

## Background

Melbourne University Sport (MU Sport) is responsible for supporting the affiliated sporting clubs of the University of Melbourne. As part of its Club Annual Resources (CARE) program, MU Sport provides varying levels of support including operational funding and/or facility access (see Guideline: Club Facility Access).

Operational funding is made available from MU Sport's annual operating budget and is allocated on a year-to-year basis. Club operational funding may fluctuate due to budget constraints and/or changing club operational achievements.

## Allocation of Operational Funding

In allocating annual operational funds, MU Sport will use the following guidelines:

1. MU Sport operational funds can be provided to assist clubs with the expenses associated with training and competition for fixtured community competitions for competitive sporting clubs only (see Appendix 1 of club classifications)  
  
(Funding is restricted to competitive sporting clubs only as such clubs generally incur greater costs in providing regular, seasonal opportunities for their membership)
2. Operational funding will usually be allocated against specific club expenses such as external facility hire; coaching; club management; and/or equipment
3. Operational funding allocation will take into account the following criteria :
  - Alignment with the University of Melbourne Sport Strategic Plan 2010 – 2015
  - Club history of participation and performance
  - Pathway opportunities provided to the University community (UoM student focus)
  - Level of participation eg. Local, Regional, State or National
  - Level of sustained performance
  - Governance and compliance
  - Coaching and management structure
  - Cost of participation to members
  - Cost of providing activities to club
4. The allocation of operational funding is determined by the Director of Sport in line with the broad strategic direction of the MU Sport Board
5. Operational funding will usually be confirmed in late November for expense in the following year. Funds will usually be deposited into nominated club bank accounts in early March each year (unless otherwise arranged).

## Appendix 1: Club Classifications

<b>Competitive</b>	
Athletics	Netball
Badminton	Rugby
Baseball	Soccer
Basketball	Softball
Boat	Squash
Cricket	Table Tennis
Football	Tennis
Football – Women	Touch
Futsal	Ultimate Frisbee
Gridiron	Volleyball
Hockey	Water Polo
Lacrosse	Weightlifting & Powerlifting

<b>Instructional</b>	<b>Recreational</b>
Aikido	Inline Skating
Cheerleading	Cycling
Dance Sport	Mountaineering
Fencing	Ski
Karate	Snowboarding
Kendo	Surf Riding
Taekwondo	Under Water
Tai Chi & Wushu	Water Ski & Wakeboarding