



Policy on the reimbursement of travel expenses Version 2.2

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Introduction

This document sets out the intentions of the Oxfordshire Athletics Association (Oxon AA) towards the reimbursement of expenses for eligible persons representing or acting on the Association's behalf. These rules are to reimburse limited of out-of-pocket expenses.

The Oxon AA does not make any report on expenses to HMRC. All payments are inclusive of VAT and any other taxes.

The Association has agreed this policy in order to ensure that all have this information available to enable them to make an expense claim if the activity that they have been undertaking is eligible and the organiser is not offering expenses from themselves.

- This policy applies to
 - Officials
 - Team managers (nominated County teams)

On occasion, **subject to the prior agreement of the Chair and Treasurer.**

- Athletes (when representing the county in the above teams)

The County's finances do not allow us to pay travel expenses for every athlete representing the county, but we will always consider applications on the grounds of hardship or unusual circumstances. Contact the Treasurer directly.

It is for the claimant to decide if they wish to make a claim or not.

- What activities are eligible
 - Officiating at Oxon AA **supported** events where the event does not pay
 - Attending agreed Athletics events on behalf of Oxon AA where expenses are not met by the organising body.
 - Representing the Oxon AA in competitions/events nominated by the Oxon AA.

(Athletics covers Endurance, Track & Field and Cross County)



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On occasion the Chair and Treasurer may agree, on receipt of a prior request, that a coach may be provided to transport OXAA participants (Athletes, Team Managers and Officials) to the venue. Such venues being some distance outside of Oxfordshire. Spare capacity can be sold to accompanying adults. In such cases expenses will not be claimable. The coach's costs will be underwritten by the Association but seats should be priced to recover around 75% of the overall cost.

All eligible claims should be made promptly on the Oxon AA designated forms on the website (<https://oxfordshireathletics.org.uk/officials>) and emailed to the Treasurer at treasurer@oxfordshireathletics.org.uk

Expenses in relation to the organisation of an Association event, i.e. printing materials & consumables, medals, trophies or postage can be submitted to the Chair and Treasurer for agreement.

Attendance at training courses and the reimbursement Admin expenses for the Oxon AA meetings/activities is outside the scope of this policy but requests can be submitted, **prior to costs being committed**, to the Chair or Treasurer for consideration.



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Expectations & Policy Compliance

The Oxon AA has limited resources and, when practical, car sharing and claiming the shortest distance is expected both to reduce costs but to encourage sustainable travel.

Travel claims relate to out of County events.

Claims may be referred to the event lead(s) to validate accuracy.

The event lead is expected to provide the Treasurer in advance with a list of attendees to assist the validation process.

Any variation to these rules needs approval of the Chair and the Executive in advance of any commitment or expectation being given. If, for example, a team manager wanted to rent a minibus to attend an event, they would need to cost compare it and seek approval well before the event

Claims should be made promptly with appropriate supporting information as needed (VAT receipts are not needed). As the financial year is to 30th September, claims prior to that date should be submitted **before the 5th October annually**.

Fraud, Bribery & Corruption

As a voluntary sporting body we expect all parties to act with honesty and integrity. At the moment we do not distinguish between the use of vehicle types, so they may be petrol, diesel, gas or electric, but cycles are not covered by this policy.

When representing the County you are encouraged to car share, additional passengers attract an additional payment per mile. Non representative driver/passengers do not attract this additional payment
Vehicle insurance, the driver of the vehicle needs to ensure that its insurance covers the use.

If representatives don't comply with policy, we can delay reimbursement or reject claims.

Any situation that comes up which is not covered by this policy will be considered by the Chair and Treasurer.



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Types of Expenses—What's Allowable

Event	Officials	Team managers	Senior Athletes	Junior Athletes
Oxon AA representative events	√	√	√	√

What can be claimed

expenses	Single Attendee in Vehicle	Additional Representatives in the vehicle
Mileage	<i>to and from venue on most direct route</i>	<i>to and from venue on most direct route once the passengers have been collected</i>
Rate paid	<i>Events after 1/5/25 35p pm Previously 25p pm</i>	<i>+ 5 p pm - (PP)</i>
Parking	<i>Actual cost if charged</i>	
program	<i>Actual cost if charged</i>	
Train/coach fares	<i>To be agreed prior to the event</i>	

The intention of the expenses rate is to reimburse the costs of fuel and contribute toward the general costs of owning a vehicle, the rates paid are below the HMRC values for up to 10,000 miles of vehicle mileage expenses claims, above which they become taxable. ([May 25 is here](#))

Other costs

Oxon AA do not refund the costs of food and drink, overnight accommodation, fines or lost or damaged possessions.

Oxon AA will provide, from time to time,

- County Vest to representative runners
- A County Polo Shirt to Officials