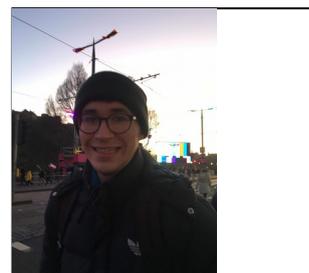


GUSA Council Member - Nomination Form & Manifesto 2021/22

Position		Club Sport Convenor
Nominee:	Name:	Mark Alvares Peres
	Club:	Fencing
Nominator:	Name:	David Moody
	Club:	Fencing
Seconder:	Name:	Robert Nimmo
	Club:	Hockey



I'm Mark and I'm applying to be the GUSA Club Sport Convenor for 2021/22.

Club sport is the life and soul of GUSA – **without clubs the Association wouldn't exist**. For this reason I think the club sport role is incredibly important, now more than ever. We're coming up to a full year of being in and out of lockdown, and our sports clubs have felt the impact arguably far more than other types of societies. For smaller clubs especially, there is a real risk that there won't be enough new members to maintain a full committee and keep the club afloat in the future.

Aims for the role

My primary goal for the role is to **increase communication and cooperation between sports clubs**. This goal is an obvious one for club sport convenor, but I believe the concrete ideas I will lay out will ensure that it can actually be achieved.

As Club Sport Convenor, I will organise **specific roundtables and discussions** for club committees. For example there could be a discussion on "How to organise socials under the current restrictions", where social secretaries and any other interested committee members from various clubs could get together and share ideas and best practices. From these discussions, clubs can draw on the vast amount of knowledge and good practice that already exists within other clubs, and not have to face problems alone.

Additionally, I would set up a **club Captains'/Presidents' network** (CP network). While other board members are supported and led by their club Captain/President, the individuals in this top role often won't have that support above them. I will host meetings with this group at various important points throughout the year to allow them to discuss topics specific to the CP role (e.g. managing other board members), and to ask questions about latest GUSA developments. My hope is that CPs can not only build up their knowledge but also their connections with other clubs, and that these meetings can be a **springboard for future cooperation** between clubs (independent of my involvement).

My final goal is one of **continuity**. There can sometimes be the feeling in student organisations that new committee members have to reinvent the wheel each year, but I believe that it's equally important to carry on the work of previous members. I will continue the work of recent club sport convenors with the club sport newsletter, club of the week, mandatory welfare officers, and other initiatives. Additionally, I am very keen to continue the efforts to open up GUSA to a wider audience with events like 'Meet the GUSA Council' (events without which, I definitely wouldn't have the knowledge to run for Council).

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