

# Fee Changes for 2025/26

## Why are Dogs West's fees changing?

Each year, Dogs West reviews its fees to ensure the organisation remains financially sustainable and can continue delivering high-quality services to members.

Fee changes are influenced by:

- Rising costs of services and utilities
- Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- Wage Price Index (WPI)
- General inflation and economic conditions
- Interest rate impacts on operations
- Increases to Dogs Australia fees

Our goal is to remain cost-neutral at a minimum, while continuing to invest in better services and support for members.

## How are fee changes calculated?

Fee adjustments are based on:

- Actual income and expenditure from the previous financial year
- Forecasted cost increases
- Expected member numbers and service demand

This process helps us fairly distribute costs while planning responsibly for the future.

## Some Good News

Dogs West achieved several financial sustainability goals in 2024/25, including:

- Securing new partnerships
- Implementing cost-saving initiatives

As a result, most fee increases have been kept to a minimum. Increases linked to Dogs Australia fees have only been applied at the level passed on to us.

## **Key Fee & Charge Changes for 2025/26**

### **1. Establishment Fee**

- Was: \$60
- Now: \$35
- Now includes Juniors and Handlers
- Reflects minimum setup costs and simplifies membership processing

### **2. Late Fees**

- Most late fees now standardised at \$55
- Late Transfer Fee remains at \$35 per month
- Encourages timely submissions and creates consistency

### **3. Sanctioned Event Levy (With Lighting) – New**

This Levy will replace the fixed sanctioned event lighting fee.

- New fee structure for events requiring lighting
- Replaces previous fixed lighting fee
- Balances club affordability with Dogs West's lighting costs

### **4. Canine News Advertising**

- Advertising schedule simplified
- Some pricing reductions
- Club Notices now strictly for meeting announcements
- Event Notices pricing consistent

- Changes improve clarity and reduce costs for clubs

## 5. Ground Hire & Lighting – Restructure

- Ground Hire with lighting corrects hire fees of facility users to recoup costs for both grounds and lighting
- Fees now include both lighting and ground hire
- Fees reflect seasonally adjusted lighting use
- Lighting time is automatically calculated based on booking times, no lighting forms are required.

### Lighting Times by Season:

Season	Lighting Applies Before	Lighting Applies After
Summer	5:30 AM	7:30 PM
Autumn	6:00 AM	6:30 PM
Winter	6:45 AM	5:30 PM
Spring	6:00 AM	6:30 PM

## 6. New Fees for 2025/26

Fee Description	Amount	Notes
Escalation Fee	\$80.00	NEW – For paperwork errors leading to compliance action
Pre-Event Storage Fee	\$35.00/day	NEW – Up to 30 days. Supports clubs with unexpected deliveries. Subject to space availability
Event Notices	\$50.00	NEW – Applies to all event advertising
Club Notices (Meetings)	Free	Free for meeting announcements only

These new fees reflect the administrative resources required and aim to encourage accuracy and proactive planning.

## **7. Non-Member Fees**

Fees for commercial or non-member use (e.g. venue hire, advertising) are available:

- On the Dogs West website
- Or by request

## **What else is being done to manage costs?**

Dogs West is actively working to minimise cost pressures by:

- Renegotiating supplier contracts to ensure best value
- Reducing printing and postage through:
  - Online forms and digital tools
  - Digital membership cards
  - Achieved over \$15,000 in savings in 2024/25
  - Further savings expected in 2025/26 through additional digitisation projects

## **New Income Streams Being Explored (2025/26)**

- Product research for e-commerce opportunities
- New sponsorship partnerships
- Additional regular facility hirers