



MEMBERSHIP POLICY

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

AU Sport has the following classes of membership:

Main memberships:

(a) **Ordinary Members** (or AU Student 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, he/she 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.
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 Ordinary 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:

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

(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.

Other memberships:

(f) **Visiting Members**

Is only provided if reciprocal rights are extended to members of AU Sport by the visitor's University and applies to:

- Current undergraduate or postgraduate student members of other University Sports Associations or Unions outside of this State. They may be admitted as Visiting Members for a period of up to 12 months upon application to the Board.
- Current graduate or staff members of other University Sports Associations or Unions outside of this State. They may be admitted as Visiting Members for up to one semester upon application to the Board. Membership for longer periods will be upon application and payment of a prescribed fee as determined by Council.

(g) **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.

(h) **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.

Conditions of membership

1. 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.
2. Members may hold numerous club memberships as long as they hold a current AU Sport membership.
3. The number of Ordinary 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.
4. Ordinary 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.
5. No member shall be entitled to any rights or privileges of membership of AU Sport while their subscription is due and unpaid.
6. 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.
7. 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.