



CODE OF PRACTICE FOR SPORTS CLUBS 2025/26

Christ Church Students' Union, working in partnership with Christ Church Sport & Active Health, supports, subsidises, and helps student leaders run 30+ sports clubs and we are very proud of all 1,000 of you as #TeamChristChurch. Our Club Sport aim is:

- To enhance the student-led ethos within club sport, giving club committees and leaders greater control and flexibility within a supportive organisational framework.
- To ensure you have the best possible sporting experience.
- To positively influence the culture of sport.
- To enhance opportunities for strategic planning and development of club sport.
- To enhance and develop future employability of students by empowering them as leaders.
- Create and enhance communities that deepen the sense of belonging to Christ Church.
- To enhance the transparency around club sport funding and subsidy.
- To create a sustainable model for club sport provision.

How do we do this?

Our ethos is to create a supportive and empowering operational framework for student leaders to create their best possible sporting and social experience, and so we believe in devolving as much control and autonomy for the running and governance of clubs to the membership of the club. We also believe in transparency and clear communication, and are committed to ensure students are aware of how their club is run, how to effect change and where their membership money goes.

How is Club Sport funded?

Club sport is delivered as a partnership between Christ Church Students' Union, Christ Church Sport & Active Health, and you, the membership. Resourcing is discussed at the Club Sport Partnership Strategic and Operations groups made up of the Union, the University, and students.

Two items need to be purchased to play or compete:

- To train, play, or compete with a sports club a membership of that Club must be purchased via www.ccsu.co.uk. The cost of membership for each Club is decided by that Club. This ensures they are able to fully participate in the running of that club, with the fee being decided by the club's committee, which can be free. The income from this is fully within the control of the club, but must be utilised within the financial framework set by the Union and by the club's constitution.
- To train, play, or compete with a sports club, an activity fee must be purchased from Christ Church Sport & Active Health:
 - Members will ordinarily be in one of the BUCS sports or a sport that has regular coaching sessions focused on improvement. Members will attend the sessions that have an associated coaching and/or fixture programme and arrangements for facilities, coaching, first aid, officials, and transport will be made for the members. There will be additional costs for playing kit and training kit, and if requested, additional training sessions. The cost in 2025/26 is £140.



Ownership and responsibilities

The ownership regarding income generation and spend of club funds sits with the Executive Committee members of each club. The monitoring of the individual club funds is the responsibility of the Treasurer, with the President having sign-off responsibility, and Union's Opportunities staff approving spending to ensure they adhere to the clubs agreed objectives. The Opportunities & Events Manager and finance department of the Union will monitor overall expenditure and activity.

Associate Membership

An Associate Member is any person who is not a member of Christ Church Students' Union, including CCCU staff. Clubs can decide if they wish to admit associate members, or not. Christ Church Students' Union is prohibited under charity law from subsidising non-members, which is why there is an additional cost to individuals who are not Union members. The cost of associate membership for sports clubs for 2025/26 £80, which is in addition to the usual membership charge.

Designated Fund

The funds of each club will be restricted for that club as 'designated funds'. The funds will be kept in a separate account line within the Students' Union and will be made available to view to the Club.

Access to Opportunities Fund

The Union has created an Access to Opportunities Fund to which students can apply to to partially or wholly cover the cost of memberships, if this would otherwise be a barrier to participation. If you would like to apply to the fund then please see the details on the Union's website.

End of year

If at the end of the financial year (30th June) the club has surplus funds, the money will be rolled over to the following year.

Overspend

Clubs are not ordinarily permitted to spend more than their income and go into deficit. If this occurs, any activity may be put on hold until the committee generates necessary income.

If you have any questions concerning sports funding, please get in touch via hello@ccsu.co.uk.

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