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Dear Club Secretary,

We hope this letter finds you and your members well. Recently, Ireland hosted the Davis Cup tie at the Sport Ireland Campus, a fantastic showcase of international tennis. Events like this highlight the profile our sport can achieve and the ongoing need to invest at every level, from local clubs and grassroots programmes to the provincial and international stage.

At our last AGM, we discussed updating Player Capitation Fees (PCF) and Court Affiliation Fees (CAF). The AGM highlighted the benefits of a more transparent and consistent fee structure across the island of Ireland. Historically, fees have varied between provinces and, in some cases, even between clubs within the same province. We are now aligning charges to ensure fairness, clarity, and sustainability for all affiliated clubs and members.

New Player Capitation Fees (from 2026)

Member Type	2026 Rate	2025 Rate
Junior	€12	€10
Senior	€25	€20
Family	€62	€40

New Court Affiliation Fees (from 2026)

Court Type	2026 Rate	2025 Rate
Artificial Courts	€90	€83
Seasonal Courts	€55	€50

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Investing in the Future of Tennis in Munster

In Munster, your support helps us deliver and grow the game locally. Tennis Munster, working in partnership with Tennis Ireland, coordinates competitions such as the Adult Senior Winter League (over 550 teams in 2024) and Junior Leagues, selects Inter-Provincial and Masters teams, and supports Munster events on the national circuit. We also work closely with clubs, offering advice, resources, and development opportunities to help them thrive. All of this is made possible thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, who work alongside staff to deliver competitions, support clubs, and grow the game across the province.

What We're Asking Clubs to Do

- **Plan Ahead**

Collect 2026 membership fees in line with the new rates so the correct amount is paid to Tennis Ireland in January 2027.

- **Share the Information with Members**

We've attached posters and a sample member letter (**Appendix 1**) explaining the purpose and value of PCF. Please circulate these by email, on your club noticeboard, or on your website. We also encourage you to **itemise PCF in membership materials** (e.g., "A portion of your membership fee is paid to Tennis Ireland at the following rates...") or link directly to our affiliation page. This promotes transparency and helps members understand where their contributions go.

Supporting Clubs

We appreciate that any increase in fees can be challenging. The posters, FAQs, and sample member letter are designed to make communication easier and to show how PCF supports grassroots participation, coach development, safeguarding, competitions, and Ireland's ability to host international events such as the Davis Cup.

Thank you for your continued support in helping tennis grow and thrive across Ireland. Please contact us if you have any questions or need assistance.

*Kind regards,
Tennis Ireland and Tennis Munster*

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Appendix 1: Suggested Message for Your Members

Dear Member,

We want to let you know about an upcoming change to Tennis Ireland's Player Capitation Fee (PCF). This fee, collected as part of your club membership, helps support the development of tennis across Ireland. New standardised rates will apply from the 2026 membership year.

New PCF Rates (from 2026):

- Junior: €12 (was €10)
- Senior: €25 (was €20)
- Family: €62 (was €40)

Transparency:

A portion of your membership fee is paid to Tennis Ireland at the rates above. These contributions directly support programmes and services that benefit you and your club. Core Services and Benefits include:

- Strengthening club networks through provincial branches and connecting you directly with Regional Development Officers for on hands support
- Facilitating access to leagues and competitions across all ages and standards and providing access to the World Tennis Number ranking system.
- Helping clubs access grants for facilities and equipment.
- Supporting tennis development nationally, including grassroots programmes and hosting international events such as the Davis Cup.
- In Munster, your contributions also support local competitions, representative teams, and events, delivered through the combined efforts of staff and dedicated volunteers.

We know any fee change can raise questions. By clearly showing how PCF is used, we aim to provide transparency, so members understand exactly what their contributions support. Thank you for your continued support in helping tennis grow at both local, regional and national levels.

Kind regards,

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