



EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY SPORTS UNION

Representation Fund Policy

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Introduction

The Representation Fund provides financial support to student athletes and officials who have been selected for high-level representative sport at international level events. The Representation Fund is governed by the Finance Committee as set out in the Sports Union Constitution. This document sets out guidance for the Finance Committee to apply when deciding how to fund applications to the Representation Fund.

Review Period

As set out in the Sports Union Constitution, the Finance Committee should review the suitability of this policy at least annually and are responsible for approving any amendments to the policy.

Policy

1. Representation:

- a. For funding to be awarded, it is required that the individual has met a selection or qualification requirement and can provide evidence of this.
- b. Open competitions without selection/qualification criteria will not be funded.

2. Evidence:

- a. The Finance Committee will only fund based on values that can be backed up with receipts.
- b. External funding obtained must be declared at the point of application.
- c. Applications should be submitted after the event, within 14 days. In the event that students are awaiting invoices from their governing body, applications should still be submitted within the 14-day window. Such applications will then be deferred pending receipt and payment of said invoices. This ensures timely submission of all applications and prevents applications from getting forgotten about in the handover period.
- d. Applications prior to the event may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

3. Tiered Funding:

- a. The Finance Committee will allocate each application to a "Tier" and will fund in accordance with the Tier's specific funding requirements.

Tier 1:

- National representation at the sport's top tier of international competition.
- Funded at 40% of travel, accommodation and entry fees up to a limit of £500.
- *E.g. World Championships, European Championships, FISU World University Games/Championships.*

Tier 2:



- National representation at high-level international events.
- Funded at 40% of travel, accommodation and entry fees up to a limit of £250.
- *E.g. Top-level International Tour events, European University Games, Commonwealth Championships.*

Tier 3:

- University/SSS representation at international events or national representation at other international events.
 - Funded at 40% of travel, accommodation and entry fees up to a limit of £100.
 - *E.g. SSS representation, Home Nations tournaments, International Club Championships.*
- b. All students are eligible for maximum total funding of £500 per financial year across all tiers.
- c. All decisions on funding are made at the discretion of the committee.
- d. The suggested competitions listed under each tier level are for guidance only and will be considered on a sport-dependent basis. Should the Finance Committee believe the level of competition at the specific event does not meet the required standard, they can allocate the application to a lower tier.

4. External Funding:

- a. The Finance Committee encourages athletes to search for additional external funding. This external funding will not impact the level of funding awarded from the Representation Fund unless it would result in the total funding for the individual to exceed the cost of the event.

5. Student Eligibility:

- a. Matriculated students who are members of EUSU are eligible to apply to the Representation Fund.
- b. A student remains eligible for funding if the event in question takes place before the 31st of July in their year of graduation, or within 2 months after their course end date, whichever date is earliest.
- c. International University Sports Federation (FISU) and European University Sports Association (EUSA) events such as the World and European University Games typically take place every 2 years. Hence, if an athlete remains eligible to participate in competitions organised by these international governing bodies following graduation, such athletes are entitled to an additional year of funding from the Representation Fund.