

Rules

In 2018, the University of Adelaide established a fund to receive and disburse donations for the support and promotion of sports, sporting clubs and athletes at the University of Adelaide (the “**Sports Fund**”).

The University recognises the role sports play in campus life, in the building of a strong and connected University community, in providing a vehicle for inclusion, in developing life and leadership skills, and in enabling the University to attract the best and brightest student athletes.

The Sports Fund shall be administered according to the following Rules:-

1. The fund shall be known as the ‘University of Adelaide Sports Fund’.
2. The purpose of the Sports Fund is to support and promote sports, sporting clubs, and athletes at the University of Adelaide.
3. The Sports Fund will be held in the Endowment Fund and its capital and income available to support projects and activities, including scholarships, within the purpose of the Sports Fund as outlined above, by providing Member Clubs with financial grants.
4. The Sports Fund will be administered by External Relations Branch.
5. The University will accept donations to the Sports Fund either on a general basis, or subject to a non-binding preference that the donation benefit a particular Member Club. The University retains the ultimate discretion as to the use and disbursement of all donated funds; donations which are required to be passed to a particular Member Club will not be accepted. Upon making a donation, a donor must acknowledge that the donor is not receiving a material benefit or advantage from their donation.
6. Donations which do not comply with Rule 5 cannot be made to the Sports Fund but could be made and accepted outside of the Sports Fund framework.
7. The University will establish a Sports Fund Committee with representation from Member Clubs, for the promotion of Sports Fund fundraising activities.
8. Applications by sports clubs to become registered members of the Sports Fund (**Member Clubs**) can be made at any time on the form prescribed by the University from time to time. A sports club will be eligible to register as a Member Club if:
 - The club is incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act*;
 - The club is not-for-profit;
 - The club’s purpose aligns with the University’s objectives in the reasonable opinion of Legal and Risk Branch; and
 - The club is affiliated with Adelaide University Sports Association Inc..
9. The Adelaide University Sports Association Inc. is deemed a member of the Sports Fund, in its own right.

10. Applications for grants from the Sports Fund can be made by Member Clubs at any time on the form prescribed by the University from time to time.
11. Applications for Grants will be assessed by the Chief Executive, External Relations. Applications will be assessed on merit, taking into account their alignment with the University's objectives. In assessing applications, the Chief Executive, External Relations may seek advice from Financial Services Branch and/or Legal and Risk Branch.
12. The final decision on whether or not to award a grant, and the size of the grant if any, will be made by the Chief Executive, External Relations at his/her absolute discretion. The Chief Executive, External Relations will notify clubs of approved grants and make grant payments by EFT within three weeks of notification.
13. Member Clubs must within three months of expenditure of the grant provide the Chief Executive, External Relations with an acquittal statement stating that all the funds have been used for the purposes for which they were granted. If grant monies are used for purposes other than those applied for and approved, then the Member Club may be required to repay such monies and / or will have its membership of the Sports Fund revoked.
14. The University may vary these rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University's legal obligations and policies.