

# GRIFFINS CLUB RULES

1. That the Club be called the Griffins Club and shall exist to foster sporting activities at Downing College.

2. That the Club be limited to members of Downing College qualified in one of the following ways:

a. By having a full College Colours\* in any one or more of the following sports:

Rugby Football (male and female)  
Association Football (male and female)  
Athletics (male and female)  
Hockey (male and female)  
Cricket (male)  
Netball (female and mixed)  
Tennis (male and female)  
Squash (male and female)  
Badminton (male and female)  
Rowing (male and female)  
Basketball (male)  
Ultimate (male and female)  
Lacrosse (mixed)

\*College colours shall be awarded according to Rule 3.

b. By holding or having held the office of Captain of any of the above sports, or holding the office of JCR sports officer.

i. Where there is more than one captain for a sport, all captains are eligible.

c. By being an "active member" of 2 college sports for a year, or 1 college sport for 2 years

i. "Active membership" based on a criteria established by the captains and Junior committee at the beginning of each academic year. "Active members" must be endorsed by the captains of the sport.

ii. Before the Griffins Garden Party, all captains must submit to the Junior Committee a list of players who had been "active members" of their sport for the year.

d. By having a Full Blue or Half Blue or alternatively a University Colour in a Full Blue sport.

e. By obtaining a full national or international cap in any sport at post junior level (over 18)

3. College Colours shall only be awarded to those outstanding individuals whose match and competition performances have been at a consistently high level (as judged by the captain). College Colours shall be allocated by the men's and women's captains of the above sports (rule 2a) at the end of each season, the number to be no more than nearest integer above 25% of the number of individuals comprising the starting side, with a maximum of:

Rugby Football 4 (4 for men and 2 for women)  
Association Football 4 (4 for men and 2 for women)  
Athletics 2 (2 for men and women combined)  
Hockey 3 (3 for men and 3 for women)  
Cricket 3 (men only)  
Netball 2 (women only)  
Tennis 2 (2 for men and 2 for women)  
Squash 2 (2 for men and 2 for women)  
Badminton 2 (2 for men and 2 for women)  
Rowing 5 (5 for each first VIII)  
Lacrosse 3 (3 for men and women combined)  
Basketball 2 (men only)  
Ultimate 2 (2 for men and 2 for women)

Where a Club's performance warrants the allocation of more Colours, a formal application may be made to the Junior President. To be approved it must be passed by 75% of all those present at a meeting of the Committee with a quorum of 40% of those Committee members entitled to vote in attendance. Extraordinary Colours may be awarded each year if a team meets a certain target agreed with the Junior President, Junior Secretary and Junior Treasurer and then ratified by the Committee, before the beginning of each season.

4.

a) That candidates for membership shall apply to the Junior Secretary of the Griffins Club.

b) Once the Junior Secretary is satisfied that the candidate is eligible for membership, he or she will be awarded with Griffins Club membership at the Annual Garden Party in May Week.

c) Members are expected to uphold the good name and customs of the College in all their actions. Members not complying with this regulation shall be suspended or banned from the Club if the Committee concurs by vote at a meeting, with two-thirds of the entire Committee voting in favour.

d) The membership of those in *statu pupillari* who have not paid their annual subscription by the division of the Michaelmas Term or the Easter Term as the case may be (see Rule 6a) shall lapse until their subscription has been paid.

5. That the Senior or Junior President and Committee may by majority vote invite members of the College Fellowship to become honorary members of the Griffins Club under the procedure outline in Rule 4.

6.

a) That there shall be an annual subscription of £15 (to rise in line with inflation as the Committee of the Club may from time to time decide) for members in *statu pupillari* commencing from their date of election and added to college bills.

7. That the officers of the Club shall be as follows:

**Patron** – elected for life in recognition of service to Downing College sport.

**Senior President** – elected on a triennial basis by the Committee from members of the Griffins Club out of residence.

**Junior President, Junior Secretary, Junior Treasurer and Social Secretary** – elected annually from members in *statu pupillari* by vote amongst the current Junior Committee of those who nominate themselves.

**Senior Vice President and Senior Treasurer** – elected annually by the Governing Body of the College at the end of the Easter Term each year.

**The Master and Development Director** – shall be *ex-officio* members of the Committee.

8. That the Committee of the Club shall comprise all of the club captains for the above sports and the 'Sports Officer' of the JCR.

9. That any member of the Club in *statu pupillari* may stand for the position of Junior President, Junior Secretary, Junior Treasurer or Social Secretary. Holders of Club offices may stand for re-election at the conclusion of their term of office.

10. That the colours of the Club shall consist of magenta, light blue and black in the customary proportions.

11. That the Committee shall meet at least once a term: the Junior President to call the meeting by giving notice to all members at least seven days in advance, and as far as possible, to give notice of any business. The Junior Secretary shall also provide a copy of the minutes of each Committee meeting to all members of the Club in *statu pupillari*.

12. That an annual general meeting (AGM) of all members of the Club in residence be held at the beginning of the Easter Term each year to present the accounts to Griffins members and allow for discussion of the Club's progress. That notice of this meeting be given to all members by the Junior President at least seven days in advance.

13. That any member of the Griffins Club may put forward to the Junior Secretary proposals to change the Rules of the Club. That three weeks' notice of any proposal to be made at a meeting of the Committee for alteration of, or addition to the Rules, shall be given in writing by the Junior Secretary to members of the Club in *statu pupillari*, and that at least two-thirds of the members of the Committee present and voting at a properly constituted meeting. The change in the Rules shall then require ratification by the General Purposes Committee of the College before final adoption.

14. The provisions of this Constitution and any decision of the Society or the Executive Committee shall take effect subject to:

- a. the Statutes and Ordinances of the College; and
- b. any decision of the Governing Body of the College; and
- c. any decision of the General Purposes Committee ("the GPC") of the College.

*Last amended by the 2022-23 Committee*

## Revision History

**October 2022** (Juliana Ganendra, Ella Young, Georgia Weeks)

- Addition of Sports JCR Officer to eligibility for membership
- Clarification that where there are multiple captains, all captains are eligible for membership
- Introduction of eligibility based on “active membership” of a college sport
- Addition of mixed netball and mixed lacrosse to the list of eligible sports
- Addition of the primacy clause