

Initiation Fee Increase FAQ

The Initiation Fee Subcommittee recently recommended the new initiation fee of \$7,000 per adult — an increase from the previous fee of \$6,000 — to go into effect on Jan. 1, 2025. This adjustment is reflective of current market conditions and will directly support capital projects that modernize the club's 600,000 square feet of premium athletic, fitness, social, and culinary spaces.

Here are answers to some common questions about this change.

1. *What is the initiation fee?*

Initiation fees are an investment in the club's future. They fund capital improvement projects that modernize facilities. Upon election to join the Multnomah Athletic Club, each adult applying is responsible for full payment of their initiation fee. A deposit must be made on the initiation fee in order to be added to the waitlist. See the Membership Policies and Procedures document on the Club Rules page of themac.com for more information.

2. *What is the Initiation Fee Subcommittee?*

This subcommittee is made up of members from the Budget & Finance and Membership Committees, Board of Trustees, and club leaders. It is charged with developing a strategy for regularly reviewing and advising on adjustments to initiation fees.

3. *What did the Initiation Fee Subcommittee recommend?*

The subcommittee recommended an increase of the initiation fee to \$7,000 per adult. It also determined that there should be a cadence for initiation fee increase consideration. Initiation fees are to be reviewed every three years to determine if any adjustments are needed. This cadence ensures that fee adjustments align with historical patterns, industry standards, and the club's financial needs.

4. *When will the new initiation fee take effect?*

The new initiation fee will take effect starting Jan. 1, 2025. Any prospective applicant who has not paid their deposit by that time will be subject to the increased fee.

5. *Why did the committee recommend increasing the initiation fee?*

The initiation fee increase is necessary to support ongoing capital projects and facility enhancements. It reflects a natural progression of cost increase and will allow the club to maintain and modernize club spaces.

6. *What factors go into the decision-making process?*

The decision to increase the initiation fee was made after consideration and assessment of the club's financial needs and goals. Regular re-view and adjustment of fees is essential to ensure the club's long-term sustainability and ability to deliver outstanding member experiences

7. *What type of projects does the increase fund?*

They fund capital improvement projects, such as renovating and modernizing the Fitness Room, Main Entrance, and Sun Deck Pool.

8. *How does this impact MAC families with junior or intermediate members?*

The parents of junior or intermediate members can set up a prepaid initiation payment plan for their children. This is a great opportunity to take advantage of the current initiation fee before it goes up, as a prepaid initiation plan locks in the current fee and spreads it over a period of time.

The increase does not impact intermediates who already have their initiation prepaid or are on a prepay initiation payment plan. See themac.com/legacy for more information on intermediate membership.

9. *How does the increase impact those who want to propose someone for membership?*

Current members are encouraged to propose people in their network who they think would thrive within the club's supportive community as soon as possible so the prospective member can pay their deposit before the increase goes into effect.

10. *Does this change impact individuals on a prepaid or payment plan?*

No, this does not impact individuals on a prepaid or payment plan.

11. *How does this impact prospective members on the waitlist?*

This change does not affect individuals and families who have paid their deposit already. Prospective applicants who have completed their deposit payment are locked in at the current initiation fee rate and won't be subject to the fee increase.

Those who haven't paid their deposit yet will pay the higher rate if they don't do so by the end of the year.

12. *Why should prospective members pay their deposit by the end of the year?*

They receive the lower rate, meaning they pay \$1,000 less for initiation. It also brings them one step closer to becoming a MAC member, when they'll have access to more than 600,000 square feet of athletic, fitness, social, and culinary amenities.