



Sports Participation Officer

About volunteering with SUSU:

The Union's mission: **unlocking the potential and enriching the life of every student. As a student-led organisation the hard work and dedication of our student volunteers is vital to our mission.**

As a Student Officer, you will be responsible for representing a particular cohort of students. Your role will be to be a key point of contact between these students and the Union. This might mean seeking out their feedback on issues that might affect them, promoting relevant events or activities, or just being a visible point of contact for the students you represent.

You will have regular 1:1 meetings with your relevant Sabbatical Officer who will be able to support and advise you in the work that you want to do. We provide full training at the beginning of the year as well as advice and support as you continue in your role. You will gain a wealth of experience through your voluntary role with SUSU, experience that you can use to improve your future employability while receiving recognition for the work you accomplish.

While volunteering with the Union as Sports Participation Officer, your role in this mission is described below.

The main purpose of your role:

- 1)** Chair the Sports Participation Committee (SPC)
- 2)** Drive participation by making sports as welcoming and as accessible as possible
- 3)** Promote a positive culture within sports at Southampton

The main responsibilities of your role:

Chair the Sports Participation Committee

- Ensure regular meetings are held by the committee
- Lead the planning and delivery of campaigns and projects run by the Sports Participation Committee
- Allocate the Sports Participation Committee budget to campaigns and projects that further the aims of the committee



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Drive participation by making sports as welcoming and as accessible as possible

- Consult with under-represented groups in sports to understand the barriers they face with participation
- Deliver meaningful campaigns to raise awareness of the barriers in sports and provide new opportunities for students to take part in sport
- Highlight any existing opportunities for students to take part in sport and promote the benefits of an active lifestyle

Promote a positive culture within sports at Southampton

- With the help of the Athletic Union Committee and the sabbatical officers, encourage affiliated sports clubs to uphold SUSU and Team Southampton values
- Support relevant campaigns to improve welfare within sports clubs, such as #ExpectRespect and Sexual Consent Awareness week
- Take the lead and challenge negative behaviour such as bullying, hazing, or initiations whenever it manifests in sports

Where can you find guidance?

Sabbatical Officer:

vpsports@soton.ac.uk

Activities Team:

activities@susu.org

How to nominate for the role:

In order to stand as a candidate, you will need to submit a short statement letting everyone know why they should vote for you. You don't need to have any previous experience so simply focus on what you will achieve if elected.



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Log in to our website at www.susu.org/elections and fill out the nominations form. There is no need to create a new account, just use your University credentials.

For any queries about the election, please contact us at elections@susu.org

Time Commitment and Expectations

There will be times throughout the year where you may be called on to help promote and spread awareness for SUSU campaigns. There will be key meetings that you must attend and you must attend relevant SUSU meetings.

If at any point you find that you are struggling to balance voluntary work with your studies we understand that your degree must come first. Please, come and speak to us and we will always try our best to make things easier.
