



## **Rules for Sports Club and Society Election 2020**

- Before reading this Rules guidance sheet, do read through the bye-laws and rules and regulations policies first.
- See here – By-Law 06 Elections & Regulations 1 – Candidate Regulations  
<https://www.warwicksu.com/pageassets/your-union/how-the-su-works/governingdocuments/By-Law-06-Elections.pdf> &  
<https://www.warwicksu.com/pageassets/your-union/how-the-su-works/governingdocuments/Regulation-1-R1-Candidate-Regulations.pdf>

## **Rules for Sports Club and Society Elections**

- Clubs and Societies must have at least 3 Exec members - a President, a Treasurer and one other position. They must also ensure an Exec member is responsible for Equality & Diversity, Safety, Secretary and Welfare
- All Club and Society Exec members shall be democratically elected by Club and Society members annually
- Each standard member of a Club or Society (of 14 days or more) has one vote, and votes are counted equally. Any standard member can stand in an election.
- All members must receive notification of an election at least 7 days before the voting period
- The nominations period for the election must be at least 7 days
- If voting online, this must be at least 48 hours
- During an election all members must have equal opportunity to access hustings and voting, taking into consideration disability access, length of time elections is held if conducted in a physical meeting, that they are accessible in the English Language, and that members unable to attend e.g. distance learners, year abroad students, are able to vote
- Votes are counted using Single Transferable Vote (STV)

- Re-Open Nominations (RON) must be a candidate for every position
- If requested, a secret ballot must be held
- Publicity and candidate behaviour, both on and offline, must not violate the SUs policies or governing documents, including the code of conduct
- Votes should be counted by a current member of the society or club with a conflict of interest, or the SU Returning Officer or appropriate member of SU staff
- No candidate may use Society or Club resources to promote their campaign. No Exec member may use their position or resources to promote any particular Candidates must receive a candidate briefing

### **Guidance for SU Officers and Representatives**

- We encourage you to promote the elections, but please don't promote or endorse some candidates over others. Instead, encourage all students to nominate and vote using [www.warwicksu.com/elections](http://www.warwicksu.com/elections)
- In the same way, candidates cannot claim the support of any SU representative
- If you are re-running, you cannot use the resources and facilities that would be available to you due to your position to promote your campaign.

### **Guidance for Staff members**

- We encourage you to promote the elections, but please don't promote or endorse some candidates over others. Instead, encourage all students to nominate and vote using [www.warwicksu.com/elections](http://www.warwicksu.com/elections)
- In the same way, candidates cannot claim the support of any staff member
- If you are a candidate and are SU staff, you cannot use the resources available to you through that position to promote your campaign