MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Who is eligible to be a member of a Sport Club?
All officially enrolled students (undergraduate and graduate), faculty and staff of the University of Maryland, and, in some cases, members of the University of Maryland Alumni Association are eligible to join a sport club as a regular member, though competitive eligibility is based on each sport’s governing body regulations. Intercollegiate athletes may compete for a sport club in the same academic year that they are listed as varsity players. However, the sport club in which they choose to participate should not be involved in an activity similar to their varsity participation. The intercollegiate athlete must sit out one school year until he/she is eligible to join a club which is considered a sport similar to their varsity team.

Membership and participation within a club must be free from discrimination based on race, religion, gender, ethnic group, national origin, political affiliation, ability, sexual orientation, or on the basis of the exercise of rights secured by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Each club’s constitution must carry a statement to this effect.

A sport club may not restrict the number of members allowed to join its ranks; however; it is recognized that only a certain number can realistically participate in competition. It is the responsibility of each sport club to work out a fair and equitable method by which to accommodate all of its members' needs for instruction, practice, coaching, and competition.

CRS requires all club members to carry the proper identification at all scheduled activities. Students, faculty, and staff must have a University of Maryland ID. Coaches, instructors, and members of the Alumni Association must have a picture ID with them during all scheduled activities. NOTE: Faculty, staff, and Alumni Association members must have a CRS membership to enter Ritchie Coliseum, Reckord Armory, and the Eppley Recreation Center. Similarly, ALL summer club participants must be enrolled in summer classes or have a CRS membership.

Can alumni participate?
CRS recognizes the importance of the interaction between alumni and student members of certain sport clubs. Therefore, alumni are allowed to participate in approved club activities under the following conditions:

- Alumni participation must be voted upon by the club membership. If approved, alumni participation guidelines must be added to the club’s constitution. Clubs must then submit a request to the Assistant Director-Sport Clubs, to include alumni membership. Failure to inform the Assistant Director-Sport Clubs of any alumni participation in your club will result in immediate disciplinary action.

- The percentage of alumni members cannot exceed 10 (ten) percent of the total membership as indicated on the membership roster.

- All alumni members must be members of the University of Maryland Alumni Association, and must have graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park. A copy of the individual’s Alumni Association membership card MUST be attached to the member’s Sport Club Release and Informed Consent Form.

- For clubs that use any CRS facility that requires membership access, Alumni Association members must purchase a membership to be able to enter that facility.

- Dues for Alumni Association club members must be at least double the rate for student members, if dues are collected. All proposed fees for Alumni Association participation must be voted upon by the student membership and approved by the Assistant Director-Sport Clubs.

- Alumni Association members are prohibited from holding office or any leadership position within the club or involving themselves in any administrative or managerial duties of the club.

Clubs considering extending membership to Alumni Association members should discuss the issue with the Assistant Director-Sport Clubs before taking action.

How do I join a club and add my name to the member roster?
To participate in club activities, it is the responsibility of each individual club member to enter their information on the CRS Sport Club website.

Choose your club, scroll to the bottom of the page and click “Member Add”.

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You will then complete the following online form:
You will not be a member until this process has been completed and your signed Sport Club Release and Informed Consent Form has been turned in to the Assistant Director of Sport Clubs. A copy of your club’s Sport Club Release and Informed Consent Form is available directly on the “Member Add” screen (see arrow above). You can also ask your club president for a hardcopy of the Sport Club Release and Informed Consent Form during practice.

The Assistant Director-Sport Clubs will process the names for eligibility. In addition, sport clubs should pay attention to the rules of their sanctioning organizations as to the eligibility of graduate students, alumni, and faculty/staff members on competing teams. Clubs may be subject to program sanctions (see Discipline) for allowing ineligible individuals and those not listed on the roster to participate. Sanctions may include probation or suspension of individual club members or the entire club.