

UPSU Governing Documents

Sports Bye-Law

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Reviewing this document

This document may be amended with the permission of the Board of Trustees, following pre-approval by Governance and Appointments Committee.

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Sports Clubs Bye-Law

- 1.1 Full members, (as defined by the Members Bye-Law) of the Union may establish individual Clubs who must operate within the remit of the Union's Memorandum and Articles of Association and Bye-Laws.
- 1.2 A Club shall refer to a group of students partaking in sporting activity
- 1.3 All Clubs are financially and constitutionally separate from the Union. The Union has a watching brief over their financial affairs.
- 1.4 The ratio of membership between full Union members and associate members must be at least 75% or the Club or Society will no longer be affiliated to the Union.

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1.5 A Club may be recognised by the Union if:

- the core objectives do not duplicate those already held by recognised Clubs
- it has the formal support of at least twenty other full Union members,
- the required paperwork, must include but is not limited to:
 - an online Committee Form
 - a Model Constitution
 - a Code of Conduct
 - a Health and Safety Risk Assessment
 - Development Plan
- The Chair of the new club submits recommended requests to the relevant Sports Forum for approval.
- There must be an elected core committee who will administer the Club as a minimum these must be:
 - a Chairperson;
 - a Treasurer;
 - a Secretary;
 - a Health and Safety Officer

1.6 To be recognised, each Club shall be affiliated to the Union but in doing so it must:

Commit to

- its own Constitution and Code of Conduct which is acceptable to the Union and adhere to both of these documents,
- must be open to all full members of the Students' Union,
- must have an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the spring term which should be conducted in line with the clubs constitution

Abide by

- the Financial Regulations of the Union,
- any additional regulations set out in organisation documents, for example 'How To Guides',
- the Union's Health and Safety Policy,
- the Union's Equal Opportunities Policy,

Must

- send a committee representative to the Sports Forum which acts as a sub-committee of the Union Council,
- send a committee representative to the Union's Annual Student Members' Meeting

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- 1.7 Failure to send a representative on three occasions to the Sports Forum may result in the Union withholding the Club grant funding.
- 1.8 Each Club must send a committee representative and encourage other members to attend the Union Annual Student Members' Meeting. Failure to send a representative may result in sanctions, which could include but not limited to, the Union withholding the Club grant funding; the Vice President Sport will make decisions in such cases.
- 1.9 If a Club fails to sign up twenty full members of the Union in an academic year, they will be referred to the Sports Development Department
- 1.10 If Club membership cannot be sustained in any academic year, the Club will be suspended, and referred to the Sports Development Department.
- 1.11 This Bye-Law should be read in conjunction with the documents and policies mentioned in 1.6 above.
- 1.12 Any alterations to a Club Constitution can only be made in line with Item 7 of the Club Constitution

For further help and advice, please contact the Governance Team

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