

Athletic Union Code of Conduct
Drinking Policy 08-09

- Members of the Athletic Union **will not** apply peer pressure upon other individuals in social situations, or otherwise.
- Clubs **will not** carry out initiation* ceremonies.
- Clubs **will not** consume alcohol in minibuses, coaches, cars etc.

***Definition:** An initiation ceremony is an event in which members (often new members) of the club are expected to perform any activity as a means of gaining credibility, status or entry within that club. This peer pressure is normally (though not explicitly) exerted on first year students and may involve consumption of alcohol, eating concoctions of various food stuffs, nudity and behaviour that may be deemed humiliating.

Breaches of the code of conduct will result in a report from an independent investigating officer, which will outline whether punishments need to be carried out, and, if so, their severity. The report could result in a disciplinary hearing, carried out by the Athletic Union Disciplinary Committee, which will be chaired by the Athletic Union President. The maximum penalties could be as follows:

- o Imposing a fine of £500
- o Removal of individuals from BUCS competition
- o Removal of teams from BUCS competition
- o Removal of clubs from BUCS competition
- o Expulsion from the Athletic Union
- o Expulsion from the Students Guild
- o Disciplinary proceedings by the University academic schools

If the incident occurs at the end of a playing season, the punishments may be levied for the following year.

I, the undersigned, agree to behave in accordance with this drinking policy whilst representing the Athletic Union on and off the field of play.
In signing this document I agree to behave in accordance with the Athletic Union Code of Conduct and the club's operating procedures. I also understand that I have a responsibility to report to my club captain or the Athletic Union any activities that break this code.

Signed

Name

Date.....