Exceptional items/additional funding" budget. For example, if a change of circumstances means that running costs will have increased (e.g. a sport is now running more teams than previously), or if you believe there is a case for an exceptional non-recurring item of expenditure, application should be made in writing through the JCR Treasurer to me, and I will consider it.

I will also consider any applications for the funding of activities not currently covered by the budget (but ordinarily it will require a resolution of the JCR in support). My decision on the allocation of any funds is final, subject to any intervention by the Finance Committee.

Procedure for payment

In all cases, application for payment shall be made either to, or through, the JCR Treasurer (including claims by MCR members, simply to ensure one point of contact and because the majority of claims are made by JCR Teams). The normal procedure is for the cost to be incurred and reimbursed to the individuals concerned on presentation of a receipt. For larger items of expenditure, application should be made to the JCR Treasurer for a cheque to be made available in advance.

Notes on budget lines / recognised activities

In some cases, the budget is divided between different teams, e.g. Football is divided into JCR Men, JCR Women and MCR. These divisions and the budgets are based on assumptions from previous years around numbers of teams, and where these assumptions are incorrect, the budget can be amended. If a sport would prefer to have a budget for the sport as a whole (e.g., "Cricket"), that is also fine. It will then be for the captains within that sport to agree on the division of the budget, if necessary, but the total sum cannot be exceeded unless a successful application is made to the Exceptional Items/Additional Funding.

The funding allocated to different sports reflects the participation in that activity, and also cases where sports incur the cost of court/pitch/venue hire (e.g. Badminton, Volleyball) which is not required for some sports because the pitch etc. is provided by the college at no cost (e.g. rugby, football, squash etc.).

Costs covered

All costs must be incurred by, or on behalf, of the team or sport in question. The budget does not cover costs incurred by individuals in order to participate in the sport in question.

The following is an indication of the items of expenditure which **are** and **are not** normally covered by the Budget. If it is thought that an item on the list not normally covered can be justified, application should be made to me *before* any purchase is made:

Items of expenditure **normally covered:**

- sports equipment purchased by the sport/team - bats, hockey sticks, footballs etc.
- competition entry fees
- hire of facilities: court time etc.
- refereeing payments
- teas and any other refreshments **required by the regulations** (e.g. for cricket & tennis league matches)
- travel (if required) **outside Oxford; NOT** taxis to college sports-grounds
- kit/clothing, including any team strips (new for 2025-26)
- team coaching (new for 2025-26)

Items of expenditure **NOT normally covered:**

- fines

Items of expenditure **DEFINITELY NOT covered:**

- other refreshments, e.g. pre-dinner drinks at Clubs/Society Annual dinners.

Any item not on any of these lists should be referred to the JCR Treasurer for clearance by me before being incurred.

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