

Athlete Code of Conduct

The following information outlines the responsibilities of all CWU Sport Club participants. All students that participate in this program represent Central Washington University, Campus Recreation, and the Collegiate Sport Club program. When traveling to ANY event as a club, you are held to these standards from the time you depart campus to when you return. Anyone who breaches this code of conduct will be held accountable for their actions. Depending on the severity of the infraction, the student or club will face the University Recreation administration, as well as the CWU Student Conduct Council or campus police.

Sportsmanship

- As a representative of Central Washington University, the best personal behavior and sportsmanship (conducting yourself accordingly, responsibly, and professionally) before, during and after competition, at any and all Sport Club sponsored activities is expected, regardless of the circumstances.
- I also understand that my club is responsible for its players conduct during practice, games, travel, and any place or time that the team has congregated or is visible to the public.
- I will show respect to all competition officials, opposing team members, spectators and Campus Recreation employees.
- Any supporters of the club, including family or friends, accept the same behavioral standard when attending competitions. I understand I am responsible to communicate with them if there are issues and assist in resolving them immediately. Any issues are to be reported to the sport club staff immediately. Failure to do so will result in stiff consequences that will impact the entire club.

Academic and Eligibility Requirements

- I agree to inform my instructors at the beginning of the quarter that I participate in a sport club that competes in off-campus events that may conflict with the scheduled class time. I will work with my instructors to make up missed classes or assignments.
- PLEASE NOTE: If you are missing class to compete you must bring official documentation written by the Sport Clubs Coordinator to your instructor no less than 2 weeks in advance, requesting their accommodations. Class letters are available per request from a club officer. Please allow 3 business days to prepare the letter. To create a letter, we need to know the dates and times the club is traveling, all students that are attending, waivers, emergency contact information, the official title of the event, its location, and where the club members are staying.
- I understand to participate in a sport club that I must be in good academic standing with the university. CWU defines a student in good standing when a student has both quarterly and cumulative grade point averages (GPA) of 2.0 or higher. Students who are on academic warning, academic probation, or academic suspension are not eligible to participate. Please contact the Collegiate Sport Club Coordinator if you have any questions.
- Each club competes under different governing bodies that all have different eligibility rules for the collegiate athletes that compete. I will learn what these rules are and ensure I am abiding by them so I do not negatively impact my team.

Insurance

- The Collegiate Sport Club program has secondary medical insurance for you. In order for you to access this insurance, you must be a registered participant of the club and you must complete an accident report when you are injured. Your club officers should have these forms at all club practices and competitions.
- PLEASE NOTE: ANY TIME you are injured you must submit an accident report! Without this documentation we cannot submit an insurance claim. Your club's safety officer(s) is/are trained in this process and should have the forms with them in the first aid kit. If for any reason you are having trouble completing the accident report, please come to the Sport Clubs Office for assistance.

Alcohol/Marijuana/Drugs/Tobacco

- The possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or any illegal drugs are not permitted on campus or when traveling or participating in club events. If you possess a prescription for any of these items, you must follow university policy and discuss a plan with the University Recreation staff to ensure we are following proper legal procedures. Please contact the coordinator if you have any questions.
- Infractions of this policy will jeopardize the future participation for the individuals involved and possibly the club as a whole. Each club is responsible in communicating this policy to the club members, reinforcing this message when traveling and holding their club members accountable.

Travel

- A Private Vehicle Waiver must be completed and brought to the Sport Clubs Office by any club member planning to drive their own vehicle to an official sport club competition.
- When traveling with a full-size van (10-12 passenger), the club is required to have at LEAST 2 members with a "CWU Maxi-Van Certification" to travel and drive a full-size van.
- All traveling club members must wear seatbelts.
- No club can exceed the maximum capacity of any vehicle they travel in.
- Each club must act responsibly in vehicles and following all state laws.
- Each club must travel with their first aid kit, which should be fully stocked AND include the emergency contact information for the sport club staff.
- When traveling, clubs are required to carry the emergency contact information and medical history FOR ALL TRAVELING CLUB MEMBERS.
- Check road conditions regardless of the current weather. Passes or roads may be closed for a variety of reasons that may include construction, fires, snow, ice, flooding, etc.
- If inclement weather is anticipated, the club must meet with the coordinator to discuss:
 1. their travel route.
 2. what the backup plan is if there are road closures or if conditions for travel become unsafe.

3. how they will check road conditions while traveling.
4. locations before passes where they can stop if needed.
5. schedules in which they will communicate with the coordinator during the trip.

Hazing

- Hazing is illegal and will not be tolerated in any form.
- Hazing is any action or situation that recklessly or intentionally endangers the health, safety, or welfare of an individual for the purpose of initiation, admission into, or affiliation with any organization.
- Hazing includes any abuse of a mental or physical nature; forced consumption of any food, liquor, drugs, or substances; or any forced physical activity that could adversely affect the health or safety of the individual. Hazing also includes any activity that would subject the individual to embarrassment or humiliation, regardless of the willingness of the individual to participate in that activity.
- Some specific examples of hazing include, but are not limited to:
 - Forcing new members to serve or follow orders of older members outside of the practice or game activity
 - Physical exercise limited to new members
 - Activities involving deprived sleep, food, water, or personal hygiene for new members
 - Swearing at or insulting new members
 - Forcing new members to wear embarrassing attire or perform humiliating acts in public
 - Forced consumption of alcohol, water, food or other substances
 - Forced nudity or partial nudity for new members
 - Physical beatings or smearing the skin with unpleasant substances
 - Forced branding, piercing, tattooing, or head shaving
 - Sexual stimulation or sexual assault
 - Kidnapping or forcible transport and/or abandonment of new members
 - Requiring someone to purchase something for you (i.e. a meal)

Disciplinary Action

Below is a brief description of disciplinary actions that may be taken if you or your team violates this code of conduct:

- Probation, suspension or expulsion from the program
- Loss of ability to compete, travel or practice
- Individuals may be referred to Student Judicial Affairs for additional university disciplinary action
- Additional consequences depending on the severity of the infraction or violation