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SUBJECT: Eligibility and Membership in Sports Clubs
Insurance for Sports Clubs

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Procedure for: Upstate Campus
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I. Policy

This policy outlines the eligibility requirements for sports clubs and membership of individuals in sports clubs as well as insurance information. Specific details are listed in the sports club handbook available in the Campus Recreation Department office.

II. Procedure

A. Registration for New Sports Clubs

1. Procedures for registering a sports club are the same as for other student organizations.
2. In addition to these procedures, a representative of the proposed organization must make an appointment with the Director of Campus Recreation to illustrate compliance with the following criteria:
 - a. The club's purpose and activity must be appropriate and consistent with the definition, purpose, and criteria of the sports club programs.
 - b. The club must demonstrate financial self-reliance. The club is eligible to apply for funding from student activity fees after one full academic year of approved registration and demonstrated activity.
3. Each club officer must agree to the policies listed in the sports club handbook

B. Registration for Existing Sports Clubs

1. Existing sports clubs must renew their registration by submitting a student organization registration form by the second Friday in September of each year. Failure by an organization to renew its registration by the second Friday in September shall terminate its privileges to operate on the university campus, utilize university facilities, or receive monies from the student activity fee or any other student generated revenue.
3. Each club officer must agree to the policies of the sports club handbook.

B. Membership

1. Active membership in a sports club shall be limited to persons officially connected with the University as faculty or staff or students that are eligible for regular membership in student organizations.
2. Students enrolled in the spring semester under the above conditions and who have pre-registered for the fall semester or students enrolled in Maymester, summer I or summer II are eligible for summer membership.
4. Individuals agree to comply with the club rules, club constitution, and the guidelines set forth by the Campus Recreation Department. Any person not meeting the above requirements shall not be eligible for membership in any sports club.
5. All club members are required to complete a sports clubs membership application and waiver of liability and release form before participating as a member of a sports club.
6. No person other than members (and coaches for organized practices) may use club equipment, participate in any sports club activity, or receive any benefits that derive from funds allocated by Student Activity Fees.
7. Coaches (other than members) are not eligible to receive any remuneration, travel, or subsistence reimbursement, or any other support from monies available to the club.
8. Any exceptions on subsidizing travel for coaches must be approved by the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Life.
8. Associate, affiliate, honorary, or comparable type memberships used to circumvent the membership requirements are not authorized.

D. Insurance

The University does not provide accident insurance to club members or to a club and cannot be held responsible for injuries incurred through participation in voluntary activities. The Campus Recreation Department strongly recommends that all club members have a medical insurance plan in effect before participating in any club activity.

Sports clubs may wish to purchase group insurance (both personal injury and personal liability) when appropriate. Consultation may be given by the Campus Recreation Director and the university risk manager.

III. Related Policies

University Policy STAF 3.13 Insurance for Sports Clubs
University Policy STAF 3.24 Sports Club Programs