

## LUU SOCIAL GUIDELINES 2010-2011

### Leeds University Union Athletics Club

These guidelines are written for social secretaries to adhere to when planning club social events. They will also set out the disciplinary procedures that the club will enforce if the guidelines have been broken.

#### Safe Socials

- Members of LUUAC will not apply peer pressure on any individuals in any social situation or as a means to be accepted into a group. This will include 'initiation' ceremonies, defined by LUU as:  
"any event in which members (often new members) are expected to perform any activity as a means of gaining credibility, status or entry within the group and involve peer pressure to get members to consume excessive alcohol or be coerced into any behaviour which may be deemed humiliating."
- Members of LUUAC will not organise socials designed to force members to drink more than they would ordinarily want to or that would take them over the Governments recommended daily intake of alcohol consumption. This will include 'checklists' of drinks on bar crawls or Otley runs.
- All people in charge of socials must maintain a level of sobriety throughout to take control of situations should the need arise, and there must be at all times someone responsible for the actions of members when on a LUU society social.
- Social secretaries must ensure that all members realise they are free to consume alcohol or not. You must not tell people which drinks they can consume in order to participate in the social, or in social games.

- Any person in charge of a social must be aware if members are becoming ill or intoxicated and either take them home safely themselves, or find adequate means of getting them home safely another way, preferably a member of the committee or a senior member.
- Social drinking games must be a free choice of individuals. You must stipulate that members are free to choose whether to participate or not, and that the consumption of alcoholic drinks is not a mandatory requirement to participate.
- Any use of drinking 'equipment' such as funnels, etc, must not be used in such a way to apply peer pressure to drink alcohol. Members must not be forced to drink in a certain way.
- Any branding that identifies a member of LUUAC is strictly forbidden when on any social occasion.

These guidelines are to help protect social secretaries from any blame should any incidents occur from socials. We respect that socials are a big part of sports life at Leeds, however its binge drinking culture is not. After recent socials LUU have decided that any contracts with 'outside' organisations, such as for balls, tour, club dinners etc **MUST** be checked by the relevant executive committee's and the LUU before proceeding. Any infringements of this will result in individuals responsible paying any damages that have occurred themselves without the aid of the club or Union.

These guidelines must be read and signed by all members of the club. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary procedures.