

# BUDGET POINTS WORKSHOP

Submitting a Strong Budget in Semester Two

#### GOALS

- Understanding the budget points section.
- How to write a strong budget or improve on previous submissions.
- Working as a team.



# YOUR EXPERIENCE

What do you do well in the points section?

Do you think you could improve it?

What are some of the challenges you face?

#### WHERE TO SCORE BUDGET POINTS

- Attendance: Admin seminars, C&S council, treasurer workshops/hustings/etc.
- C&S News / Activities / Events / Fixtures
- Awards (shortlist and winning)
- Good behaviour (finance, grievances & disputes, etc).
- Uploading Documents (statements, handovers, minutes).
- Social Media presence/Publicity.
- The Budget Submission Points Section (you have to be able to prove that you did all of this!)
- Consistency!

## THE BUDGET:

# POINTS BREAKDOWN

## 1. Participation

Number of Active Members: No action required / no points

#### **Ball Tickets:**

200+ members = Maximum 18 tickets 100 - 200 members = Maximum 13 tickets 100 members = Maximum 8 tickets

#### Points for Participation:

Automatically awarded when Club or Society participates in the Semester 1 C&S Fair





## 2. Budget Engagement

2 points per quarter academic year are automatically awarded for adding at least2 income and 2 expenditure items per quarter

i.e. you need to regularly upload income and expenditure throughout the year - don't leave it until the last minute!

## 3. Membership Record Keeping

Compliance With Online System: 2 points

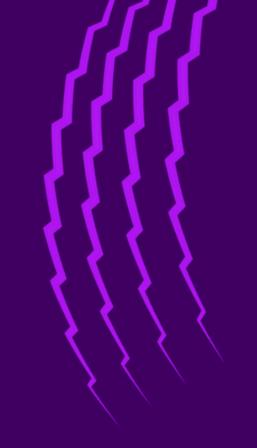
Use the UL Wolves website to sign up members



Awarded to Clubs & Societies if their committee details up-to-date at the end of semester 1

Committee Up To Date Online (Semester 1): 2 points

Awarded to Clubs & Societies if their committee details up-to-date at the end of semester 2



### 4. C&S Council Attendance

#### C&S Council meetings will be held at least four times per semester:

Attend 8+ = 8 points

Attend 5+ = 5 points

Attend 3+ = 3 points

Attend 1+ = 1 point

- 2 members must be present at each meeting
- One apology per semester
- One member must be a core committee member



## 5. C&S Awards

**C&S Awards:** 5 points are automatically awarded for attendance

**Bonus Points for Winning:** 2 points

Bonus Points for Being Shortlisted: I point

- Winning and being shortlisted for multiple awards means <u>more</u> <u>points!</u>
- If you win the award, you won't be given that I point for being shortlisted.

## Sections 1 to 5 are AUTOMATIC

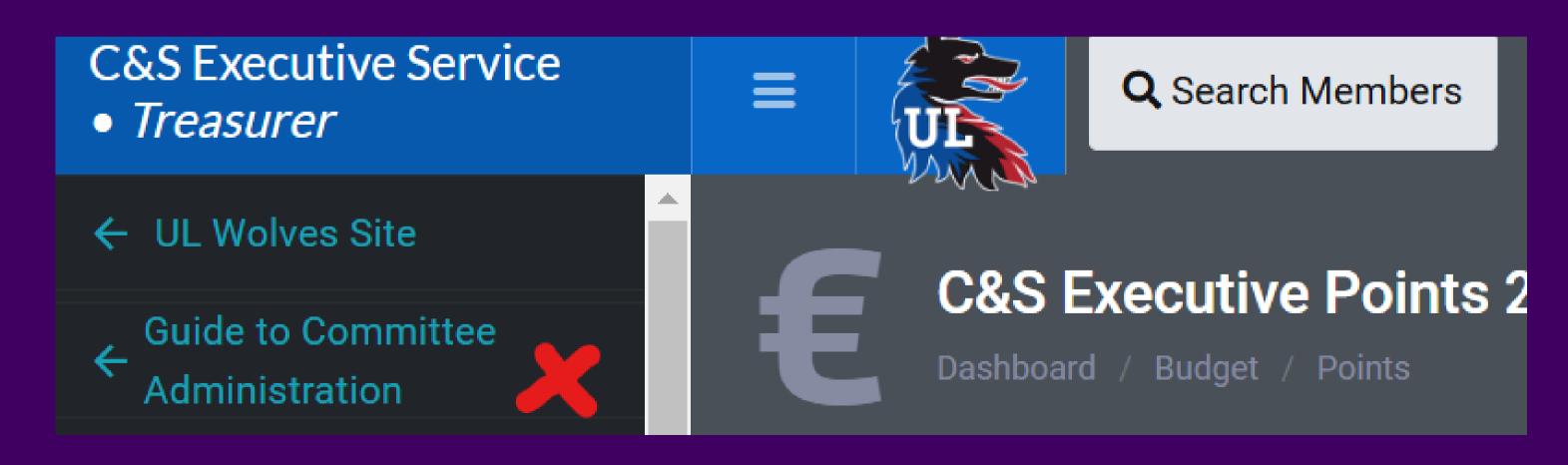
These sections are automatically recorded by the system and do not require input. They reflect your consistent engagement with the budget, online system, awards, and the C&S Office. However...

YOU WILL NOT BE AWARDED THESE POINTS IF YOU DO NOT FINISH THE <u>BONUS POINTS</u> SECTION

#### A Guide to Committee Administration

#### 8.7 Budget Criteria

This hasn't been changed in exactly 10 years - if you don't like something, change it at council!



#### A Guide to Committee Administration

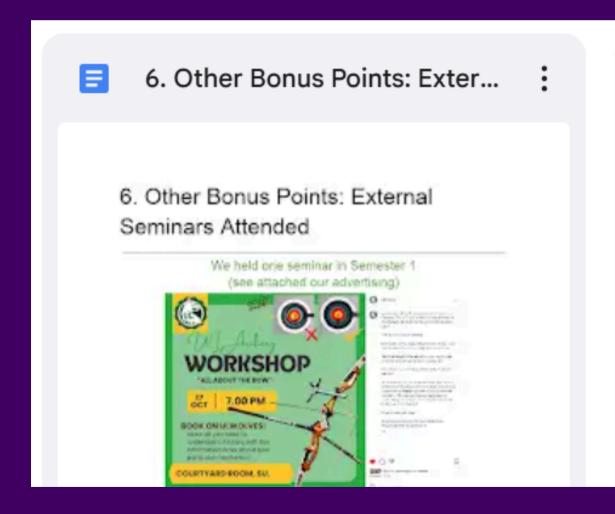
There are points specific to clubs (8.7.1) and societies (8.7.2).

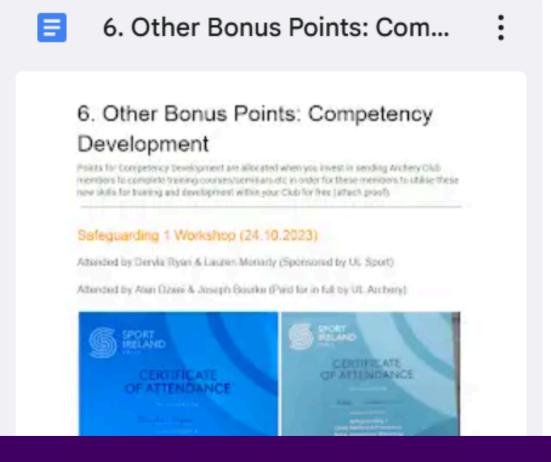
Please read these and use them as a guide to writing your specific budget. The majority of the budget points section is common to both clubs and societies, so we will be focusing on that today! (75 points)

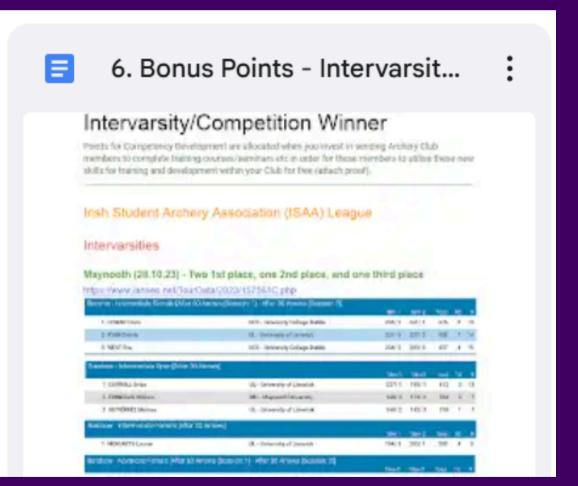
If there is something unclear in the guide, email lisa.ryan@ul.ie and use the drop ins.

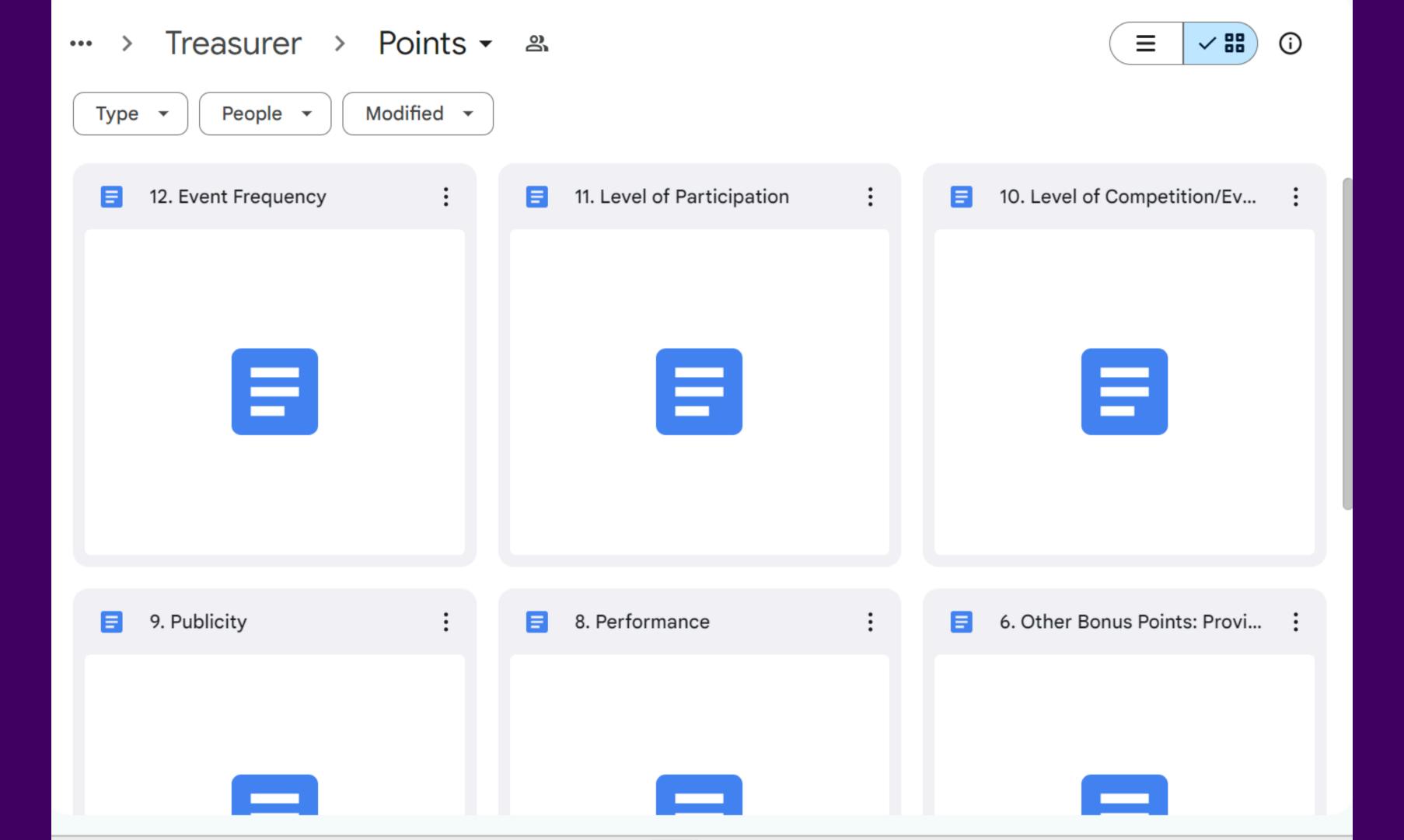
## 6. Other Bonus Points

No writing needed! Just proof:)











only write what is true:)

#### 7. Committee Development

Our club/society has fulfilled all the necessary criteria to secure full points in the Committee Development category. We have maintained a minimum of four/five core committee members, ensuring that our Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and PRO (with H&S responsibilities doubled up where applicable) are up-to-date and correctly listed online. Each committee member has uploaded a high-quality handover document to the HANDOVER DOCUMENTS page. We have also submitted all committee meeting minutes for the past academic year on the COMMITTEE MINUTES page. Our financial affairs have been well managed, with relevant bank statements uploaded to the BANK BALANCES page. Additionally, we have promptly provided any required information to the C&S Office throughout the academic year.

## WRITING

#### 8. Performance

Our club/society has met all the requirements to achieve full points in the Performance category. We have ensured that there are no outstanding creditors, with all debts cleared before the budget submission. Throughout the year, we have maintained a positive and fair environment, with no grievances raised; if any concerns did arise, they were handled in a just and transparent manner. Our overall track record demonstrates strong leadership, effective management, and active engagement in the C&S community. Additionally, our attendance at Council meetings over the past three years has been consistent, as reflected in the sign-in records.

## WRITING

#### 9. Publicity

Our club/society has fully met the requirements for the Publicity category. We have consistently provided regular updates on ulwolves.ie, ensuring that news, events, activities, and fixtures were posted in real-time. In addition, we have maintained active and engaging individual publicity through our own social media platforms, text groups, email lists, and posters to keep our members informed and involved. Our presence has also extended to internal UL media channels, ensuring visibility within the university community. Furthermore, we have secured coverage in external media, helping to promote our activities beyond UL. All necessary evidence has been attached to verify our efforts.

# YOUR COMMITTEE

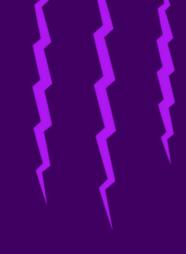
Who should be responsible for the points section?

How long they have been on the committee?

What knowledge do they have?

Think about each role on your committee & which section they would be most suited for.





- Match the Criteria Clearly address each requirement.
- Be Clear & Concise Stick to the point; avoid unnecessary details.
- Use Bullet Points Where Possible Improves readability.
- **Provide Evidence** Attach screenshots, links, or documents where needed.
- Keep Records Updated Throughout the Year Prevents last-minute stress. The Snipping Tool is your best friend here!
- Look at previous submissions to see where your committee did it right and where they could improve.

#### FINAL REVIEW BEFORE SUBMISSION

- Spelling & Grammar Checked Professional and readable.
- All Required Attachments Included Documents, links, and screenshots.
- Submission Follows Any Formatting Guidelines Given if it asks for proof, provide proof. If there is a text box, write something!
- Committee Has Reviewed & Approved Submission before sending.

Finally... Complete the Income & Expenditure section. Review everything. Submit. Then you're done!

#### OTHER USEFUL RESOURCES

- Your peers!
  - Which C&S consistently get 100 points? Talk to them!
- C&S Staff Aisling, Lisa & Jana
- UL Sport Staff Noreen & Neasa
- Communities Officer studentcommunities@ul.ie
- C&S Drop Ins
  - Tuesdays 2-4pm & Wednesdays 10-12pm



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