

# Union Council Motion M.1920 - 17

## Title of motion:

Should Hull University Students' Union oppose the increasing price of the University Facility Sports Pass (formerly called Sports Pass)?

## What do you want to change?

The University Facility Sports Pass is currently £65 (19/20 academic year). It is set to increase annually as per the table below:

<i>Academic Year</i>	<i>Cost</i>
19/20	£65
20/21	£75
21/22	£85
22 - onwards	£85 +2% per annum

Hull University Students' Union should oppose the increasing price of the University Facility Sports Pass and work to lobby to decrease/eradicate any costs associated with sport at the University of Hull.

## Why do you want to change it?

Following on from the improvement of the sporting facilities at the University of Hull the cost of a University Facility Sports Pass increased from £30 to £65, meaning that the cost to participate in sport increased.

Hull University Union should oppose the increasing price as this is detrimental to students. Participation in sport has been proven to better both physical and mental wellbeing as well as be a key reason some students chose to stay at university, with research conducted by the President of Sports 2018/19, Nicholas Wright, demonstrating this; 69% of the surveyed students 'strongly agreed' with the statement "*Being part of an AU club has been the MAJOR factor in me staying at University*" (please note this does not account for those where sport was one of the reasons they retained their place at university and rather only those where sport was the major determining factor). This figure is alarmingly high, and really demonstrates the effective role sport plays in the positive student experience and the retention rate on the University of Hull students.

The research survey conducted by the President of Sports 2018/19 also showed that the increasing cost of sport had impacted upon students with 86% of students agreeing that the cost of training and matches (i.e. the cost of the University Facility Sports Pass) had impacted upon their participation.

With evidence to prove that partaking in sport plays such an important role in the wellbeing and retention of our students combined with evidence that the cost of the University Facility Sports Pass is impacting upon this participation it is vital that Hull University Students' Union oppose the increasing price of the University Facility Sports Pass. Hull University Students' Union must recognise the damaging effect this would have on students and need to work to eradicate the cost of participation in sport.



## What do you want Hull University Union to do?:

Hull University Students' Union should oppose the increasing cost of the University Facility Sports Pass and work to lobby to decrease/eradicate any costs associated with sport at the University of Hull.

**Proposer:** Erin Pettit (President of Sports)

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