



## **Byelaw 8**

### Aberdeen University Sports Union

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#### **Introduction**

The Sports Union is the branch of the Aberdeen University Students' Association (AUSA) that governs all sports clubs and all sporting activities led by AUSA. The Vice-President for Sports is the head of the Sports Union.

#### **Remit**

1. Promote and support all areas of sport and physical activity.
2. Affiliation, re-affiliation, and disaffiliation of Sports Clubs.
3. Safeguard welfare of members.
4. Support the Vice President for Sports in their role, gather student opinion on sports issues, and act as a liaison between students and Vice-President for Sports.
5. Support events such as the annual Sports Ball, to unite students and celebrate student sport.
6. Feed into the University's Institutional Sports Strategy.
7. Represent interests of the Sports Union through relevant platforms, including Student Council.

#### **Sports Union Committee Structure**

1. The Sport Union Committee will be made up of 12 positions, this includes the Vice-President for Sport who is the chair and lead of the committee.
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2. The other 11 positions will be elected as the following:
  - 2.1. Vice-Chair
  - 2.2. Alumni Convener
  - 2.3. Blues & Colours Convenor
  - 2.4. Events Convener
  - 2.5. Fundraising Convener
  - 2.6. Intramural Sport Convenor
  - 2.7. Academic Inclusion Convenor
  - 2.8. Minority Inclusion Convenor
  - 2.9. Media Convenor
  - 2.10. Performance Sport Convenor
  - 2.11. Welfare Convenor
3. A number of Sports Union Sub-committees shall exist for the governance of sport at the university through the AUSA.
4. The Vice-President for Sports retains the right to create additional subcommittees as required with approval of the Sports Union Committee based on the needs year to year however the below listed committees shall always exist.
5. The Blues Committee shall exist as outlined in Aberdeen University Sports Union Blues Policy 5; this committee is chaired by the Sports Union Blues & Colours Convenor.
6. The Colours Committee shall exist as outlined in Aberdeen University Sports Union Colours Policy 8; this committee is chaired by Sports Union Blues & Colours Convenor.

### **Affiliations**

1. The Sports Union shall lobby AUSA and the University of Aberdeen to ensure it is always affiliated to:
  - 1.1. British University and College Sport or any organisation which replaces it.
  - 1.2. Scottish Student Sport or an organisation which replaces it.

## **Sports Club AGMs**

1. All sports clubs must have had their AGM's by the 1st of April.
2. The outgoing club President must have submitted in writing to the Vice-President for Sports the full list of new committee members by the 14th of April.

## **Club Constitutions**

1. All clubs affiliated to must have a club constitution that is approved by their club committee.
2. All clubs, as well as their own constitution, will also be governed by AUSA policy which includes and is not limited to the safe space policy.
3. Clubs may not include content within their constitution that contradicts any AUSA or Sports Union byelaws or policies.
4. All Sports Union clubs must have a Safety Officer within their club.
5. All Sports Union clubs must have a Blues Coordinator within their club.

## **Club Registration**

1. All clubs must submit ratified registration documents to the Sports Union by the 1st of July.
2. These documents include:
  - 2.1. Club Constitution
  - 2.2. Safety Code of Practice
  - 2.3. Risk Assessment(s)
  - 2.4. Development Plan
  - 2.5. Budget
  - 2.6. Code of Conduct
3. Any club that submits their club registration documents past the deadline will not be eligible for funding from the Sports Union.

## **Facility usage**

1. Club training at ASV will be paid for by the AUSU during the training term:

- 1.1. First Term – mid September until end of November
- 1.2. Second Term – mid January until end of March
2. The AUSU will not pay for training out with the training term other than for fixtures.
3. External hiring of Sports Facilities will only be paid for by the AUSU for BUCS or SSS fixtures.

### **Club Affiliation**

1. Any new group wishing to affiliate must meet the following criteria,
  - 1.1. They must satisfy the Vice-President for Sports they are a sport, this may require but is not limited to recognition by Sports Scotland/BUCS/SSS.
  - 1.2. Must submit a request in writing to be affiliated as a Sports Club, detailing facilities, financial procedures, development and anything else that may be relevant.
  - 1.3. Must have twenty potential member's names, matriculation numbers, and their signatures.
  - 1.4. Must have a draft club constitution.
  - 1.5. Must have a draft club safety code.
2. The Vice-President for Sports will take all the above information, if satisfied, to the Sports Union committee for a vote.
3. If the Sport Union Committee approve the club will be a probationary member for one year at which point the Sports Union is not required to provide them with;
  - 3.1. Funding
  - 3.2. Facilities
  - 3.3. Vehicles
4. After one year the above conditions will be reviewed and if the Sports Union committee is satisfied that the club can support itself and has enough engagement from students, then they will become a full Sports Union Club member, subject to availability.
5. Two years after the vote of the Sports Union Committee, there will be a club review with the Activities Development Manager and the Vice-President for Sports. At this

point the Activities Development Manager and Vice-President for Sports can chose to disaffiliate the club if they are failing to support themselves

6. After affiliation there is no guarantee the new club will receive the same resources as an older club (2009+) for example, funding, transport, facilities and staff support.

### **Events**

1. The Sports Union will abide by all general AUSA policy on events.

### **Sports Union Policy**

1. The Sports Union must adhere to all of the Sports Union Byelaw and policies.
2. All members of the Sports Union must adhere to all of the Sports Union policies
3. If a club is affiliated to the Sports Union they agree to abide by these policies.
4. The Sports Union Byelaw and the Sports Union policies will be always be available on the AUSA website. They will also be brought to the attention to all new committees by the Vice-President for Sport during the affiliation process.