

Athletics Clubs' Committee
Contingency Claim – Dodgeball
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Summary

ACC Dodgeball this year has not been allocated the 15-20 sessions in Term 2 in the Union Concert Hall and Union Dining Hall and thus has to use the Ethos Sports Hall for training. We require 14 sessions in Ethos this term to make up for the lack of training time provided by the union rooms. The cost of this is £672 (14 sessions at \$48 each) and we are asking for a 60% subsidy of £403.20.

Background

For the past three years, ACC Dodgeball has had either the UCH or UDH for one evening a week in Term 1 and two evenings a week in Term 2. Union rooms are provided free of charge. In Term 1 our budget allows to pay for one hour a week in Ethos, a not very nice hour as its Wednesday 9-10pm right in the middle of Sports Night. Part way through last year we were banned from the UDH due to "health and safety" but told we would still be able to get two sessions a week in the UCH by Anthony Crowther. This year we were only given 6 sessions in Term 1 that were sporadically timed so this was disappointing. Even though with the promise that Term 2 would be better, we were originally given nothing and I had to sit down with Dominika Gadawska one evening in the SAC and go through the entire weekly schedule to find the 7 slots. So once again they are very sporadically timed. We would like to point out that we feel unfairly treated by the Union at this point and my concerns to the DPCS have gone unnoticed and were also detailed in the Club Report last term. We were also given low priority for bookings in the Ethos due to our non-BUCS status which we are in the process of trying to change with the UKDBA, Dodgeball's national governing body.

With no other alternative we had to look to booking Ethos. The main sports hall is the second option to court 5, only costing £11 per hour, however court 5 is fully booked this term in the evenings and our Thursday evening sessions that we got occasionally last term have also been taken away because apparently rock-climbers have priority over us. With no choice but to spend £48 per session in Ethos we deem this an unforeseen cost and are requesting that the ACC contingency fund cover half of this additional cost. With members already having to pay £20 for membership and having to pay an average of £12 per tournament day, training sessions are the only thing the Club provides for free. Travel Fees, Socials and Kit are unsubsidised and charged to our members at full price and so we feel like charging for the one and only thing we currently provide for free, and even that is only two-three hours of training time per week, is ground we would really rather not tread. We do not have official coaches either.

Matter for Decision

To award ACC Dodgeball £403.20 from the contingency fund for ground hire of the Ethos Sports Hall.