

## **Fintan FC 500 Club**

### **1. The 500 Club**

The 'Fintan FC 500 Club' is registered with Cheltenham Borough Council as a small society lottery (under the Gambling Act 2005) and is your chance to win big cash prizes and support the growth and development of Fintan Football Club.

Our aim as a not-for-profit society is to firstly support Fintan FC's plans to grow into their own training and playing facility that will host a clubhouse, and eventually, community facilities. Once this has been achieved, our aim will be to support the club in funding the running costs of their facility and supporting other agreed projects that will serve the growth of the club.

Throughout this journey, Fintan FC have pledged to develop the youth section and look to introduce a more diverse range of teams such as womens, disability and veteran teams. By joining the Fintan FC 500 Club, you are pledging to support Fintan FC and the community that it serves. An amount to the value of 20% of all subscriptions/monthly payments goes directly to the football club in addition to all profits made. Furthermore, your monthly subscription gives you the chance to win **every single week!**

### **2. How does it work?**

1. Set up your membership with the 500 Club by supplying your contact details in full. (See rule 7.8. & 7.9.)
2. Set up your payment of £10 for each number you wish to have in the draw. (See rule 6.5.)
3. Once payment has been received, your number(s) will be entered into the draw. (A committee member will assign you your permanent membership number and will inform you of this).
4. On the last day of the month (see rule 5.2.) the weekly draws and monthly/annual draws will be made. This is done by the drawing of numbers.
5. Finally, all prize winners will be contacted and information shared on our website & social media platforms. Prize payments will be made via bank transfer or cheque.

### **3. Why become a 500 Club member?**

It goes without saying that by being a 500 Club member, you are supporting Fintan Football Club to progress up the football pyramid. What you may not know is that you are directly contributing to improving local communities. Young children can experience their first taste of football; teenagers can actively participate in competitive football and gain a sense of belonging; adults have the opportunity to play a high standard of football and benefit from a flourishing social life.

All of these people are members of *your* community. If Fintan FC succeed in their ambitious plans, this community will benefit from improved sporting and social facilities, that include but are not

limited to childrens' play area, bar & skittles alley, community cafe, billiards table, darts, community pitches etc. The future potential really is unlimited!

#### 4. Benefits of being a member

- Weekly, monthly and annual prize draws to win large sums of cash.
- Additional free prize draws for all members. Draws & its prizes to be announced spontaneously throughout the membership year. (We are partnered with a range of local businesses who will support us in our venture and will provide special offers and giveaways over time. We hope to grow our network of local businesses as we progress.)
- 500 Club exclusive events.
- Personal invite to club social and fundraising events.
- Special offers on club events and merchandise.
- Membership milestone awards & plaques for long-serving 500 Club members.

#### 5. Prizes

- 5.1. 40 weekly prizes.  
11 monthly prizes.  
1 annual prize.

5.2. Prize draws will take place on the last day of each month, preferably at a Fintan FC fixture (this may be earlier than the last day of the month, but no earlier than the 22nd to coincide with the payment deadline of the 21st). If this is not possible, it will be drawn in the presence of at least two 500 Club committee members and a member of the general public. The Grand Christmas Draw will be drawn on the 24th December. All draws will be recorded and distributed via our website and social media platforms.

5.3. The prize structure will be flexible to account for the number of paid entries each month. Please see the table below for prize structures:

Number of paid members.	Weekly Prize (40 per year)	Monthly Prize (11 per year)	Annual Prize (Grand Christmas Draw)
25	£25	£100	£500
50	£50	£175	£1000
100	£75	£250	£1500
150	£100	£300	£2000
200	£125	£325	£2500
250	£150	£350	£3000

300	£175	£375	£3500
350	£200	£400	£4000
400	£225	£425	£4500
450	£250	£450	£5000
500+	£300	£500	£5000

5.4. If the membership levels increase or decrease, the prize structure will be altered to reflect this. Therefore, the more members, the greater the prizes.

5.5. The annual prize (Grand Christmas Draw) will be calculated based on the average level of membership for that membership year. We anticipate that membership levels will grow organically and eventually reach its peak. To calculate this average, membership totals for each month of the year will be added together and divided by the twelve months to determine the Grand Christmas Draw prize.

5.6. All changes to the prize structure will be clearly advertised on the website and social media platforms prior to the month's draw.

5.7. Only members who have been fully paid members for the three (3) month's subscription/membership prior to December (from September onwards) will be eligible for the annual Grand Christmas Draw.

## 6. Cost of membership

6.1. £10 per month (for one number). You are allowed as many entries as you wish.

6.2. Payment details for the Fintan FC 500 Club are:

Account Name	Fintan FC
Sort Code	20-20-15
Account Number	33260402

6.3. This can be paid in three ways:

1. Monthly instalments of £10.
2. Two instalments of £60 every six months - the first in January and the second in July.
3. A one-off payment of £120.

6.4. Payments can be made via standing order, bank transfer, cash or cheque. We prefer standing order as you will be less likely to forget to pay and avoid the disappointment of missing out on prize draws. If you wish to pay using cash or cheque, please contact Chairman, Dean Carbin, to organise this. (We are working on a way to offer online payment at [www.fintanfc500club.co.uk](http://www.fintanfc500club.co.uk). We will notify all members when this is an option).

6.5. Payments must be received by 6:00pm on the 21st of the month to qualify for that month's draw. If payment has not been received by this time & date, your number will not be entered into the prize draw. You will be allowed to resume your membership at any time by paying your subscription/membership but may be allocated a different number.

6.6. The membership year will commence in January and end in December. Members joining after January who wish to pay in one lump-sum will pay a pro-rata rate based on how many months are left in the year.

## **7. General Rules (in conjunction with the above)**

7.1. Membership is open to any person who has obtained the age of 16.

7.2. A minimum of 25 paying members are required before a draw can take place. In the extremely unlikely event of there being fewer than 25 paying members at the payment deadline of each month (see 6.5.), all subscriptions will be carried forward/credited on to the next month's draw. If a member has paid a lump-sum of six or twelve months subscription, they will be credited a free month at the end of their subscription.

7.3. There is no upper limit to the number of members.

7.4. There are no credit terms. No membership is allowed to go into arrears. To participate in a monthly draw, payment must be made in advance as stated in rule 6.5.

7.5. The names of prize winners will be published on our website and social media platforms. If you would prefer not to have your name published, please contact Chairman, Dean Carbin, to discuss.

7.6. Prizes can only be paid to the registered owner of a membership number.

7.7. Members of the 500 Club Committee may request to present prizes to the winners where photographs may be taken for publicity purposes. Each individual member has the right to accept or deny this request.

7.8. Members will be asked to provide full contact information. This is to be provided via our online application form. If you have issues with these methods, a committee member will be happy to assist you over the phone or in person. Please contact us to discuss.

7.9. It is the responsibility of the paying member to ensure the 500 Club committee has up-to-date contact information. Prizes and vital information/updates will be sent to the information provided. We can not be held responsible for prize money or vital information/updates not being received as a result of incorrect or incomplete contact information.

7.10. 20% of all subscriptions are instantly pledged to Fintan Football Club in addition to all profits (see 7.11.). All amounts pledged will be accumulated and paid to Fintan FC once appropriate projects

have been identified and authorised by the Fintan FC 500 Club Committee after consultation with the Fintan FC Committee.

7.11. All profits arising from the 500 Club will be donated to Fintan FC (in addition to the 20% of membership subscriptions that are already pledged).

'Profit' for this purpose is defined as: subscriptions received, less amounts pledged to Fintan FC (20% of subscriptions received), plus interest earned, less prize monies paid, less incidental expenses incurred, less tax payable on the resultant profit/interest for the year.