





## Article I: Purpose of Club Sports

### Sec. 1 Preamble

As per the requirements of The University of Southern Mississippi, we, the Club Sports Executive Council, set forth this constitution for all Club Sports. Club Sports at The University of Southern Mississippi strive to provide students with opportunities to participate in various sport activities.

### Sec. 2 Distinction

The Club Sports Program at The University of Southern Mississippi provides students with the opportunity to participate in sport activities that are recreational, competitive and instructional in nature. Club Sports are recognized by the university and managed by the student officers along with a faculty or staff advisor. Many of the clubs hold regular practices or instructional sessions. The clubs set their own practice times and coordinate game schedules with competitors.

The Club Sports Program is a major program thrust of Campus Recreation. Administration and supervision of the program through Campus Recreation includes scheduling, publicity, funding and providing an athletic trainer for competition. Club Sports shall be separate and distinct from intramural sports. Club Sports will be governed by the Club Sports Council. Club Sports will follow all requisites as stated in the constitution.

### Sec. 3 Goals

The club members, staff and overall club sports program aspires to:

#### 1. Develop Students

- a. Provide student with leadership experience
- b. Foster self-esteem through meeting challenges and accomplishing goals
- c. Enrich self-esteem through meeting challenges and accomplishing goals
- d.

- a. Provide students with an opportunity to make lifelong friends
- b. Provide opportunity for directed travel outside of the region

#### Sec. 4 Active Clubs

The active clubs for the 2024-2025 academic school year are as follows:

Men's Ultimate, Martial Arts, Chop To The Top Karate, Chaotic Movement, Basketball, Golden Eagle Climbing Society, Golden Eagles Masters Swim Team.

#### Article II: Starting and Maintaining a Club

##### Sec. 1 Creating a Club

1. Meet with the Club Sports Coordinator and Graduate Assistant to discuss the club's scope and purpose, financial status, membership status, constitution, faculty or staff advisor, coach, and officers.
2. Fill out a Request for Recognition Form and a petition containing 10 names of interested full-time students. The petition must also have their Southern Miss ID# and signature.



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Collect 50 collective volunteer hours.

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Advisor

Along with these duties, the vice president shall oversee all club travel and scheduling affairs and communicate that information directly to the club sports Coordinator. This involves submitting the travel itinerary 24 hours in advance of travel and reserving facilities for practice and club activities well in advance of the event.

Secretary





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CR as often as new members are added to the club. (Note: Even if a person is attending one practice to try-out for a competitive team or seeing if they would enjoy joining the club, they must sign these forms to participate.)

Sec. 3 Emergency Contact Information (S)-6(e)(14)(For)-4(g)-5(ET)0.00000912 0 6124(h)5(e )4(c)3(l)-9(u)-14(b)5(.22 340.9

### Sec. 2 Hazing

Participation of students in hazing activities is prohibited. "Hazing" is defined as an intentional or reckless act, on or off university property, by one student, acting alone or with others, which is directed against any other student, which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of that student and includes treatment of a violent, abusive, shameful, insulting, or humiliating nature. Such action is prohibited when connected with the initiation into or affiliation with an organization and does not include participation in customary athletic events or similar competition. A student committing an act of "hazing" is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with ordinance 06.17.40 of the Southern Miss Code of Conduct regarding student behavior.

### Sec. 3 Health and Safety

The Sport Club Advisory Council and Campus Recreation strongly recommend that all members of Club Sports have an annual physical examination and have accident/health insurance.

### Sec. 4 CPR and First Aid

Two club members from each club must have current American Red Cross First Aid and CPR certification. A copy of the members' certification cards must be on file in the club sports office. These two members are not required to be present at each activity, but they must be active club members. Campus Recreation will certify some club members per semester at no cost to the club or the member.

### Sec. 5 Assumption of Risk

Participants are encouraged to have a physical examination and obtain adequate insurance prior to participation in Campus Recreation activities. Individuals who participate in Campus Recreation activities will be doing so at their own risk. Participation in Campus Recreation is voluntary, and The University of Southern Mississippi is not responsible for any injury that may occur to participants. Student health and accident insurance information may be obtained through Student Health Services (601.266.5390).

### Sec. 6 Accident and Incident Reports

It is the duty of the club president and officers to submit an accident report for injuries that occur to club members during on campus or off campus practices or competitions. These reports should be submitted to the Club Sports Coordinator as soon after the accident as possible. Incident reports should be filed when facilities are not working, a fight occurs on the field, or anything that is not normal for the club activities.





emergency medical services (EMS) at the rear door service entrance and lead them to the proper area. After the emergency situation, the facility supervisor sees to it that all reports are thoroughly completed by all involved persons before they go off duty or go back on duty.

#### Sec. 10 Natural Disasters

The television in the Payne Center atrium or campus tornado warning siren may be our initial indicator of severe weather. Facility supervisor and the central staff on duty may monitor either the Weather Channel, channel 8, or local station, WDAM, channel 4, for up-to-date bulletins. Appropriate action will be taken depending on the weather situation. Severe weather concerns and emergency procedures are listed below.

Use available communication systems to warn patrons in the case of any emergency. If emergency is such that they cause a serious problem and evacuation of Recreational Sport facilities is necessary, then follow the procedure for facility or sport field evacuation.

#### Sec. 11 Severe Weather

Recreation facilities and activities are affected. Check with Campus Recreation Coordinator or the CSOD. The Campus Recreation Director and the Risk Manager will work with other university officials and personnel to make the proper preparations for a hurricane.

- Flooding -- High water and fast rising water may affect some recreational sport facilities. Check local weather station by radio or TV for flash flood warnings. Conditions may be such that Campus Recreation facilities and activities are affected. Check with the Campus Recreation Coordinator or CSOD.
- Lightning - If at any point during the 8:50 Tm0 g03 12 Tf1 0 0 1 166.87 693.82 Tm0 g0 G( )JTIT@.0 589.8

The Club Council at The University of Southern Mississippi does not restrict membership of the basis of sex, race, religion, color, or natural origin.