

Cambridge Gymnastics Academy

Hardship Policy

For Non-Competitive and Competitive Gymnasts

1. Purpose

The Hardship Policy is designed to provide a **temporary financial solution** for families experiencing genuine financial difficulty, helping gymnasts to continue their participation in the club wherever possible.

2. Scope

This policy applies to **both non-competitive and competitive gymnasts** who are current members of the club.

3. What Support Covers

Successful applicants will receive:

- **Full fees paid** for either:
 - **One term** for members on a **termly payment plan**, or
 - **Three months** for members on a **monthly payment plan (competitive gymnasts)**

Support is temporary and intended to assist during short-term periods of hardship only.

4. Application Limits

- Members may **apply only once within a 12-month period**.
- Approval under this policy does not guarantee future support.

5. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply, members must:

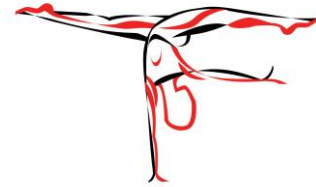
- Be **in receipt of Universal Credit**
- Have been a **club member for a minimum of 3 months** prior to application
- Declare whether the child **currently participates in other sports or paid extracurricular activities**

Meeting the eligibility criteria does not automatically guarantee approval.

6. Priority Considerations

Where applications exceed available support, priority will be given to:

- Members who **have not previously received hardship support**
- Families whose child **does not participate in other sports**



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- Applicants assessed as being in the **greatest financial need**

7. Application Time Frame

- Application forms will be open for a **7-day application window**.
- Application windows will open:
 - **Once per term** for members on **termly payment plans**
 - **Once every three months** for **competitive gymnasts**
- Applications submitted outside of these windows will **not be considered**.
- Applicants will be informed whether their application has been **successful within 7 days of the application window closing**.

8. Review and Decision Process

- All applications will be reviewed by a **Hardship Committee**.
- Decisions are made based on the information provided and the funds available.
- All decisions are **final** and handled in strict confidence.

9. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure it remains fair, transparent, and sustainable for the club.