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COLLEGE OF WOOSTER CLUB SPORTS POLICIES

PHILOSOPHY

The College of Wooster club sports program provides an opportunity for students to participate in a variety of sports which are not offered at the intercollegiate level by the College. A club sport is an undergraduate student organization formed by full-time, degree seeking College of Wooster students who have a common interest in a particular sport. The emphasis of the club may be recreational, competitive, instructional, or any combination thereof. Official club sport status will be granted only for traditional team Olympic or international sports which are not offered at the intercollegiate level by the College. The College reserves the right to decline to offer official (chartered) club sport status.

THE CLUB SPORTS COUNCIL

The Club Sports Council (CSC) will consist of five members of The College of Wooster community who are devoted to supporting the efforts of club sports at the College. The Council shall consist of the following members:

1. One student representative from Campus Council.
2. The Director of Physical Education, Athletics, and Recreation or his/her designee.
3. The Dean of Students or his/her designee.
4. One representative from a club sport organization to be selected by Campus Council.
5. One faculty representative from Campus Council.

The CSC will review and act upon all club sports charter applications and funding requests.

Campus Council will appoint a Chair for the CSC.

CHARTER

All club sports organizations which wish to receive official College recognition (charter) and funding or use the College's facilities must be chartered through the ~~CSC~~ *Campus Council*. Charter applications should be submitted to the Charter Committee for review, and then to Campus Council for final approval. Campus Council is responsible for reviewing club sports' charters every three years. Each club sport must have a faculty or staff adviser who is committed to working with the club organization in order to be eligible to receive a charter. Campus Council and the CSC - due to safety and liability concerns - reserve the right to not officially recognize or offer a charter to a group of individuals who seek to participate in what they determine to be a 'high contact' sport. Campus Council reserves the right to revoke club sports charters due to failure to follow and comply with club sports policies and procedures.

FUNDING

The funding process will be as follows:

1. Applications are submitted to ^{the CSC chair} ~~Campus Council~~ no later than the end of the fourth week of each semester.
2. The CSC will review funding applications, and may choose to meet with representatives of a club sport organization for clarification purposes.
3. The CSC will determine levels of funding for each club sport, and will notify club sport representatives of final funding allocations as soon as possible after these allocation levels are determined.

Funding will be based on a variety of factors including - but not limited to - club interest, needs, total funds available, and a club's ability to abide by College policies and procedures. Members of club sports organizations are expected to pay for their own meals when competing away from campus. They may also be expected to contribute other costs as determined by the CSC.

ADVISERS

All club sport advisers must be members of the College of Wooster faculty or staff. It is their responsibility to make every reasonable effort to ensure for safe practices and competitions. In addition, the adviser must ensure for compliance with club sport travel regulations as well as all other policies and procedures relating to the conduct of club sports programs.

FACILITIES

A chartered sports club may make use of College athletic facilities. Requests for the use of Department of Physical Education/Athletics facilities should be forwarded to the Director of Physical Education, Athletics, and Recreation or his/her designee. Intercollegiate teams, physical education classes, and intramurals have precedence over use of facilities by club sports teams.

EQUIPMENT

Members of club sports organizations are expected to acquire their own individual equipment. While club sports teams may request funding for other team equipment, it should not be assumed that these requests will be approved by the CSC. The acquisition of equipment is sometimes best handled through the Department of Physical Education, Athletics, and Recreation.

ROSTERS AND SCHEDULES

Finalized club sports team rosters and schedules must be submitted to the club sport adviser and filed with the CSC no later than one week prior to the season opening contest. No additions are permitted without the approval of the individual club sports advisor and the CSC.

INSURANCE

Due to the potential risk of injury, all chartered club sports organizations are covered under the College's liability insurance policy. Without this coverage, club sports organizations may not practice or compete. In the event of injury suffered during club sport practice or competition, students are covered by the College student health plan. Unlike students who participate on intercollegiate teams, club sports participants are not covered by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) catastrophic injury insurance plan. Insurance matters are coordinated by the Treasurer's Office.

TRANSPORTATION

A club sports organization may use College of Wooster vehicles. Requests to use a college vehicle must be submitted to the Facilities Scheduling Office at least one week in advance of the trip. Whether using a college or personal vehicle, a club sports organization must submit a completed College of Wooster Club Sports Travel Form to their adviser and to the Director of Student Activities at least 24 hours before traveling to an off campus competition. This form must detail mode of transportation, vehicle make and license plate number, names of drivers, names of passengers, and any overnight lodging arrangements.

ALCOHOL

Under no circumstances may club sports participants consume alcohol while on scheduled team trips or at home competitions.

COLLEGE EXPECTATIONS

In outside competition, the members of the club sports organizations may be referred to as The College of Wooster (name of sport) Club Team. In that capacity, it is the expectation of the College that members of all club teams will conduct themselves in ways which are consistent with the College Code of Social Responsibility, The Scot's Key.