



## **LSESU New Club/ Society Criteria**

To be approved by the Activities Committee, your new Club/ Society idea must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Have 3 current LSE students to form the founding core committee - a President, Treasurer and Secretary.
2. Have a minimum of 17 other current LSE students who are prepared to give you their student ID numbers and be listed on the application as people who intend to join the society if it is approved.
3. The Club/ Society must primarily serve current LSE students, and demonstrate value to the LSE community.
4. The Club/ Society must be open to all students regardless of background and must not promote discrimination or exclusivity, except where this is in line with the Equality Act 2010 Section 158 (e.g. a group formed to empower a protected characteristic group).
5. The Club/ Society must not duplicate, have significant overlap or have very similar purposes, activities or aims of a group that already exists.
6. The core activities of the Club/ Society must be financially sustainable.
7. If it is a Sports Club, it must be a physical activity with a National Governing Body, and recognised by BUCS, the IOC or Sport England.
8. Any Faith Societies will need to comply with LSE's 'Policy for Engagement with External Religious Organisations', available [here](#).
9. Any affiliation with an external organisation must be clearly disclosed and must not compromise the autonomy of the society. Affiliations must be appropriate and align with the Students' Union's values, governance, and neutrality.
  - a. The Club/ Society should not primarily exist to promote a business, service, or external organisation.
10. The group must NOT have the primary function of:
  - a. Working with under 18's or vulnerable adults
  - b. Charitable fundraising
  - c. Hosting a single, one-off event
  - d. Organising activities which have the potential to bring the Students' Union or School into disrepute.
  - e. Organising high-risk activities that would require a disproportionate amount of funding and/or staff time to monitor to ensure compliance with minimum.