

## Activities Election: Societies & Sports Clubs

Every year your Society or Sports Club must hold an annual AGM meeting and discuss how your year has gone and how things can improve for the next academic year. To ensure our Students' Union is a student-led democratic organisation, we hold online elections for all active Clubs and Societies members to elect students to be a part of their new Committee.

### AGM's

We would recommend that you hold your AGM in the voting week. This allows enough time for the current committee to handover to the new committee.

At the AGM all members that wish to stand in the online Elections, are entitled to give a short speech explaining why they think they are suitable for the position. The Chair should then remind members how they can vote online and by when.

We understand that every student group is unique with different needs and some will therefore see more benefits than others will, however we think that all student groups will benefit from the following by using our online election system:

- Increased turnout
- Better transparency during the counting process – we count them for you, and email you the results
- Less paperwork for committees – you don't need to handle ballot papers, as this is all done through the website

### Pre-Election

#### Information we need:

You need to ensure that the Student Engagement Coordinator receives the following information before your Election can go live.

- Confirmation that your Club or Society will be active the academic year
- Confirmation of each Committee Role that members in your Club or Society can stand for
- A very brief description of the role (this can be done via the Online Elections Committee Roles Request Form)

### Nominations

Those members that wish to stand for a Committee position must be a paid member of the club or society. They can nominate themselves during the designated dates. They will be able to upload a photo and a short manifesto. The manifesto will be one an opportunity as to why your fellow members should vote for you.

**Only members (i.e. students who have paid their membership subscription to the club/society) may stand for election and only members may stand for election to a committee. You must also still be a student at the university for the next academic year to stand for a position.**

### Voting

Only paid members of the Club or Society will be able to vote, and it will be one vote per member.

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Once voting has closed, the Student Engagement Coordinator will do the count and notify the current Chair for the Club or Society. It will then be their responsibility to distribute the winning results out to the Candidates, current Committee and members.

### Post-Election

Following on from receiving the results, we will need the following from you:

- [Your new Committees' Contact Details](#)
- An updated Constitution which members have approved in your AGM