

Overview

The purpose of this policy is to outline the model for the fee differentiation between University of Melbourne Students and non-Students who are members of University of Melbourne Sporting Clubs.

Background

Sport is partially funded from the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) that University of Melbourne (UoM) Students are required to pay each year. Approximately \$2.5M is provided to MU Sport to support programs and sports clubs. MU Sport is required to demonstrate the fee differentiation between UoM Students and non-Students.

MU Sport also reports on participation rates and percentage of students engaged in activities and accessing facilities on an annual basis to help demonstrate the importance of overall club participation to the University for the purpose of seeking additional University resources.

After consultation with Sport Clubs through the Club Forums and direct meetings with Clubs the MU Sport Board approved the Club Membership Policy at the 12 November 2015 Board meeting.

Policy

The Club Membership Policy states:

- That non-UoM Students pay an annual fee differential of \$56 to the Club
 - Clubs that already charge a minimum fee differentiation of \$56 between UoM Students and Non-UoM Students do not need to make any changes
- That Clubs submit their membership data to MU Sport for accurate participation reporting in a timely manner
 - Membership data should be collected through an online system either operated by the Club; or through MU Sport's free online service; or via the provision of hard copy membership forms
 - Membership data must contain membership fields as outlined in the [Club Membership Form template](#)
- The annual fee differential can be waived under the following conditions:
 - Non-UoM student members who act as office bearers, administrators or managers within the Club and/or other significant volunteer positions (as determined by the Club)
 - Non-UoM student members who act as coaches, instructors and activity leaders that are deemed critical by the Club (as determined by the Club)
 - Clubs will indicate on their membership data set which non-UoM student members they wish to waive the annual fee differential
 - Juniors and UoM College residents who study elsewhere
- All funds collected are returned to the Club if membership payments are made directly to MU Sport through the provision of the free online service

Implementation

Clubs can seek assistance from MU Sport, via Sport Development, with regards to any facet of this policy, including the requirement of membership data reporting and/or opting-in to MU Sport's free online service for membership payments.

The policy is effective from 1 January 2016.