

2020-2021 Summary of Entitlement to uea+sport and UEA|SU Resources and Facilities

The purpose of this document is to outline which campus resources and facilities, provided by uea+sport and uea(su), different types of students, alumni and members of the public (associate) can access. UEA sport clubs are run by the University PE and Sport (PES) department (known as uea+sport) and UEA student societies are run by uea(su). Partner college students, alumni, staff and members of the public do not have automatic access to these. However subject to a club's discretion students/non-students over the age of 18 years* can become members of UEA sport clubs, and the following applies.

Status	Current student status					Associate membership (non-student)		
	UEA Student	INTO	Easton & Otley College	Partner College students	Erasmus/1 semester only students	Life members (alumni) also see Appendix 3	Standard Membership (including UEA/SU staff & NUA)	Standard 'Plus' Membership (contributing to the club)
Renewal	Annually	Annually	Annually	Annually	n/a	Annually*	Annually	Annually
Permission to join is at club's discretion (x=can automatically join without the club's permission)	x	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	✓
Have to pay Life Membership (£10)	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x	x
Have to pay SU Fee (£50) (SU can waive at their discretion)	x	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	✓
Have to pay SAM (£55)	✓	✓	✓	✓	½ price	✓	✓	uea+sport discretion
Have to pay Club Membership Fee (variable)	✓	✓	✓	✓	½ price	✓	✓	uea+sport discretion
Can be a club committee member	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Can compete in Local League competitions (must be 18+)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Can compete in Non-BUCS competitions (e.g. Dance comps)	✓	✓	Club to identify relevant competition eligibility criteria					
Can play in BUCS (see Appendix 1)	✓	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	x	x	x
Can take part in uea+sport social programme (ueactive/Ziggurat)	✓	✓	x	x	✓	Ziggurat only	x	x
Have to pay 60p Sportspark entrance fee	x	x	✓*	✓*	x	✓*	✓*	✓*
Eligible for Sportspark Education Card (£10)	Automatic	Automatic	✓	✓	x	x	x	x
How to join?	Join via uea+sport website http://www.ueasport.co.uk/clubs		Visit / contact Student Union Opportunities department at Union House Reception or via email at union.opportunities@uea.ac.uk					

*Additional information

General Information

- Partner college students include: City College (Norwich), Brooksby Melton College (Leicestershire), South Essex (Southend), Mount View Drama School (London), Royal Marsden Nursing School (London).
- Clubs cannot refuse membership to any current student of UEA, INTO or Easton & Otley pending age requirements are met, but must notify them if the club has reached capacity.
- If a non-student wants to join your club as an associate member and they bring a benefit to the club such as they are a van driver, can provide maintenance on equipment, there is the possibility the uea+sport department can make them a 'Standard Plus Member' and waive their SAM and club membership fee, but we will need to discuss this with your club first.
- Those doing a schools direct PGCE through UEA are classified as a full UEA student so same rules apply to joining a club and representing that club in BUCS.
- In addition to eligibility rules all other BUCS rules are applicable. For further details visit <https://www.bucs.org.uk/athlete.asp?section=19287§ionTitle=Rules+and+Regulations>

1 semester Exchange/Erasmus students

- Students on 1 semester courses such as Erasmus or Exchange programmes can join clubs but, as they get half price SAM/club membership they have to join manually through the uea(su). They have to arrange to visit the Activities and Opportunities team upstairs in Union House by emailing union.opportunities@uea.ac.uk
 - These Exchange/Erasmus students are entitled to play BUCS but only during the dates they are registered as a student at UEA (e.g. one semester).

Easton & Otley students

- Easton and Otley College students registered to **perform** for them in any BUCS competition cannot then register with UEA to compete in any given year.

INTO students/U18s

- INTO students who are under the age of 18 must have a validating letter from INTO stating that they are allowed to join a club. They must also obtain written permission from their parent / guardian. These letters should be provided to the Opportunities team at union.opportunities@uea.ac.uk. uea+sport must then be informed of this so they can notify the relevant club/s and put necessary safeguards in place.
- Under 18's will only be allowed to join clubs/societies (with a couple of exceptions noted in Appendix 2) if they are INTO students. Under 18's who are students at other institutions or members of the public will not be permitted to join until they are 18.

Partner students/Associate members/Life members/Staff members/Norwich University of Arts students

- Associate memberships expires on the 31st July each year, regardless of when the membership was acquired. This is to keep membership length in line with that of standard UEA student membership.
- Life members (UEA alumni) only have to pay the life member fee (£10) as a one off fee but will still have to pay SAM and any club / society fees annually.
- There is no cap on life memberships granted but clubs must ensure that current students are prioritised over non-student members. When new life members are created, they will be informed that they must contact the clubs they want to join beforehand to ensure there is space for them. This is also the case for associate members, this can be decided by both the student club and uea+sport based on capacity.
- Norwich University of the Arts (NUA) are not a UEA partner college and because of this their students can only join as associate members (at the discretion of the club).
- UEA staff need to purchase a standard associate membership to join clubs.
- Clubs can refuse entry to any partner college students, associate or life memberships if the club is at full capacity pending a review with uea+sport.
- Partner college members (student) can either pay 60p each time they want to enter the Sportspark or alternatively they can purchase a Sportspark Educational Card (£10) that includes free entry via <http://www.sportspark.co.uk/join-in/sportscard-membership>

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- All the Partner College students have to meet the BUCS eligibility rules listed in Appendix 1.
 - To find this out please contact *uea+sport* BUCS Administrator Hugh Braidwood via H.Braidwood@uea.ac.uk or by calling 01603 597243. Hugh will check with either UEA or the relevant institution regarding if their course meets the appropriate criteria for them to be able to compete in BUCS.

Appendix 1 – Relevant BUCS rules re eligibility

REG 6.1 Eligible Participants

REG 6.1.3 Be registered on a credit rated course (1) e.g. MSc, Degree or HND;
(1 - that is a course that is registered under CATS (Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme).

and

REG 6.1.4 Be undertaking a study programme equivalent to at least 60 credits per year, or in the case of a postgraduate student be undertaking a study programme of no less than 50% of the full time student programme.

REG 6.1.4.1 A year will be taken as 12 months from the start date of their course. If a course finishes in the middle of the academic year please refer to REG 6.4.2 (see below).

REG 6.1.5 HE institutions that have FE students registered with them and undertaking a minimum of 225 Guided Learning Hours are eligible to compete in BUCS competitions as long as they fulfil their National Governing Body regulations on age;

REG 6.4.2 A student satisfactorily finishing his/her course of study after the start of December will be eligible until the end of the academic year provided his/her Union or Athletic Union subscription has been paid and his/her institution still classifies them as a registered student.

Appendix 2 – Joining a non-sport student society

- Associate and life members may join societies by purchasing their relevant membership and then purchasing specific society memberships at <https://www.uea.su/opportunities/societies/>
- These members can join any society – the only exception is that under 18's cannot join societies focused on alcohol or gambling (e.g. Cocktail)
- Associate and life members cannot hold a committee position or take part in any society-related elections.
- Societies can refuse entry to any associate or life memberships if the society is at full capacity or concerns are raised over their intentions or suitability pending a review with the SU Opportunities Team.
- Societies cannot refuse membership to any current student of UEA, INTO, Easton & Otley or Exchange/Erasmus pending age requirements are met, but must notify them if the society has reached capacity

Appendix 3 – Life membership cards

- As of August 2017, life members will receive a membership card to acknowledge their position as life members of UEA|SU.
- Life members will receive a membership card once the Opportunities team has created their website account and received their details. This will be handed over in person or posted.
- The card entitles the life member to join societies and clubs (at the individual society or club's discretion) and to be served at UEA|SU bars.
- The card does not entitle life members to take part in UEA|SU elections, compete in BUCS or attend LCR nights.
- The card can be used to stick SAM stickers onto if the member has purchased SAM.

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