
Club Athlete Support Scheme (CASS) Policy

Purpose

The Melbourne University Badminton Club (**the Club**) has a proud history of providing generous financial and non-financial support to its club representatives at state and national competitions.

This policy document details the extent of support that will be provided by the Club, as well as the athlete's responsibilities to the Club under the Policy.

Exclusions

Club members with membership fees owing by Week 2 of each semester will not be considered for support under this policy.

Policy

The CASS Policy states:

1. Any player is eligible to attend tryouts for CASS, but selection priority will be given to student athletes who are currently enrolled with the University of Melbourne.
2. Support to be provided by the Club under CASS will include:
 - Subsidised membership fees – see second page;
 - Access to training sessions on Friday and Saturday during the semester and CASS-specific sparring sessions;
 - **100% reimbursement** on entry fees to mandatory competitions;
 - **100% prizemoney matching** at eligible competitions (cap \$200 per player per semester)
 - Incentives/reimbursements will be paid at end of semester conditional upon meeting attendance and competition requirements and with appropriate proof (e.g. receipts or competition records).
3. By agreeing to be selected into CASS, the member athlete is committed to:
 - Attending **at least one** of the designated coaching sessions each week;
 - Making themselves available to play for the Club at **team-based competitions** if selected;
 - **Exclusively** listing "Melbourne University Badminton Club" as their club and wear Badminton Click sponsored jerseys at individual competitions;
 - Competing in **at least 1** of the eligible B grade or above competitions sanctioned by Badminton Victoria;
 - Making themselves available to play for the University of Melbourne at the **Australian University Games** if selected.
4. Failure to adhere to the above conditions by the selected athlete may result in the removal of support under the policy and non-selection into CASS in future semesters. For avoidance of any ambiguities, non-attendance to 3 consecutive training sessions without reasons will constitute a failure to adhere to the conditions set out in Clause 3.

This policy is effective from 1 March 2024 upon selection/reselection into CASS.

Specific details for Semester 1, 2024

- The CASS membership fee for current UoM students will be \$230, with an additional \$50 deposit to be returned at the end of the semester assuming all training and competition requirements have been met. For non-UoM students, the fee is \$280 with a deposit of \$50.
- The trial will be held on Sunday March 3 at Melbourne University Nona Lee West Stadium from 11am to 3pm. Online registration via the club website is required to attend. The Club will aim to select approximately 15 players in total for the CASS squad.
- Membership fees can be paid post-trial if successfully selected. If the applicant has already pre-purchased a social pass, the Club will convert it to a CASS membership and refund the difference.
- Training sessions:
 - Fridays: 6:30pm – 8pm at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC)
 - Saturdays: 1pm – 4pm at MSAC
- Members must communicate their availability for Friday and Saturday trainings each week by registering for sessions through revolutionise. Registration must be completed 24 hours before each session.
- **If there are any questions, please contact us at teammelbbaddy@gmail.com**