

CLUB SPORTS ORGANIZATION & MEMBERSHIP

| | <u>Page</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Definition of a Sport Club | 4 |
| Club Sports Objectives | 4 |
| The Club Sports Association | 4 |
| The Role of Campus Recreation | 4-5 |
| Membership in Club Sports | 5-6 |
| Code of Conduct | 6 |

CLUB SPORTS ORGANIZATION & MEMBERSHIP

A unique aspect of the Club Sports Program is that clubs are formed and administered by students. They are recognized student organizations, subject to the rules and regulations of Clemson University. Their ultimate success and stability depends upon the quality of student leadership and the enthusiasm and willingness of members to get involved.

Definition of a Sport Club

A sport club is an organization formed by those students who share a common interest in a sports activity. The Club Sports Program is comprised of 48 sport clubs, each of which offers individual and/or team activities that can be instructional, recreational, and/or competitive in nature.

Club Sports Objectives

The objectives of the Club Sports Program are:

1. To provide opportunities for students and other members of the University community to participate in a wide variety of recreational programs that can lead to the development of lifelong leisure skills and values.
2. To facilitate camaraderie and the development of positive interpersonal relationships through the shared pursuit of leisure interests.
3. To promote leadership development through providing opportunities for students to serve in leadership roles within their clubs and to organize and administer club activities.

The Club Sports Association

The Club Sports Association (CSA) is an association of sport clubs that has as its purpose:

1. To serve as a link between clubs.
2. To aid in the development of clubs and their officers.
3. To provide a medium for exchange of information regarding programs, policies, and regulations that affect the operation of clubs.
4. To provide an opportunity for clubs to give input regarding the Club Sports Program.
5. To consider ways that clubs may collaborate in meeting their needs and interests.
6. To promote participation in the Club Sports Program.

The Club Sports Association meets several times each semester, and clubs are represented by the president or, in his or her absence, an officer appointed by the president. For additional information refer to the CSA Constitution.

The Role of Campus Recreation

The Department of Campus Recreation through the Club Sports Office oversees and provides administrative support for the Club Sports Program. Some of the services provided include:

- Administration of club accounts (for those clubs funded by Student Government).

- Preparation of University requisitions and purchase vouchers.
- Scheduling of Campus Recreation facilities for club activities.
- Assistance with budget preparation.
- Training of club officers.
- Guidance related to compliance with University policies and regulations and Campus Recreation requirements.
- Risk management planning.
- Assistance with publicity and promotions.
- Equipment loan service.
- Provision of storage space for equipment and supplies.
- Preparation and maintenance of fields.

Membership in Club Sports

Membership in sport clubs is open to all Clemson University students (full time and part time), faculty, and staff, with the understanding that intercollegiate play in some team sports is limited to undergraduate students. Also, clubs may choose to extend membership privileges as appropriate to the dependents of University students, faculty, and staff (spouses only or both spouses and children) under an Associate Membership category. A provision statement listing the minimum age for participation and any restrictions on participation should be drawn up and submitted to the Club Sports Office for approval. Also, the club's constitution should be amended accordingly.

There is opportunity for the organization of both men's and women's clubs in all team sports. For information on organizing a new club, refer to the Checklist for Starting a New Club (*Club Sports Manual*, "Checklists". Participation in sport clubs is voluntary, and Clemson University and the Department of Campus Recreation are not responsible for any injury or property loss that may be sustained by a participant, advisor, or coach/instructor in the Club Sports Program. While Clemson University strongly recommends that all participants in the Club Sports Program have accident/medical insurance that will cover them in the event of injury or illness, insurance is required for participation in those clubs in which physical contact is an inherent element of the sport (Applies to football, Rugby, Soccer, Lacrosse, ice Hockey, Roller Hockey, Wrestling, and the martial arts clubs). Each club member is required to sign a Release and Waiver of Liability/Informed Consent and a Club Sports Code of Conduct each academic year. The members of clubs that meet in Fike Recreation Center must be members of Campus Recreation for admittance.

Clubs determine their own dues, and they may have other stated requirements or standards for participation related to certifications, health considerations, safety, etc., which must be approved through the Club Sports Office.

Continuing students (those enrolled for Spring Semester who are pre-registered for Fall Semester) who are not enrolled during the summer sessions and co-op students who are not enrolled during the current semester may continue their club membership by paying the appropriate dues.

Sport clubs must submit a complete roster of club members that includes names and University ID numbers to the Club Sports Office prior to their first scheduled game or activity, but no later than October 1 for Fall Semester. The roster must be updated throughout the semester as the club

accepts new members and by February 1 for Spring Semester. Students whose names do not appear on the roster are not eligible for participation in club activities or travel.

Students who participate on a club team are eligible to participate on an intramural team in the same sport. However, an intramural team may play no more than two club team members during any one contest. Violation of this rule will result in forfeiture of the game in question and loss of intramural playing privileges by the offending player(s) for the remainder of that sport season and the ensuing sport season.

Code of Conduct

Participants in the Club Sports Program are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect positively upon themselves, the club of which they are a member, the Department of Campus Recreation, and Clemson University. Their responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

General Behavior

- To act morally and exemplify a high sense of personal honor and integrity.
- To show respect for the rights and property of others.
- To observe University regulations, state and federal laws, and city ordinances

Use of Drugs and Alcoholic Beverages

To refrain from use of drugs, except for medical purposes.

- To refrain from consumption of alcoholic beverages if under the legal drinking age of 21.
- To refrain from purchase or provision of alcoholic beverages for persons under the legal drinking age of 21.
- To refrain from transport of alcoholic beverages in University vehicles.
- To refrain from consumption of alcoholic beverages while traveling, competing/participating, or being a spectator at club events.
- To act with restraint and good judgment in the consumption of alcoholic beverages, and to refrain from driving under the influence of alcohol.

Engagement in Club Activities

- To display good sportsmanship before, during, and after any competition.
- To refrain from physically or verbally abusing an official, opposing player, spectator or coach.
- To refrain from use of obscene gestures, profanity or disrespectful language.

Failure to abide by the provisions of this code will result in disciplinary action by Student Judicial Services and/or the Department of Campus Recreation, which could include loss of player participation privileges, probation for the club, or suspension of club activities, depending on the nature and severity of the violations.