



Membership Policy

Aim

The aim of this policy is to outline requirements of membership classes for AUSC.

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1 Revision

This policy is to be maintained and reviewed by the AUSC Committee.

2 Application

This policy applies to members of AUSC.

3 Requirements

Subject to the exceptions described in this policy, current memberships of AUSC and AU Sport are required for any person to participate in an AUSC dive activity (boat, jetty or shore). This includes hire or use of club equipment, boarding the club boats, obtaining club air fills, participating in 'away' trips, and participating in AUSC swimming pool activities such as refreshers, underwater hockey, or underwater rugby.

4 Exceptions

Spouses, partners and other family members of club members may accompany club members on dive activities subject to the following conditions:

- Accompanying guests over the age of 18 years have emailed the club Vice President and stated they absolve the club of any potential liability arising from their participation.
- A parent or guardian of an accompanying guest under the age of 18 years has emailed the club Vice President and stated they absolve the club of any potential liability arising from the child's participation and that they (parent or guardian) undertake to supervise the child at all times during the activity.
- First preference is given to club members regarding seats on the boat, accommodation etc.
- They do not use club hire equipment.
- They do not scuba dive during the activity even if done separately from club members.
- Participation in club in-water activities is limited to snorkelling (not free-diving) without weights.

AU Sport memberships are governed by the constitution, policies and procedures of AU Sport. It is noted that AU Sport delegates to AUSC the responsibility for maintaining contact and other details in respect of AU Sport members.

AUSC membership is inclusive of a AU Sport membership and can be purchased online. This policy may only be varied and payment of AU Sport membership fees accepted at the club where not to accept such payments would prevent a member participating in a club-sponsored, dive-related activity.

Website reference:

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/auscubadiving/registration/>

It is noted that a person ceases to be an enrolled Adelaide University student:

- Upon termination of their enrolment; or
- Upon expiry of their Student Services and Amenities Fee for the final semester of the university program in which they were enrolled.

4.1 AUSC membership

All club memberships purchased during the period 1 March to 31 December inclusive shall expire on the last day of the following February.

If a new member joins in the last month of the current membership year by accident and does not use club gear (including boats and air fills) during that month, then AU Sport at its own discretion may approve the membership to be treated as if it were purchased in the new membership year.

Junior memberships are offered under a reduced fee structure; however, your parent or guardian must be a certified diver that is also club member. When partaking in club activities, diving with the club, or hiring gear as a junior member your parent or guardian must accompany you.

4.2 Pricing

Pricing as of 2023 is shown in Table 4-1.

Table 4-1 AU Sport and AUSC pricing

Membership Class	AUSC inclusive of AU Sport (\$)
Student – UA	31.00
UA Staff or Alumni	91.50
Non-UA	113.50
Social	31.00
Non UA Juniors (< 18 years)	58.50

* AU Sport membership is valid for one (1) year from the date of purchase.

** AUSC membership expires on 1 March each year.

4.3 Come and try option

AUSC recognises the flexibility for people to try club activities, whether it be snorkelling, scuba come and try sessions. As such we offer trial memberships for 30 days at a cost of \$21 as of 2023 which is inclusive of AU Sport fees.

Note that there is no come and try pricing for the Social Membership class.

Following from two single day events (e.g., two boat dives), or a multi-day event (e.g., scuba diving trip weekend), and the person wants to continue to participate, then the diver must transfer to an applicable full membership category and pay the appropriate membership dues.

5 AUSC membership classes

The club accepts the following classes of membership:

- Student - Enrolled Adelaide University student (i.e. per the definition of Ordinary Member in AU Sport policies);
- Non-Student - Anyone who is not an enrolled Adelaide University student; and
- Life Membership - Conferred on club members with a history of distinguished service to the club (See Awards and Recognition Policy).

6 Record keeping

The AUSC Secretary, or delegated club committee member, is responsible for maintaining club records, and AU Sport memberships in respect of AUSC members. The record must include in respect of every club member:

- The assignment of a unique club identification number to identify each member;
- The AU Sport membership class of each member;
- Contact details of the member and nominated emergency contact;
- Training and qualifications relevant to scuba diving activities;
- If applicable, details of club and AU Sport memberships paid; and
- If applicable, the date on which AU Sport membership fees received by the club were remitted to AU Sport.

7 Membership join instructions

New club memberships and the renewal of club memberships will not be accepted unless completed online.

1. Both University of Adelaide Sports Association Membership Applications and AUSC membership can be accessed at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/auscubadiving/registration/>
2. If an AU student, the applicant must provide a photo of their University of Adelaide student card as part of the membership signup.

In order to go scuba diving with AUSC, the applicant needs to do the following:

1. Have an Open Water Certification from a recognised training agency (CMAS, PADI, SSI, BSAC, etc.); and
2. Provide Diver Certification Card to AUSC for scanning.

8 Insurance

AU Sport memberships: University, Ordinary (AU Student), Junior and Temporary include insurance cover.

AU Sport Social membership includes insurance cover, but the member may not participate in snorkelling, scuba diving, freediving, or other activities that result in a social member entering the water in any circumstance. The member may go out on a boat as long as they are a spectator only; the member cannot lift tanks, help with gear, operate the boat, start the engine, drop anchor, raise anchor or do anything else that might be construed as participating in a dive activity. This is intended to cover situations such as where a spouse may wish to come and watch their spouse dive. Note that this does not cover boat sitters who are dive activity participants.

Please see <https://www.adelaideunisport.com.au/club-resources/insurance/> to review current insurance policies.

9 Privacy policy

AUSC will not release its membership list to anyone except:

- AUSC committee members for the purpose of AUSC business;
- Dive and activity organisers for the purpose of arranging and co-ordinating club activities; or
- AU Sport as requested from time to time.

Summaries of AUSC membership (i.e. without personal identifying information) may be provided to organisations for purposes such as submitting grant applications etc. Please see our Privacy Policy for more information.

10 Membership refund

No refunds will be given once online membership is completed. Membership refunds would create complexity and inconsistencies when AU Sport reports are generated, and given the AUSC fee is small, members should understand this policy requirement.

11 Membership termination or suspension

The committee may by simple majority terminate or suspend the AUSC membership of any member where the member:

- Uses falsely documented certification credentials and/or assists in falsely documenting the certification of any guest using club equipment, boarding a club boat or participating in a club sponsored dive activity;
- Assists in the obtaining of air fills for individuals who are not properly certified;
- Engages or has engaged in unsafe dive practices on a club or non-club activity;
- Owes monies to the club and has been offered reasonable notice and opportunity to pay such monies to the club;
- Hires or otherwise obtains club equipment (including the provision of air fills) and facilitates its use by a non-member or uncertified club members, such as social members;
- Hires or uses club equipment, including boarding the club boats without being a member of the AU Sport;
- Inappropriately uses AUSC member records, the AUSC Facebook page, an AUSC e-mail address or an AUSC email address group;
- Breaches club policies, or procedures; or
- Acts dishonestly or inappropriately in dealings with the club as might be assessed by the committee from time to time.

A member of the Executive Committee may also suspend the AUSC membership of any member where the member owes monies to the club and has been offered reasonable notice and opportunity to pay such monies to the club. A membership suspended on the basis of this para is automatically 'un-suspended' as soon as the outstanding monies are paid to the club by an approved means.

12 Document control

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1 (7/07/2014)	Author: Tim Brown, Vice President, Treasurer, Membership Officer Reviewed: Connie Rowe, Secretary Approved: Gail Jackman, President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership classes revised; • Removed half-blue recognition for spearfishing.

Revision (Date)	Person	Comments
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5 (15/09/2016)	Author: David Warren Reviewed: Committee (via Meeting 15/09/2016) Approved: David Warren, President	Changed following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 3 Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarified pricing in Table 3-1 and Table 3-2. Added UCL notes in final paragraph of Section 3.1. Section 6 Membership join instructions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed first person pronouns from instructions. Section 9 <i>Membership refund</i> – Added: To not be given due to complexity of reporting. Appendix A added for exporting AU Sport information.
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