



Managers Information 02 Associate Membership

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Cost: non-refundable: £75 before Xmas break £45 after Xmas break.
Players are also required to buy the training shirt (around £16)

Rationale

AM is designed to offer new players a route into the club that allows for a fair assessment of the player and enables the player and family to assess the suitability of the club for their needs. AM is a non-conditional arrangement for both parties.

Player Recruitment

AM makes the assumption that managers may have a full squad but often require new players for the following season, or that they need new players for the current season. New players to the club can take up AM at any time during a season.

Accessing AM

If a player enquires about joining a MPYFC team, the team manager will first find out a little more about the player by speaking with the parents (or child if they are older). Who do you/have you played for? What league are they in? What position do you/can you play? Do you currently have any injuries? etc? Clearly, if they are a keeper and that team already have a satisfactory keeper, then the conversation should end there.

If following this conversation, the player seems a good fit, the manager will inform them that they can attend one training session free of charge (boys) and three sessions (girls). Following this initial 'look' the manager will either offer the player AM or inform them that they are unlikely to fit into the team for whatever playing reasons.

AM Enrolment

Parents are asked to visit the web site and complete the AM enrolment process. AM members will be kept on the AM database and will have completed the full application form and will have paid the required fee. Once enrolled AM, players can train with the squad and receive club benefits such as player support, club newsletter, club socials and they are encouraged to attend matches to watch and support their colleagues. Following the initial trial session, **player must not train until they are enrolled as AM.**

Mid-season changes of status

One likely scenario is that a team loses a player mid-season. In this case the manager must quickly decide if one of their AM's can take up a full registration as a replacement. If so, the player will pay a pro-rata enrolment fee (relating to duration of remaining season) minus the AM fee that they have already paid (to be calculated by David Evans Club Treasurer). They must also purchase the full playing kit. This person is now a full and permanent member of the squad.

Notes

AM is a non-conditional arrangement for both parties. There is no guarantee that in the new season there will be a space or that the AM will be offered a space if there is one, or that the player is obliged to enrol if he is offered a space. At the end of the season Managers must inform their AMs if they have secured a permanent place in the squad for the next season. If not, they must be notified

of the reason. If there are still no spaces, but both parties want to continue the arrangement, then the AM can opt to undertake a further season as AM, in which case a further £75 fee will apply. If an AM chooses to leave the club part way through the season, no refund will be available to them.

Each team is only allowed two AM's at any one time and Managers must strictly adhere to the AM recruitment policy. Managers found to be allowing non-AM players to train (other than the one/three-week grace rule) will be subject to club disciplinary action. This is to protect both the club and the team officials.

For further information about AM please speak to the team manager of your target team

