

Santa Clara University

Club Sports: General Information for New Club Members

Thank you for your interest in joining a club team at Santa Clara University. Please read the following information before submitting the forms required to join a club.

Requirements Individuals Must Meet to Participate on a Club Sport Team:

- **UNDERGRAD VS GRAD:** All active Club Sport members must be current Santa Clara University students. Depending on league's rules, these can be undergraduate or graduate students.
- **FACULTY/STAFF:** Current SCU faculty or staff wanting to participate in a Club Sport must be approved through the Assistant Director of Recreation. Their participation, if approved, will be limited to practice sessions. No faculty or staff will be allowed to participate in competitions or hold leadership positions. Faculty/Staff members of each club (once approved) must be clearly noted as such on the team roster.
- **MINIMUM GPA:** To be academically eligible, all members must have a minimum cumulative G.P.A of 2.00. All G.P.A requirements are checked at the end of each quarter. Students below the required G.P.A. will be notified that they cannot be on the club team for the entire following quarter. This policy is from the SCU Student Handbook.
- **GOOD STANDING:** All Club Sport members must be in good standing with the university in order to participate on a Club Sport. Students placed on Disciplinary Probation can practice but will not be able to compete with their team (as stated in the SCU Handbook) and are not allowed to travel with their team to competitions (officially or unofficially).
- **HEALTH INSURANCE:** All Club Sport members must have their own private health insurance or must have SCU health insurance. The injured party is responsible for all financial obligations incurred in any treatment necessitated by an injury. Santa Clara University and the Dept. of Athletics and Recreation are not responsible for any injury or property loss incurred by any participant in a club.
- **REQUIRED FORMS:** Participants must properly and completely fill out two required forms prior to any participation:
 - *Informed Consent and Release of Liability Form*
 - *Conduct Guidelines Form*
 - + Any potential athletes under the age of 18 must have their required forms signed by their parents prior to participation.
 - + The Club Sports staff will review the forms and the participant will not be eligible until our office adds the student to the official team roster and emails it to the team president.
 - + No student can add to a team "on the spot" at a practice.
 1. For Women's Club Volleyball (WCVB) participants only:
 - a. Must also submit one *Financial Aid Award Form* per player.
- **DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES:** All Club Sports participants should be very familiar with the Club Sports Council Disciplinary Guidelines which are online at www.scu.edu/recreation/club/forms.cfm.
- **ALCOHOL:** All Club Sports participants should understand that the *SCU Student Handbook* states that "alcoholic beverages shall not be served or consumed at any University-sponsored intercollegiate or **club sport athletic event** or recreational sports activity."
- **HAZING:** All Club Sports participants should understand that hazing is strictly prohibited. Even if no alcohol is involved and all participants are willing, many actions will still qualify as hazing.
- **WEBSITES:** All Club Sports participants are advised to be mindful about what they put in profiles on social networking websites. Your choices reflect upon Santa Clara University, the Department of Athletics and Recreation, the Club Sports Program and you. If online evidence of behavior that violates the Club Sports Handbook or SCU Student Handbook is brought to the attention of Campus Recreation staff, disciplinary action may result.