

# Introduction

## Florida State University Sport Club Mission Statement

The Florida State University Sport Club Program is dedicated to the mission of providing safe opportunities to students for engagement in a variety of sport activities, including activities that are competitive, recreational, and instructional in nature. Students are afforded leadership opportunities and experiences, as each club is organized, managed, and led by students. The program strives to contribute to the health, well-being, development, and education of students through involvement with sport club activity, while supporting those activities by providing use of Campus Recreation facilities and services.

## What is a Sport Club?

A sport club is a registered student organization that has been formed for the purpose of competing and/or participating in a particular sport. Many sport clubs exist because of the desire to continue participation in a sport by students other than varsity athletes. Each club's level of competition or activity is unique, and is dependent on club leadership. Sport clubs are student-initiated, student-led and student-managed, providing an opportunity for the development of leadership and other life skills and to contribute to the overall college experience.

## Sport Club Program Organization Requirements & Application Process

Admission into the Sport Club Program at FSU as a part of the Department of Campus Recreation is determined each year by the Assistant Director of Sport Clubs, in conjunction with the Director of Intramural Sports and Sport Clubs. Prospective sport clubs must submit a Sport Club Application each year to be considered for admission or continued membership in the Sport Club Program.

To be a member of the Sport Club Program, a student organization must meet all of the following guidelines:

- Be a Recognized Student Organization of Florida State University, as determined by the process established by the Student Activities Center
- Be a member or demonstrate potential membership in a national, regional or state governing body, association, or otherwise sanctioned league for the sport.
- Have a minimum of five (5) documented potential competitors, either through the governing body (sanctioned league) or clubs at nearby institutions (nearby is defined as within a 7-hour drive from campus) OR host a minimum of two (2) documented instructional sessions or seminars involving participants outside of the club (other FSU clubs, clubs from other institutions, or local groups) during the academic year.
- Have suitable on-campus, or documented off-campus, facilities in which the club can practice or train and the potential availability of such facilities including the impact of proposed club activities on the existing usage patterns by other Campus Recreation, sport club or intramural or University purposes.
- Have goals that demonstrate a common mission between the club and the Sport Club Program.
- Have four (4) officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) willing to dedicate time and effort into effectively and efficiently running club operation.
- Demonstrate proficient club leadership, including proper submission of paperwork and meeting other requirements of the Sport Club Program (returning clubs only).
- Have proper transition materials to help new club leadership function efficiently and effectively (returning clubs only).

Applications for admission to the Sport Club Program are available online and in the Sport Club Office and are reviewed on an on-going basis. An organization may apply for membership in the Sport Club Program a maximum of two times per academic year. A recognized student organization must be admitted by predetermined deadlines to become eligible for specific budget allocations.

Upon the advice and consultation of other University officials, the Student Activity Center may require a prospective student organization to complete the Sport Club Program application process and become accepted as a member as a condition of becoming a recognized student organization.

Upon the advice and consultation of other University officials and lawyers, the Department of Campus Recreation and the Sport Club Program retains the right to prohibit any sport or activity in which the risk of serious and/or fatal injury is deemed to be unacceptably high.

*Additional reasons for an organization not gaining or regaining admittance into Sport Club Program include but are not limited to:*

- Non-existent or demonstration of ineffective student leadership
- Decline in student interest and support
- Demonstration of club mismanagement
- Inability to abide by Sport Club, Campus Recreation and University policies and procedures
- Violations of Campus Recreation and/or University facility policies
- Inability of the Sport Club Program as part of the Department of Campus Recreation to benefit the club through staff expertise or facility space
- Purpose or goals no longer compatible with the goals and mission of the Florida State Department of Campus Recreation and Sport Club Program
- Lack of financial support for the club due to budget or other limitations
- Inadequate amount of suitable space for club activity

An organization that is denied membership into the Sport Club Program may appeal the ruling to the Director of Campus Recreation, by submitting written documentation stating the reasons for the appeal within 7 days of the initial decision.