**MU Clubs & Societies Membership Policy**

There shall be 2 classifications of memberships allowable within a MU Clubs or Society:

1. **Full Membership**
2. **Associate Membership**

**Full Membership of Clubs & Societies**

The Clubs & Societies Committee, and as outlined in the Clubs & Societies Standard Constitution, states that full membership of a club or society is open to:

*“…all registered students of the National University of Ireland, Maynooth (Maynooth University); St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth (SPCM); the Pontifical University and National Seminary of Ireland upon payment of a subscription fee as set by the Governing Executive Committee (GEC) of the Club or Society and in accordance with the guidelines set out by the Clubs & Societies Committee.”*

**Rights of Full Members of Clubs & Societies**

According to the Clubs & Societies Standard Constitution, full member of a club or society are:

* Entitled to attend and speak at all general meetings of the Club/Society
* Eligible for election to the Club/Society’s Governing Executive Committee

**Associate Membership of Clubs & Societies**

There shall also be a class of Associate Membership will be open to:

*“…all staff and alumni of MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY and SPCM upon payment of a subscription fee as set by the Governing Executive Committee of the Club/Society in consultation with the MU Clubs and Societies Committee. The associate membership fee shall not be less than the ordinary membership fee and no more than 10 times the ordinary membership fee.”*

**Rights of Associate Members of Clubs & Societies**

Associate Members will be entitled to attend and speak at all general meetings of the Club/Society. Eligibility of Alumni to compete on behalf of Maynooth University / SPCM will be determined by the relevant National Governing Body (NGB).

Associate Members WILL NOT have voting rights and are ineligible for election to a Club or Society’s Governing Executive Committee (GEC). The rights of an Associate Member SHOULD NOT exceed those of a full member of a club or society.

Only the MU Clubs & Societies Committee can determine any other rights to be bestowed on Associate Members.

**ALL members of a club or society will be bound by their Clubs or Society constitution as well as rule, regulations, policies and decisions of the MU Clubs & Societies Committee**

**Clubs & Societies Annual Subscription Charge**

With this in mind, the Clubs & Societies Committee will determine on an annual basis the minimum subscription fee to be charged to registered students in order to become a full member of a club or society for a particular academic year. If a club or society wishes to charge more than the minimum subscription fee, they need to inform the Clubs & Societies Office of their intention to do so along with a brief explanation as to the reason for the increased charge before the start of the relevant academic year.

The Clubs & Societies Committee will meet no later than the end of May of each year to decide on the Clubs and Societies subscription charge for the following academic year. For example, the Clubs & Societies Committee will meet before the end of May 2021 in order to decide on the minimum subscription charge for 2021 / 22 academic year.

### As per the Clubs & Societies Standard Constitution the full membership subscription fee will dictate the subscription charge that can be charged to associate members, i.e. “the associate membership fee shall not be less than the ordinary membership fee and no more than 10 times the ordinary membership fee.” Currently this means that fee for associate membership can range between a minimum of €2 and a maximum of €20.

**Clubs & Societies Membership Fee Records**

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| **ACADEMIC YEAR** | **FULL MEMBERSHIP** | **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** | **DATE DECIDED** |
| **2019/20** | €2 | Up to a maximum of €20 | N/A |
| **2020/21** | €2 | Up to a maximum of €20 | N/A |
| **2021/22** | TBC | TBC | TBC |
| **2022/23** | TBC | TBC | TBC |
| **2023/24** | TBC | TBC | TBC |
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