



Ross Sharman NO#1 Sports



Hey, I'm Ross Sharman, running for Sports Officer. I have been an active member of the Union for 7 years. I am a recipient of the Brownhill-Evans Memorial Award and have logged over 900 volunteer hours at MMU. I am the coach of MMU Taekwon-Do and the UK National Student Taekwon-Do team and creator of MMU Fight Nights I,II and III. Indomitable Spirit, Est 1989.

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About Me

Hey everyone,

I'm Ross, a Masters student currently studying Animal Behavior and Marine Biology. I live my life by five tenets, **Integrity, Courtesy, Perseverance, Self Control** and **Indomitable Spirit** and want to ensure these are used to represent you. I have been heavily involved in the Union and student experience for the past 7 years, engaging with roles in both Sport and Societies as well as being a student staff member in both the Union Shop and the Opportunities office for over 4 years. I founded the MMU Taekwon-do club in 2011, and later created the British University Taekwon-do League, now the biggest league in the UK. In 2017 I lead our MMU team to win an amazing 31 medals at the World Championships. Through this role I have also held committee positions as chair and treasurer, accumulating over 900 hours of volunteering.

Through my role as a committee member I have been awarded Sport Official of the Year, MMU Sport Colours, Club Colours, the MMU Volunteer Award and the Brownhill-Evans Memorial Award. I believe that all sports should be recognized and have equal opportunities to engage with both their members and other Universities.

I have vast experience working and collaborating with societies and set up the MMU Animal and Wildlife Society to provide animal science course students with a social platform. In 2017 I was named the first UK National Student Taekwon-Do team coach. I created and put together the award winning MMU Fight Night events, raising over £5000 for charity across all the trilogy and collaborating with both sports and societies to make the event the success it deserved.

I have been incredibly lucky to work with and engage with so many students and now want to take that to the next level by representing **YOU** and creating memories and success for **EVERYONE** studying at **MMU**.



My Manifesto

I am incredibly passionate about student experience and feel that every student should be represented and supported. Having worked in the Opportunities office as a sports assistant and being a continuous committee member I fully understand how procedures work within sport. Through this I can use my knowledge and understanding to make sure all clubs get fair and equal treatment and are provided with full disclosure and reasoning. I firmly believe that by maximizing student experience it will lead to breathtaking opportunities, both during and after leaving University, the key to a successful officer is to make this a reality. Sport regardless of level, whether it be socially or professionally can save and change lives, this is a powerful tool and one that I want to embrace and use to its full potential.

Development

- Representation and support for ALL sports teams. I would like to increase support for Non BUCS teams, promoting their hard work and maximizing their profile while continuing to develop the success of BUCS teams. Each team will get the same 100% of my time, effort and assistance.
- Set up inter university competition and competitive games/matches for teams that currently don't have this opportunity.
- Sport Surgery. A weekly drop in open slot where committee/students can drop in and discuss any concerns, making them instantly dealt with instead of having to wait for infrequent sports council.
- Provide clubs with improved training facilities that represent their needs and numbers.
- Push and progress MMU into the top 20 rankings of BUCS. Improving positions by creating opportunities for more teams to have access and improving team funding .
- Work with coaches, committees and members to create continued and exceeding success across all sports. Holding workshops and incorporating the sport surgery sessions to build healthy and productive relationships between coaches and players.
- All concerns and issues raised by all sports teams will be dealt with, lack of response and communication will be a thing of the past. I will not embrace excuses, I will embrace solutions.



Events

- Help establish iconic events for all sports clubs. Help continue the already established MMU staple events such as Disco Dodgeball, Fight Night, MMU's Got Talent and Spingo Bingo.
- Turn Platt Lane into a sports hub and iconic sport venue to rival top sporting universities.
- Establish vital events that are key to improving attitudes and assistance within sport. Events such as those based around mental health/inclusivity for all students.

Cheshire

- Equal representation for Cheshire. Providing students with equal opportunities/events, making this final year of attendance one to remember. I want to achieve this by putting on events at the Cheshire Campus that Manchester has held for the past few years, as well as working with the Cheshire teams to establish their own unique events. This will be achieved by working closely with the VP Cheshire officer to make sure all needs/opportunities are met.

Campaigns

- I want to introduce and run active campaigns that can link in with improving support and raising awareness across all student groups. Mental health and discrimination are two subjects that can be vastly assisted through sport and it's benefits. This is something I have personal experience in and have dealt with problems students may face. I want to work with teams to run one campaign that provides all students with the support they need, working on ways to become more inclusive to all. One campaign that matters and makes a difference.

Thank you for taking the time to read my manifesto. While campaigning please question me on my plans, I want to hear your needs/ideas! This is how we build success, team work is the heart of sport.

If you want to see change and development at MMU and want representation from someone who fights for the underdog while maintaining the success of the established, please vote **ROSS**

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