

Sports Federation cards FAQs

Depending on what services your club receives will determine the level of membership your members need to take out. If you are unsure what membership your club members needs to take out contact the office. For details of cards and their costs see the [website](#), contact the office or pop into a Sports Centre.

WHAT

As Sports Federation clubs all your members are required to purchase a Sports Federation Membership from Sport Brighton. Membership covers personal injury insurance but also signs your members up to the Sports Federation constitution and allows your club to access support including internal facility use. The card also makes BUCS athletes eligible to compete.

WHO

Any participants in a Sports Federation club (even someone who only trains rather than competes) need an SF card. This includes associates and placement and exchange students. Make sure your committee all have their cards! It's hard for you to chase members when you yourself are not following the rules.

The level of membership is agreed between Sport Brighton and clubs based on factors such as coaching support, facility costs and insurance. If you want to talk about this in more detail for your club then just contact the office.

WHEN

It's important that you are honest about costs from the start of the year and that all members have bought a membership by the 1st of November. Please make sure your members carry their card with them for all club activities as Sport Brighton staff may request to see them during these times on and off campus. Failure to produce a card will result in a £1 fine. Cards can be bought in facilities and online. All members need to buy the level of membership associated to your club even if they don't play fixtures (I.e. If you play a 'Silver' sport you need a silver membership even if you only train).

If you are playing in a BUCS fixture before the deadline then you will need to have one before the game starts or your team will concede a walkover to the opposition (without a BUCS card you aren't eligible to play, so playing is cheating!).

WHERE

Students could be challenged for their card at training or fixtures so it's important that they are always with them. Sport Brighton encourages captains to collect in all the cards at the end of October and photocopy them ready for game day just in case! (A Sport Brighton reception can photocopy these for you). This has the added benefit of captains knowing who isn't eligible!

WHY

Importantly having a Sports Fed Card means that the student has signed to declare their awareness of risk and that they accept responsibility for their part in the activity. This will help protect the club in case of incident!

Having a Sports Fed card allows you access to the following: Personal Injury Insurance, Wednesday's sports night benefits, use of equipment, and Sport Brighton Facilities free use for club training/practice. Not having enough cards as a club could negatively impact the club's position when it comes to decisions on things like facility allocation.

Without enough cards BUCS teams won't be eligible for their BUCS Sport support such as transport to fixtures, team kit and Sport Brighton administration for fixtures. Same goes for individuals representing us at BUCS!

All teams that compete in weekly BUCS leagues will have to buy, either BUCS Gold, Silver or Bronze BUCS membership in order to be eligible to play. If you are unsure what category of card your members need then contact the office.

HOW

All clubs get an email and social media friendly toolkit which they can forward to club members requesting they take out membership. Memberships can be bought online and picked up in receptions to save time or bought in person.

If you need support finding out how many cards you have then you can do spot checks at sessions or ask Sport Brighton.