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Dear Member

## **Announcing the Creation of the HCHC Hardship Fund**

### **Aim**

To prevent financial difficulty limiting the opportunity to play hockey in Hartlepool.

### **How?**

The sponsors of this fund intend to assist those people who are experiencing a temporary or long term financial difficulty which would genuinely prevent that person from continuing to play for this club in any capacity, where possible.

### **Where is the money coming from?**

The fund is limited and is generated from specific personal donations from a small number of individuals for this sole intention; it is not supported by regular club funds such as match fees or subs.

### **Who can it help?**

Anybody who would genuinely not be able to continue to play hockey, based in their current financial situation. Each case is dealt with separately and is reviewed at regular intervals and assistance is based on what funds are remaining at that time.

### **How do I apply?**

We need individuals to apply in writing using the Hardship Fund Application Form, sign it and send it to the Treasurer at the above address

### **Who decides?**

The committee with the approval of those persons establishing the fund, has decided that it is appropriate for the club Vice President, the Treasurer and the Secretary to consider each case in confidence and reply to the individual with their decision. Their decision is final, but this does not limit reconsideration of applications at anytime.

### **Confidentiality**

Where possible the details of each application will remain in the confidence of the decision committee. However because of the nature of the support being offered, other officers or captains will likely be aware of the subsidy or refund, but the reasons and details of the application are intended to remain confidential.

### **Changes in Circumstances**

It is hoped that if circumstances surrounding support being offered change for the individual and hence the assistance is no longer required, they will inform one of the decision committee so support can be directed to others.

### **Honesty**

The fund is not intended to be means tested, so we are relying on each application being genuine. If at any point it is found that an application is not genuine, the club reserve the right to withdraw support.

### **What happens to the money if it is not spent?**

The sponsors are happy that the committee at the end of each season decide what to do with any remaining funds. This could be to bolster the fund for the next year or absorb it as a regular donation.



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## Hardship Fund Application Form 2011/12 Season

Name	
Email or phone number	
Address ( for correspondence)	
Request for Support: <i>( please explain in as much detail as you feel you can, the circumstances/ reasons why you require help from the fund The fuller the detail, the easier it will be for the case to be considered)</i>	
<b>Do you have any ideas of how the fund could help?</b> <i>eg subsidise payments, refund expenses, purchase equipment.....</i>	<i>( not essential, but if you have something in mind it is easier to help you if the application is successful)</i>

### Declaration

I declare that at the time of this application, to the best of my knowledge, the information I have supplied is genuine and correct. I agree for the decision committee to consider this application and have read and accepted the terms of the fund.

Signed

Date