TEAM MANCHESTER

Welcome Information Document for New Students

Academic Year 2026-27

A simple guide to what Team Manchester is, what support is available, and what is expected when you represent The University of Manchester.

Welcome to Team Manchester

Team Manchester is the University of Manchester sporting programme for selected clubs, teams and individual athletes who want to train, compete and represent the University with pride. The programme supports sporting performance, employability, wellbeing, leadership and wider life skills.

1. What is Team Manchester?

Team Manchester brings together selected student athletes, clubs, coaches and UoM Sport staff as part of a structured representative sport programme. It is designed to help students develop through sport, access support, and contribute positively to the wider University sporting community.

- You may access the programme as part of a selected Team Manchester team or as an individual athlete pathway.
- Places are reviewed regularly because programme resources are limited.
- Sporting results matter, but engagement, conduct, administration, governance, culture and partnership with UoM Sport are also important.

2. What can you expect?

Your Team Manchester membership gives you access to an agreed support package linked to your sport, team or individual pathway. The exact offer can vary depending on the activity, facility requirements and approved programme plan.

Support area	What this means
Training and facilities	Normally up to two weekly training sessions, subject to facility capacity and the approved programme plan.
Coaching	A coaching contribution may support approved delivery, with clubs able to add club funds where agreed.
Competition support	Support for agreed competition entries, officials or umpires, and core administration.
Transport	Transport support for matches and, where required, training.
Gym access	Access to an allocated training-site gym, with off-site teams normally allocated Armitage gym.
S&C support	A club-based Strength and Conditioning model, usually

	integrated into weekly training activity.
Physiotherapy	Discounted physiotherapy access to help manage injuries, rehabilitation and return to sport.
Kit	A Team Manchester shirt to keep, with University-funded playing kit managed through kit audit processes.

3. Membership and payment

For 2026-27, the Team Manchester membership fee is £255 for each successful student athlete. UoM Sport contributes, on average, a further £1,200 per membership to complete the support package.

- You must purchase the required membership before taking part in Team Manchester activity beyond trials.
- Membership confirms access to the approved programme benefits for your team or individual athlete pathway.
- Membership does not guarantee team selection, match minutes, specific playing time, private coaching or services outside the approved Team Manchester offer.

4. Trials, selection and competition

Team places are allocated through trials. Clubs are expected to run fair, transparent and consistent trials, and successful students will be given the membership sign-up process.

- Selection should be based on performance, commitment, attendance, attitude and the requirements of the sport.
- Coaches and approved selection panels retain final responsibility for selection decisions.
- Athletes selected for Team Manchester are expected to prioritise agreed University competition commitments wherever reasonably possible, including BUCS, Varsity, Christie Cup, agreed National Governing Body competitions and team activities linked to competition preparation.

5. What is expected of you?

Being part of Team Manchester means representing the University, your club and your teammates in the right way. Students are expected to engage consistently with training, competition, communication and the wider culture of the club.

- Attend training regularly and communicate absences early.
- Engage with gym and S&C support where it applies to your sport and schedule.
- Follow University, Students' Union, BUCS and National Governing Body regulations.
- Show respect for teammates, opponents, officials, coaches, staff, facilities, volunteers and the wider community.
- Act professionally in person and online, and avoid behaviour that could bring the University, Team Manchester or your club into disrepute.
- Raise concerns early with your club committee, coach or UoM Sport contact.

6. The culture we expect

Value	What it means	How students can show it
Excellence	Striving for high standards and continued improvement.	Prepare well, attend regularly and take responsibility for development.

Inclusion	Creating a welcoming environment where students feel valued and respected.	Support teammates and help new members feel part of the club.
Integrity	Acting honestly, responsibly and professionally.	Follow rules, communicate clearly and represent the University positively.
Community	Building belonging and a supportive sporting network.	Encourage others and contribute to a positive club culture.
Development	Using sport to grow personally and professionally.	Engage with learning, leadership and wellbeing opportunities.
Respect	Showing respect to people, facilities and the wider community.	Treat everyone well, including opponents, officials, coaches and volunteers.

7. A quick checklist for new students

- ☐ Complete your club trials process.
- ☐ If selected, purchase your Team Manchester membership before activity beyond trials.
- ☐ Confirm your training times, venue, coach details and competition commitments with your club.
- ☐ Understand what support applies to your team, including kit, gym, S&C, physio and transport.
- ☐ Attend training, complete required registers where asked, and communicate early if you cannot attend.
- ☐ Represent the University positively in training, competition, travel and online.

8. Need help or have a concern?

If you have a question about membership, access to support, selection, welfare, facilities, kit or competition administration, please raise it early. In most cases, your club committee or coach should be your first point of contact, with UoM Sport available where further support is needed.

Contact	Details
UoM Sport contact	Representative Sport Coordinator
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Final reminder

Team Manchester is more than a membership. It is a chance to train, compete, develop, lead and represent The University of Manchester with pride.