



Essex Blades – Non-Student Membership policy

Essex Blades Sports Clubs are designed to be student-led and student- focused. However, Sports Clubs are permitted to have non-student members if they can be accommodated without disruption to existing sessions and student members.

Non-student members are defined as anyone who is not a current student at the University of Essex or Colchester Institute. This would include Staff at the Students' Union and University, members of the Public and Alumni.

Non-student members are only permitted to attend training sessions for which they would be eligible to compete. This is to ensure training sessions are used suitably and efficiently. It is the responsibility of the club committee to decide on admittance of non-student members.

For example, a non-student member would not be able to attend a BUCS Team Training session as non-students cannot compete in BUCS competitions.

Non-student members would be able to attend general club training sessions that are not team-specific, as there is no exact competition that team/squad are training for.

Non-student members are not eligible for most University-only competitions (including BUCS) although definite confirmation with the club committee/competition organisers is recommended, as Alumni are eligible to compete in some University competitions, such as Cheerleading.

Non-student members are required to join the Sports Club via the Students' Union website and pay club membership fees (where appropriate). Non-student members may also be required to pay for a membership with Essex Sport for use of their facilities. It is the responsibility of the non-student member to organise the payment of any Essex Sport memberships.

Should a Sports Club Committee need more assistance with this policy, please email blades@essex.ac.uk.