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Statement on UofG Sport Membership Prices

Following discussions and negotiations with University of Glasgow Sport and the University of Glasgow, the Association is aware of an increase in student membership prices to UofG Sport for the academic year 17/18.

These prices changes are as follows:

From £100 to £125 for a 12 month student membership
From £75 to £85 for a semester student membership

Despite the considerable opportunities offered by the Stevenson extension we believe these fees and their inflation over the past 2 years may now start to become a barrier to some who wish to be physically active at university.

GUSA has worked successfully in partnership with UofG Sport for 15 years. This partnership benefits our council, 50 clubs and around 11,000 members every day; allowing us to provide a more developed and inclusive programme for sport and physical activity that we encourage all students to be involved in.

However, income targets for UofG Sport are now clashing with the best interests of the students. After negotiating with the University and the Director of Sport, the Association appreciates the fees for the upcoming academic year being set at a lower figure than originally proposed. Nevertheless, we are resolute this is only the beginning of further negotiations and a better relationship, with GUSA council playing a more meaningful role in these decision making processes.

Glasgow University Sports Association will always strive to ensure the student voice is heard and to encourage as many students as possible to take part in sport and physical activity. Following these final decisions on membership prices, we are requesting assurance that fees will now not rise for 2 years. In addition, we see fit to recommend the percentage increase allowed in one year to be capped.

We look forward to continuing our work in this area and welcome any and all feedback to gusa-president@gla.ac.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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