

Campus Recreation Club Sports
Policy and Procedure Guide
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Program Overview

The Club Sports program administered by the Department of Campus Recreation consists of student-led organizations that compete against other institutions in a formal league, engage in leadership development, participate in civic engagement opportunities, and maintain shared interests and values.

These organizations require the use of Campus Recreation facility spaces for practices and/or home events, and their activity can be supervised and monitored.

Organizations that currently meet these criteria include the following:

Campus Recreation Club Sports

Basketball (W)	Lacrosse (W)	Ultimate (M)
Basketball (M)	Rugby (W)	Ultimate (W)
Climbing	Sailing	Volleyball (M)
Fencing	Swimming	Volleyball (W)
Field Hockey	Soccer (M)	Watersports
Lacrosse (M)	Soccer (W)	

Annual Recognition

Existing Club Sport teams are recognized based on the nature of their sport, the use of Campus Recreation facility space for recurring practices and events, and the availability of space and resources for Campus Recreation to support this activity.

Currently, there is not availability for the addition of new club teams. Student organizations that are seeking recognition as a Campus Recreation Club Sport should contact Campus Recreation to be considered if/when additional capacity becomes available.

In addition to annual university requirements for student organizations, existing club teams are required to remain recognized with Campus Recreation by completing all of the following:

- Ensure that their student organization obtains university recognition
- Remain in good standing at the university level and with Campus Recreation
- Attend all required training and meetings hosted by Campus Recreation

- Ensure at least one club member is certified and recognized by Campus Recreation as a Safety Officer
- Sign annual sport club policy and procedure acknowledgement form
- Ensure that team roster is complete and accurate on IMLeagues website
- Abide by Campus Recreation facility and club sport policies and procedures

Campus Recreation Oversight

- Campus Recreation provides the following levels of support and oversight for the Club Sports program:
- General training on policies and procedures related to Campus Recreation (maintaining rosters, how to reserve facility space, etc.)
- Collaborate with CSLE to ensure communication on requirements, deadlines, and training required of all student organizations.
- Baseline risk management support to include CPR certifications/tracking for sport club safety officers.
- Disciplinary process related to use/loss of Campus Recreation facility access (higher-level disciplinary items sent to OCES).
- Signatures for paperwork related to league membership, roster verification, and travel.
- General support and guidance on how to successfully manage and run their organization.
- Enhanced support for the planning and execution of home events in Campus Recreation facilities.
- Leads the Club Sport Advisory Board

Club Sports Advisory Board

The Campus Recreation Club Sport Advisory Board is intended to create representation from club teams during planning and decision-making processes related to the Club Sport program. This advisory board is overseen by Campus Recreation and includes positions for up to 10 student representatives from various club teams. Goals for this advisory board include:

- Representation from Club Sport members in Campus Recreation decision making processes

- Facilitating a medium for exchange of information regarding programs, policies, and regulations that affect Club Sport teams
- Providing an opportunity for club teams to provide feedback
- Providing development opportunities for club sport leaders

Eligibility

Club Sport membership is open to all Clemson University and Bridge students with the understanding that intercollegiate play in some leagues, conferences, or events may have more strict roster limitations.

It is the responsibility of the club officers to monitor their member eligibility as they relate to their individual club leagues or conferences.

Campus Recreation is not responsible for eligibility violations that club teams incur, particularly for off-site games, tournaments, and events.

Member Requirements

Participation in Club Sports 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 in the Extramural Sport Clubs Program.

In accordance with university student organizations policy, all Club Sport members should have accident/medical insurance that will provide coverage in the event of an injury or illness.

Prior to participation, all Club Sport members are required to read, complete, and sign an Assumption of Risk and Release from Liability found on their IMLeagues team page.

Team-Specific Requirements

Each Club Sport team determines their own dues, tryout/membership structure, practice and game schedules. They may also have other stated requirements or standards for participation related to certifications, age, health considerations, safety, etc. Campus Recreation does not manage these requirements that are specific to each sport club.

Safety Officer

Each Club Sport is required to designate at least one safety officer who will be present at any organized activity within Campus Recreation facility space. This person must have an active CPR/First Aid/AED certification. Campus Recreation will provide certification courses for each club, to accommodate a minimum of one safety officer per club. Certifications obtained elsewhere can be submitted to Campus Recreation for an eligibility review, but will be the responsibility of the club team for payment.

Club Sport teams found to be hosting organized activity in Campus Recreation facility spaces without a safety officer present are subject to the loss of facility space privileges.

While Campus Recreation does not monitor Club Sport travel or off-campus activities, it is highly recommended that each club maintains a safety officer presence at those activities.

Intramural Sports Participation

Students who are currently on sport club rosters are eligible to participate in Intramural Sports. However, there is a limit of two (2) club sport members per team (for the associated sport). Example: only two club soccer members may be on an intramural soccer roster. For CoRec teams, note that teams are limited to a total of two (2) club sport members regardless of gender.

Violation of this policy may result in forfeiture of the intramural game in question and potential loss of intramural playing privileges by the offending player(s) for the remainder of that sport season. Please consult the [Intramural Sports Participant Handbook](#) for more information. Questions regarding this rule can be directed to the Intramural Sports office via email at cuim@clemsun.edu.

Campus Recreation Facilities

The Department of Campus Recreation operates various indoor and outdoor recreation facilities that include the following spaces available for Club Sport teams to utilize for activities and events: gym courts at Fike Recreation Center, grass fields adjacent to Fike Recreation Center, grass field at Lightsey Bridge, the climbing wall, natatorium, and synthetic turf fields at the Snow Family Outdoor Fitness and Wellness Complex.

Club Sport teams are eligible to reserve spaces based on the nature of their sport. For example, a basketball club team will not be eligible to reserve space on outdoor grass fields and a soccer club team will not be eligible to reserve space on the gym courts.

Campus Recreation will make determinations on the availability of facility spaces as it balances use between club sports, intramural sports, general open recreation hours, and other events/activities that may be occurring.

Facility Reservations

Event requests should be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the event date to be given priority scheduling status. Reservation requests submitted within 30 days will still be accepted but depending on event needs, the request may not be able to be accommodated. Any requests submitted less than 2 weeks prior to the event date are unlikely to be scheduled.

Invoices must be paid no later than 72 hours prior to an event. Failure to pay an invoice by this time may result in cancellation of the event.

Club Sport teams should use the 25 Live request process for all home events. Practice schedules will be communicated directly with teams and do not need to be submitted through 25 Live.

Club Sport organizations are expected to treat University facilities with care and to leave all areas clean and returned to their normal setting following use. At the completion of outdoor events, trash is to be bagged and placed in the nearest trash receptacle. Any damage or maintenance problems related to Campus Recreation facilities should be reported. Misuse of facilities or failure to comply with the above guidelines by a club will result in loss of facility use privileges.

Home Event Guidelines

Once a space has been reserved for a home competition or tournament, clubs must adhere to the following guidelines for those events:

- Ensure that all members of visiting club teams sign a Visiting Team Waiver before the competition begins and submit to the Sport Programs staff member on site.
- All participants must conduct themselves properly and respect staff directives while using Campus Recreation facilities.
- Participants in all Campus Recreation activities should display high standards of sportsmanship and should cooperate fully with the Campus Recreation staff to ensure safe and successful operations.

- All participants, coaches, and visitors must follow the [Department of Campus Recreation policies and procedures](#), obey all Clemson University policies, and follow all local, state, and federal laws.

Weather-Related Cancellations

Campus Recreation staff reserve the right to cancel an outdoor club event at which they are present due to unsafe field or weather conditions.

Sport Programs staff will be as proactive as possible to try and avoid any last-minute weather-related cancellations. Any decisions made are in the best interest and safety of club participants, coaches, visitors, and staff.

It is highly recommended to have alternatives in mind when planning games, competitions, or events. Campus Recreation will not be responsible for finding alternate options/locations if fields become closed due to inclement weather.

Club Sport Conduct

Each team will be held accountable for all club members' actions during club activities both on and off campus. All club members are required to follow all Campus Recreation Club Sport and Clemson University guidelines.

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.

Violations of Campus Recreation Club Sport policies and/or Clemson University Code of Conduct may result in the loss of access to Campus Recreation facility space.

Student Organizations Conduct

Each registered organization must ensure that members acting individually or as a group reflect the Clemson Core Values to all members of the community in addition to all other outlined expectations within the Code and within the organization's bylaws.

Leaders of a registered student organization bear a special responsibility for ensuring that constituents recognize and embrace these values in carrying out the mission of a registered student organization.

As a guiding principle, registered student organizations will be held responsible for the acts of their members when those acts grow out of or are in any way related to the registered student organization. Isolated violations of individuals should not be chargeable to the student organization, but evidence of organizational conduct exists when:

- Members of the organization are acting together in violating a conduct regulation.
- A violation of a conduct regulation arises out of an organization-sponsored, financed, or endorsed event.
- An organization's leader(s) has knowledge of the potential for a violation of conduct regulations before it occurs and fails to take corrective action.
- A violation of a conduct regulation occurs on premises owned, leased, or operated by the organization.
- A pattern of individual violations of conduct regulations is found to have existed without proper and appropriate organizational control, remedy, or sanction.
- The organization, or members of the organization, provides the impetus for a violation of conduct regulations.

Officer Transition Checklist

The Center for Student Leadership and Engagement houses a helpful resource page to help facilitate and cover the different aspects of [officer transitions](#).

While Campus Recreation does not oversee this process as it relates to university student organization requirements, club presidents should ensure a smooth transition by doing the following:

- Inform Campus Recreation if a new president has been elected and provide a date of transition for any communication.
- Update your team roster on IMLeagues to reflect the new team president.
- Inform the incoming president on any existing or pending reservation/event requests within Campus Recreation facility spaces.

Campus Recreation Contacts

Chris Cox: Director, Snow Complex and Strategic Engagement ccox3@clemsont.edu

- Primary oversight of the Extramural Sport Club program
- Campus Recreation representative for high level Sport Club planning and development
- Will lead the Sport Club Advisory Board

Gary Wiser: Director, Organizational Effectiveness gwiser@clemson.edu

- Day to day point of contact for the Extramural Sport Club program
- Schedules practices and coordinates planning of events
- Provides signatures, tracks compliance, and provides general support

Ashley Schmidt: Assistant Director, Sport Programs aschm23@clemson.edu

- Direct oversight of student staff that manage Sport Club practices and events
- Provides logistical support directly related to outdoor athletic field sites
- Oversight of the Intramural Sports program area and shared resources

Lana Evans: Assistant Director, Scheduling scheduling@clemson.edu

- Intake and processing for all event/space requests
- Creates and tracks invoice/payments

Helpful Campus Resources

Academic Success Center (ASC): <https://www.clemson.edu/asc/>

The Academic Success Center offers comprehensive academic success programs for all undergraduate students including, tutoring, cross-college academic advising and coaching, academic counseling, and academic strategy workshops.

Advocacy and Success: <http://www.clemson.edu/studentaffairs/advocacy-success/>

Advocacy and Success serves all current Clemson students as a trusted place for care, advocacy, and referrals to campus and community partners.

CARE Network referral forms allows anyone provide information via an online form on a student whom they are concerned about. Referring the student connects them to resources to help support them in whatever situation they may be facing. *CARE Network*

referrals can include, but are not limited to the following academic or behavioral concerns, death or grief, personal health or wellness, financial issues, etc.

NOTE: When filing a CARE report, please include steps you have already taken to provide support to your member(s)

CARE Referral Form: https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?ClemsonUniv&layout_id=1

CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services): <https://www.clemson.edu/campus-life/student-health/caps/>

CAPS, located in Redfern Health Center, provides a safe and confidential environment for students to address stressors and psychological needs that may occur during their time in college.

An after-hours emergency Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) counselor can be reached by calling 864-656-2451 and press 2 when prompted.

Campus Reservations and Events:

<https://www.clemson.edu/studentaffairs/cre/index.html>

Provides guest services, event coordination and venue management for several indoor and outdoor campus venues.

Career Center: <https://career.sites.clemson.edu/>

The career center offers many unique services, such as career workshops, on-campus interviewing, experiential education opportunities (co-op program and internship programs), and others.

Center for Student Leadership and Engagement:

<http://www.clemson.edu/studentaffairs/csle/index.html>

Handles the student organization re-registration process, student organization matters, and TigerQuest Platform.

Darby Tippit (dtippit@clemson.edu), Assistant Director for Student Organizations Development

University Police Department (CUPD): <http://www.clemson.edu/cusafety/cupd/>
864-656-2222

Harvey and Lucinda Gantt Multicultural Center: <http://www.clemson.edu/centers-institutes/gantt/>

The Harvey and Lucinda Gantt Multicultural Center creates diverse learning environments and supports and advocates for the needs of all students. The Gantt Multicultural Center provides Multicultural Programs, LGBTQ Programs, and Social Justice Education

Healthy Campus: <http://www.clemson.edu/campus-life/healthy-campus/>

Healthy Campus, is the office that provides educational programming and training centered around health and wellness (i.e.: physical health, drug and alcohol use/abuse, sexual health, etc.). Their website has many resources and allows you to request a presentation for a group.

Office of Community and Ethical Standards (OCES): <http://www.clemson.edu/campus-life/student-conduct/>

The Office of Community and Ethical Standards administers the campus student discipline program and holds students and student's organizations accountable to the behavioral expectations expressed in the Clemson Student Handbook.

Student Health Services: <https://www.clemson.edu/studentaffairs/find-support/shs/>

University Policy Links

[Hazing Policy](#)

[Student Organization Alcohol](#)

[Title IX](#)