



## OTTAWA CARLETON ULTIMATE ASSOCIATION

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### **OCUA's Membership Fee to Support Capital Projects**

Since 2018, OCUA has charged its members an annual membership fee that runs the organization's fiscal year (November 1 to October 31). Typically, members pay this fee in the winter to cover their winter, summer, and fall leagues. All players, except recreational youth and junior players, must pay an annual fee. It is an annual fee that covers the member for as many leagues as they wish to participate in.

### **What is the purpose of the membership fee?**

The purpose of the membership fee is three-fold. Firstly, the membership fee is designed to support major capital projects for OCUA. The Capital Fund will allow the association to put money aside for major site improvements, such as a club house or new parking lot at UPI.

Secondly, the membership provides assistance to OCUA to pay its debts. In 2018, OCUA merged with UPI as one non-profit entity, which required the association to take a mortgage to pay for the capital gains incurred on the appreciation of the land. In 2020, OCUA incurred more debt, such as the Canadian Emergency Bank Account, due to COVID's impact on leagues and events.

Lastly, the membership fee covers OCUA's annual dues to its Provincial Sports Organization (PSO), Ontario Ultimate, who is also a member in good standing of the National Sports Organization (NSO), Ultimate Canada. As of 2020, the annual fee to be a member in good standing of the PSO are \$4 per junior member and \$5 per adult member.

### **What is the structure of the membership fee?**

The allocation of the membership fee against expenses may change over time, as costs and organizational priorities grow and evolve. However, OCUA currently plans to allocate the majority of the fee (\$20) to its capital projects fund and debt reduction, and the remainder of the fee (\$5) to cover NSO and PSO membership fees.

### **If I play on multiple nights or in multiple seasons, will I have to pay the membership fee multiple times?**

No. Your membership fee will be associated with your Zulu account and will be valid for the entire fiscal year (for OCUA this is November 1 to October 31) of the year in which the membership was purchased.

### **Will Youth & Juniors be required to pay the membership fee?**

Recreational youth & juniors will contribute to the Capital Fund through a portion of their summer registration fees and are not required to pay for an annual membership fee. Competitive junior club players, along with all clubs in the Competitive Alliance, will be required to pay the annual membership fee.

**As a captain, will I have to collect players' membership fees on top of their team fees?**

No. As membership fee payment will be associated with a member's own Zurulu account, the member will be responsible for paying for their fee online or in-person.

**Will subs have to pay a membership fee?**

At this time non-rostered substitute players will not have to pay a membership fee. OCUA's practice is that all captains in winter league should strive to ask players who are registered in an OCUA winter league; however, in the summer we want to encourage captains to bring out new players, and do not want to create a barrier to finding substitute players by asking them to pay a membership fee. In order to gain access to Zurulu's scheduling functions and to be listed as part of a team, regular substitute players will be required to pay an annual membership fee.

**Contact Us**

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