

Sports Club Student Behaviour Standards

Purpose

The uea+sport department is committed to promoting and supporting student groups to run their activities safely, inclusively and responsibly. These behaviour standards apply to all members of uea+sport clubs, including coaches, volunteers, administrators, and support staff. This code outlines the expectations of reasonable behaviour when participating in any uea+sport club activity or related social activity.

Who this Code applies to

Every sports club member must agree to abide by this code of behaviour standards either when they join a club as part of the application process, or when they renew their club membership. Anyone elected to take on a relevant role, i.e. any committee member has responsibilities and standards of conduct in addition to this code.

The purpose of a code is to clarify:

- what behaviours are acceptable and unacceptable
- the standards of practice expected
- the basis for challenging and improving practice.

This code is also a tool for continuous improvement and forms part of the new or returning member induction and renewal of membership.

In the event of an allegation that a number of club members may have breached this code of behaviour standards, uea+sport reserves the right to suspend further activities of the club, pending the outcome of investigations.

Code of Student Behaviour Standards

As a member of a uea+sport club, I will:

1. Respect the rights, dignity and values of other students, University and SU staff, visitors and opponents, external staff, volunteers, coaches and officials
2. Demonstrate the highest standards of fairness, honesty and behaviour
3. Be fully accountable and take responsibility for my actions
4. Refrain from any behaviour that brings the Club, SU or University into disrepute
5. Operate within the rules and regulations of the sport including National or other Governing Body guidelines
6. Respect and comply with the decisions of coaches and officials, and cooperate fully with others involved in the sport such as line judges, technical officials, team managers, health professionals, physiotherapists, sport

scientists and representatives of the governing body in my best interests and those of other students

7. consistently promote positive aspects of the sport and never condone rule violations or the use of prohibited substances
8. Conduct myself in a reasonable manner relating to language, noise and temper
9. Challenge and report inappropriate behaviour and language by others – by using studentcomplaints@uea.ac.uk or the University's Report + Support
10. Respect uea+sport, UEA, SU property and that of others, and not cause damage to such property or misuse it for unapproved purposes, or abuse sporting equipment and venues in 'away' events
11. Be aware and take responsibility for how my actions may be perceived by others
12. In no way undermine or harass others, and not engaging in behaviour which could be construed as threatening, intimidating or offensive
13. In no way act in an unlawful manner, including using illegal drugs or prohibited substances
14. Only consume alcohol in permitted areas and not be unduly intoxicated at any event or activity where such behaviour could be deemed unacceptable or inappropriate
15. Adhere to the Socials and Initiations policy
16. Adhere to the uea+sport vehicle policy
17. Comply fully with all requests for evidence or information as part of any investigations into alleged breaches of this Code
18. Comply fully with the University's General Regulations for Students and remain bound by the University Disciplinary and Investigative Procedures and Powers

Breach of this Code of Behaviour

I understand that if I do not follow this code, action can be taken by uea+sport and I may:

- be asked to apologise for my behaviour
- receive a verbal warning from uea+sport

- receive a verbal or written warning prior to terminating my membership from the club
- be suspended from attending club training sessions or events
- be suspended from the club
- be required to leave the club
- be required to repay damages or expenses incurred as a result of my actions or failure to follow or complete appropriate instructions
 - be subject to other penalties and sanctions as published by uea+sport [\[click here - see section 11.8\]](#)

Please note that no refunds will be provided for membership fees paid in the event of suspension or termination of club membership

I also understand that:

When determining whether I have breached this Code of Behaviour, the University shall also consider whether any alleged or proven breach, or my explanation of what happened, has shown dishonesty and/or a breach of the University's General Regulations for Students. If my honesty or conduct is called into question, this may be considered by one of the University's Disciplinary Officers. Such dishonesty or conduct could relate to the breach itself or to the way in which I have responded to the investigation or the outcome. If I am a registered student on a course that leads to registration or accreditation with certain Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies, allegations shall be put forward to my School of Study and I shall take full responsibility and cooperate with my School's Fitness-to-Practise procedures.