

# Section 2

## Structure of Sport at UCD

### 2.1 The Athletic Union Council

Established in 1909/10 the Athletic Union Council, is the governing body for UCD sports clubs, functioning as a funding, regulatory, arbitration and Colours awarding body. It consists of two representatives from all clubs, one graduate and one student.

#### 2.1.1 The AUC's Mission

*"Act as a representative and support body in assisting UCD clubs to ensure the highest quality sporting opportunities for all students to engage in sport and physical activity at the level to which they aspire while enabling them to achieve their full potential".*

As clubs provide a range of opportunities to train, play, compete, manage and coach in sport at all levels, the AUC will act as a key support and guidance resource for the clubs.

As the governing body for sports clubs the AUC will function as a lobbying, funding, arbitration and Colours awarding body. Its primary functions are:

- The allocation of capitation funds received annually from the University to UCD clubs.
- Act as a regulator ensuring that all clubs operate in accordance with the guidelines of the AUC, the University, National Governing Bodies and the Statutory Agencies.
- Provide a support and advisory function to club committees, covering governance issues including organisational matters, event management, sponsorship, finance, safety and disciplinary issues.
- Manage and organise promotional and recruitment activities and events for UCD clubs.
- Provide a support point of contact for all interested parties.

- Ensure an arbitration and disciplinary service is available to all UCD clubs when required.
- Award Colours.
- Act as a lobby group on behalf of clubs to maximize available resources.

#### 2.1.2 AUC Vision

"All student sports clubs, by being sustainable, accessible and excellent, will meet the changing needs and expectations of the student population in UCD."

#### 2.1.3 AUC Values

Informed by the values of the University i.e. creativity, excellence, integrity, collegiality, engagement and diversity, the AUC applies the following values to its activity and that of its affiliated clubs:

- Equality
- Fairness
- Transparency
- Partnership
- Leadership
- Success

**Equality:** UCD clubs will be diverse and inclusive, encouraging engagement from all sections of the University population.

**Fairness:** UCD clubs will always have high ethical and professional standards applying to all aspects of running the club.

**Transparency:** UCD clubs will operate in an open manner, sharing knowledge and information and developing trust with its members and other stakeholders.

**Partnership:** UCD clubs will work in collaboration with all internal and external stakeholders to the betterment of the club as a whole.

**Leadership:** UCD clubs will lead both on and off the sporting field through innovative approaches to their work on campus.

**Success:** UCD clubs will continue to achieve at the highest levels of sport while also maintaining growth in participation and activity at all levels.

#### 2.1.4 Strategic Priorities

Following consultation with UCD Sports clubs through the AUC Executive committee and in tandem with a review of the University's strategic plan, the AUC will focus on the following strategic areas for the period of the plan:

- Representation
- Participation
- Volunteerism and Support Services
- Governance & Management
- Elite Athlete Development
- Communications

The AUC Executive is made up of the five officers President, Vice President, Vice President (Student), Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. These officers are joined by 11 elected representatives of the UCD sports clubs and the Executive Secretary, Ms. Suzanne Bailey, and the Director of Student Services, Mr. Dominic O'Keefe.

Clubs are represented on the Executive Committee on a constituency basis with the clubs divided among eleven constituencies.

1. Men's Gaelic Football, Ladies Gaelic Football, Camogie, Hurling & Handball.
2. Table Tennis, Badminton, Squash, Tennis, Golf.
3. Judo, Karate, Ninjutsu, Lau Gar Kickboxing, Shaolin, Boxing, Tae Kwan Do.
4. Fencing, Target Shooting, Trampoline, Archery.
5. Ladies' & Men's Hockey, Cycling, Equestrian, Athletics.
6. Ladies' & Men's Basketball, Volleyball, Olympic Handball, Netball.
7. Swimming and Waterpolo, Boat, Ladies Boat, Sailing.
8. Rugby, Women's Rugby, Soccer, Women's Soccer.
9. Mountaineering, Orienteering, Caving and Potholing, Snowsports.
10. Surfing, Sub Aqua, Canoe, Windsurfing.
11. American Football, Lacrosse, Ultimate Frisbee, Cricket.

(Please note that only clubs who are fully affiliated to the AUC are assigned to a constituency.)

The AUC Executive is elected at the Annual General Meeting, which is held during the first Semester. The Executive meets at least once a Semester. Day to day queries/problems are handled by the Executive Secretary who can be contacted in the Sports Office at **tel. 716 2208** or **suzanne.bailey@ucd.ie**. You can also contact the Sports Office at **tel. 716 2183** or **sport@ucd.ie**, the Sports Development Officer Paula Cashman at **tel. 716 2122** or **paula.cashman@ucd.ie** or the Programmes and Communications Assistant Tadhg O'Leary at **tel. 716 2183** or **tadhg.oleary@ucd.ie**.

The Athletic Union Council joins with the Students Union and the Societies Council to make up the Student Activities Committee. This is the 'umbrella body' which oversees the allocation of capitation funds to the various areas of students activities, including sport. It also provides an opportunity for Clubs and Societies, as well as the Union, to air their views on matters relevant to student life.

#### 2.3 UCD Sport

The administration centre for sport is based in UCD Sport. The primary functions of UCD Sport are:

- Development of sports participation both at recreational and competitive levels.
- Ongoing development and provision of facilities.
- Communications role both within the University and externally.
- Administration and funding of the sports scholarship programme.

UCD Sport, which is home to the AUC, is based on the top floor of the section of the building housing the halls, courts and performance gym. Office hours are usually 9.30a.m.-5p.m. Monday to Friday.

## Important Contacts:

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