



University of Stirling Sport Union Policy Document

The Goal of our Sports Union:

To maintain our reputation and status as one of the leading UK institutions for sport by:

- i. Encourage participation levels throughout our student body by promoting sport as a vehicle to develop active and healthy lifestyles;
- ii. Providing a platform and infrastructure for University Clubs and individual athletes who wish to aspire to and preserve their status at the elite end of the performance continuum.

What we'll do for you and your Club

The Sports Union President and their team will ensure that your club has access to the following resources and expertise that will allow you to participate at your best:

- i. **Finance:** The Union will work closely with the treasurer of each club to ensure that your team has equipment, pay the appropriate affiliate fees and ensure that your transport needs are met. See finance schedule.
- ii. **Health & Safety:** The health and wellbeing of our students is imperative. When representing our University, all members of the Sports Union will be covered by a Personal Accident Insurance Scheme. We will train members to be qualified first aiders and provide every Club with medical supplies.
- iii. **Administration:** The Union will work with club Presidents to ensure that the club's constitution, members' list, administration (BUCS) and equipment inventory are up to date. The Sport's Union requires all affiliated clubs and members to adhere to our equality principles of equality, respect and inclusion. See constitution and Sports Union schedule.
- iv. **Personal Development:** The Sport's Union will encourage our members' to develop their skills. We will actively promote the '*Coach Education and Employment funds*' and other vocational training that will be of use to you and your Club. See Sports Union website.

What we expect from you

- i. **Code of conduct:** Representing the University of Stirling is a privilege. We require all of our members to adhere to, and sign, our code of practice when affiliating to any club. Breaches of the code of conduct will result in a disciplinary hearing. See code of conduct schedule.
- ii. **Engage with our Union:** Our Union is proud to have over 40 clubs and over 2,000 members. We expect your Club to maintain strong links with the Union, other clubs and the University. Our Clubs Council is a forum that enables all Clubs to have a say in the running of your Union and a representative of each Club must attend monthly meetings.
- iii. **Fundraise:** Members' fees can be used for essential club requirements such as travel, equipment and the use of facilities. It is important, however, to clubs to actively raise funds in order to enhance the services that they can provide to its members.

The University of Stirling Sports' Union will work with Clubs and members to make students' lives better.