

Policy Title: University Sporting Clubs

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1. INTENT

The University recognises the important role the formation of sporting clubs play in providing for its students the opportunity to socialise, network, exercise and relieve stress. This document prescribes the University's policy on sporting clubs within the University.

2. ORGANISATIONAL SCOPE

All ECU Students and Staff

3. DEFINITIONS

TERM	DEFINITION
Approved Club	A sporting club that has been given permission to represent ECU in competitions and tournaments
ECU Trade Mark Licence Agreement	A licence issued by the University which gives permission to the Approved Club to use the mark "Edith Cowan University", "ECU" or both in connection with the specified activities of an Approved Club.

4. POLICY CONTENT

Only sporting clubs that have been granted "Approved Club" status by the Vice- Chancellor (or nominee) or "Interim Approved Club" status by the ECU Sport and Fitness Manager are entitled to represent the University in sporting competitions, use the Trade Marks and to hire University facilities.

The Vice-Chancellor reserves the right to terminate the Approved Club status of a sporting club for any reason whatsoever.

4.1 Approval Process

- a) A sporting club seeking to become an Approved Club must submit an application comprising at least the following documents to the ECU Sport and Fitness Manager:
 - a copy of the club's Constitution;
 - a signed copy of the ECU Trade Mark Licence Agreement;
 - a list of at least ten current financial members and supporting evidence (eg. receipts);
 - the names, current contact addresses and phone numbers of the executive of the Club; and
 - any other documents requested by the University.
- b) The ECU Sport and Fitness Manager may grant "Interim Approved Club" status if in his or her opinion the sporting club meets both the requirements of this policy and will provide tangible or material benefits to the students and staff of the University.
- c) The club's nomination will then be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee) for determination of whether to grant the club the status of "Approved Club".

4.2 Obligations of Approved Clubs

- a) An Approved Club must:
 - incorporate within two months of being granted Approved Club status;
 - enter into, continue to hold, a ECU Trade Mark Licence on behalf of the incorporated Approved Club (where that legal entity differs from the one which executed the ECU Trade Mark Licence during the approval process) before commencing any use of the Trade Marks;
 - notify the ECU Sport and Fitness Manager of any changes in the duly elected office bearers;
 - provide the ECU Sport and Fitness Manager by 31st December of each year a report of the Club's activities for that year and copy of the minutes of the Club's Annual General Meeting;
 - advise the ECU Sport and Fitness Manager immediately of any accidents resulting in bodily injury or incidents that may have resulted in injury or damage (near misses) that occur either on Edith Cowan University property and/or in the course of the Club's activities;
 - agree to observe, comply with and abide by the statutes, regulations and bylaws of the University and any resolutions of the Council of the University which affect the activities of the Approved Club; and

- provide the ECU Sport and Fitness Manager with any and all information that may be requested from time to time.
- b) The Vice-Chancellor (or nominee) may terminate the Approved Club status for Clubs that fail to comply with these obligations or upon any grounds whatsoever.

4.3 Indemnity

To the extent permitted by law, an Approved Club shall indemnify and keep indemnified the University from and against all actions, claims and demands that may be brought or made against the University by any person or organisation in respect of any loss or damage occasioned in whole or part by any act or omission howsoever of the Approved Club.

5. ACCOUNTABILITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In relation to this policy, the following positions are responsible for the following

The Policy Owner has overall responsibility for the content of this policy and its operation in ECU.

Staff and students are required to comply with the content of this policy and to seek guidance in the event of uncertainty as to its application.]

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS:

There are no related documents listed for this policy.

7. CONTACT INFORMATION

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