

# MEMBERSHIP POLICY

The AU Sport Membership Policy is in accordance with 'Section 5' of the AU Sport Constitution.

It is the responsibility of the member to maintain correct membership at all times. That said, Clubs should assist members by providing clear communication to members and ensuring memberships are available to purchase.

## Clubs

All affiliated clubs of AU Sport are considered members of AU Sport. For details about Club Affiliation, please refer to 'Affiliation of Clubs Policy'.

## Individual Membership Classification

To be considered a member of an AU Sport Club, an individual must also have a current AU Sport membership. AU Sport has the following classes of membership:

(a) **AU Student Members** (or Ordinary Members)

All enrolled students of the University of Adelaide are classed as Ordinary Members.

One is considered a 'student' until they are no longer enrolled at the University. If a student is expected to graduate during the coming calendar year, they will only be considered an Ordinary member until the following dates:

- Mid year graduation – 31 July
- End of year graduation – 31 December

If a graduate still wishes to maintain his/her membership with AU Sport and a club, they will need a purchase University membership.

(b) **University Members**

On payment of the annual fee as set by the AU Sport Board and approved by the AU Sport Council, a University Member may be either:

1. Academic, professional and ancillary staff members of the University, AU Sport or the Union.
2. Students who are on exchange/placement to the University of Adelaide but not enrolled in a subject/course (ie have no A number).
3. Graduates of the University of Adelaide
4. Managers or employees of businesses on campus owned by the University or Union.
5. Spouses of Ordinary Members

6. Current members of Sports Unions or Associations of other Tertiary Institutions, upon nomination by a Club and approval by their own Sports Union or Association, may be admitted to a University membership for an indefinite period, if their own Sports Union or Association does not provide for their sport.

(c) **Associate Members**

On payment of the annual fee as set by the AU Sport Board and approved by the AU Sport Council is any other person, who does not qualify under the terms of Student or University Membership.

Associate Members are limited to 25% of the total membership of any Club, with the Board able to review regularly the percentage figure.

(d) **Social Members**

On payment of the annual fee as set by the AU Sport Board and approved by the AU Sport Council, a Social Member is a person who does not undertake the main sport/activity of a club and either:

- Is someone who wishes to maintain involvement in a club but does not hold an official role at the club.

Social Members will not be counted as full members of Clubs for the purpose of assessing eligibility for affiliated status or allocation of grants but are covered by AU Sport's Insurance program when attending official Club activities.

(e) **Junior Members**

On payment of the annual fee as set by the AU Sport Board and approved by the AU Sport Council, Junior Members are members under 18 years of age as at 1 March of each year, who are not enrolled students of the University of Adelaide.

Junior Members may be admitted as a consequence of:

- a requirement of the State Sporting Organisation for its member clubs to foster a junior team  
**OR**
- a desire by a Club, with the approval of the Board, to provide training or to otherwise promote and encourage sport at a junior level.

Junior Members will not be counted as full members of Clubs for the purpose of assessing eligibility for affiliated status or allocation of grants.

As in the case of a Junior Member, a parent who does not have their own AU Sport membership is not entitled to any rights awarded to a full member.

Other memberships:

(f) **Honorary Members**

Council, by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, may confer Honorary Membership on individuals appointed to serve on Association or Club Committees. Such membership shall be limited to the period of service on that committee, and to the annual activities of that particular Club or committee.

(g) **Life Members**

Council, by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, may by the award of the Half Blue in appreciation for services to the Association, confer honorary Life Membership on any individual.

(h) **Coaches and Officials membership**

On payment of the annual fee as set by the AU Sport Board and approved by the AU Sport Council, a 'Coaches and Officials' Member is a person who does not undertake the main sport/activity of a club and either:

- Holds an official administration or volunteer role at a club or
- Is a non-playing coach/team manager for a club

(i) **Come and try**

This membership provides non AU students with insurance cover to participate in ONE club come and try event.

Potential new members are entitled to attend two "Come and trys' but will need to purchase 'AU Sport membership - Come and Try 2' for their second opportunity. If you then decide to join the club, you will need to purchase the appropriate AU Sport membership - University or Associate. As you have purchased come and try products, you will receive the appropriate discount. Additional club fees will still apply.

(j) **Pre-season Membership**

As Club membership fees are often not collected until the season has started, this AU Sport membership provides new non AU students to a club with insurance cover while they participate in pre-season training including up to two trial games.

Once club fees are due, you will need to purchase the appropriate AU Sport membership - University or Associate. As you have purchased this membership, a \$22 discount will apply during the purchase process.

Additional club fees will still apply. If you decide not to join the club, no refund will be provided.

## Conditions of AU Sport membership

1. All AU Sport memberships are 12 months in length from date of purchase. It does not offer half year memberships at a discounted price.
2. No person shall become a member of any Club except by becoming a member of AU Sport and, upon ceasing to be a member of AU Sport, such person shall cease to be a member of all affiliated Clubs.
3. Members may hold numerous club memberships as long as they hold a current AU Sport membership and are financial with each club.
4. The number of Student Members within each Club shall be the majority and should be maintained at least 50% of a clubs total membership base. The AU Sport Board with the approval of the AU Sport Council shall have the power to limit the number of members in any class except Ordinary Membership.
5. Student Members of AU Sport shall be entitled to membership and all of the benefits of any of the Clubs affiliated to AU Sport, subject always to the rules and constitution of the Club that the member wishes to join and upon payment to the Club of such subscription fee prescribed by the Club.
6. No member shall be entitled to any rights or privileges of membership of AU Sport while their subscription is due and unpaid (this includes insurance coverage)
7. All members must agree and follow, AU Sport and their club's Code of Conduct and other policies. If a member's behaviour is in breach of either code or policies, a hearing may be called in line with the AU Sport Handling Complaints policy.
8. Any member suspended or otherwise ceasing to be a member of AU Sport shall forfeit all rights to and claim upon AU Sport and its property or funds which they would have by reason of membership.
9. Refunds of AU Sport membership will not be provided, especially in the following circumstances:
  - a) If a University or Associate member becomes a student at any point during the year (ie a non-student).
  - b) If a University or Associate member decides to no longer maintain membership for the full 12 months.