

Sports club and Society Memberships

Members should be at the heart of everything a Society or Sports Club does throughout an academic year, and the quantity and quality of members can go a huge way in developing a student group.

There are two different types of memberships at GSU – Student Members and Affiliate Members:

Student Members

University of Greenwich students who have ‘purchased’ official membership to the club or society. These members should be the primary focus of the group’s activities and should be able to take part in as many or as few of these as they wish. They have the democratic right to vote and campaign in the groups decisions.

Affiliate Members

Non-students, who wish to get involved in a Sports club or Society. They could be staff, alumni, students at other HE/FE institutions, or members of the local community. They must complete a ‘guest’ membership to the SU, before confirming their membership to any group. Groups should notify the SU if they intend to offer affiliate membership.

Affiliate members cannot:

- Take part in ‘competitive’ activity, representing Greenwich Students’ Union e.g. BUCS Sports
- Make up more than 50% attendance of a Sports club/Society event
- Take an opportunity away from a student member
- Cannot hold a committee position

There are slightly different membership structures for our Societies as there are for our Sports clubs:

Sports clubs

There is a set membership structure in place for all sports clubs, that varies accordingly to the level of competition they wish to get involved in:

BUCS (or equivalent level of competitive activity)	£60
LUSL (or equivalent level of recreational activity)	£40
Social and training activity	£20

Membership to a sports club covers that individual for: Training, Facilities, Transport, Umpires, Kit, Equipment and Insurance

Societies

There is no maximum or minimum amount that a Society can charge for their membership. This is decided by the committee of each Society and should be set according to the group’s budget for the year.

The money generated from membership should be the principal way that a Society looks to raise funds. If the group anticipates providing a number of costly activities, it is recommended that a higher membership figure is introduced to cover this.

Membership fees can be changed throughout the year upon request, and it is possible to offer multiple membership options, based upon engagement – similar to the structure within Sports clubs.