

### Conditions Relating to the Acceptance of new Clubs within Athletic Union

1. Each prospective club must draw up a **CONSTITUTION** detailing **AIMS, OBJECTIVES, COMMITTEE POSITIONS & TRAINING TIMES**. All this information may be requested in advance of the Clubs AGM.
2. Those students submitting a new club application must consider the financial cost required for the club to exist. It is unlikely that any new clubs requiring significantly high levels of financial support will be accepted.
3. Proposals for the recognition of new clubs must be submitted to the Sports Development staff by **March 31<sup>st</sup>** of any year. Once Sport Development staff and the AU executive have considered applications they will submit any proposed new clubs to the AU Clubs AGM which is normally held in early May.
4. Any proposed new club must receive 2/3 of those voting at the Clubs AGM.
5. Activities must be open to all students equally without financial or geographical discrimination. Applications from sports which normally take place outside the Greater Liverpool area will not be considered.

***Clearly some activities will have to operate away from the campus namely: Athletics, Canoeing, Clay Pigeon, Gymnastics, Tennis, Rowing, Golf, Sailing, Sky Diving, Surf & Windsurfing & Ski.***

6. Each prospective club must enrol a minimum of 25 University of Liverpool students (or the numbers of the team/squad if higher) willing to join the proposed activity and be willing to become an active member of the Club.
7. Once accepted by the Clubs that do not achieve the minimum number of 25 paid up members will be subject to a review. If a club fails to attract 25 paid up members for two successive years without good reason they will not be supported the following year.
8. For a proposal to be considered there must be an existing National Student Championship for the sport organised under the auspices of BUCS.

**Recognition of the sport by BUCS does not mean that any such club will be automatically recognised by Sport Liverpool.**

9. If a recognised BUCS competition is not offered in the sport at the time of application, applications will only be considered for other sports offered at Olympic level.
10. Each prospective sport must be recognised by SPORT ENGLAND.
11. Each prospective Club should consider affiliating to their National Governing Body.
12. Any martial art applying for membership will only be considered in activities that have a single Governing body and/or have been recognised by the IOC. We will not offer two versions of the same martial art.
13. Any prospective Club must be organised by students at the University of Liverpool and only such students can hold senior positions on their committee (namely President, Club and Team Captains, Secretary, Social and Welfare Officer and Treasurer). Membership can be extended to other students and staff members in certain circumstances.

14. Any Club supported at a Clubs AGM will be required to provide a detailed Health & Safety Policy/ Risk Assessment before they can begin their activities. SD staff will assist with this.
15. Each club must hold an AGM to which all committee members will be invited and officers for the coming session will be elected. These meetings will be chaired by a member of the AU Executive or Sports Development staff.
16. Sport Liverpool reserves the right to limit the number of clubs and the types of activities it recognises.

#### **Club Membership Fees**

1. Sport Liverpool/AU Executive will normally confirm prices for the following year by the time of club training in early June.
2. In 2021/22 the cost of AU/ Club membership is £40 for the first club joined and £24 for any further club joined.
3. Fees are made up of (1) Athletic Union (£16) and (2) Club Membership (£24).
4. Any external members of clubs will be charged a higher fee to join a club. This fee will be confirmed annually and by the time of Club Training. (£55 in the 2021/22 year).
5. A further document will explain the process of joining for external members.