UConn Club Sports Fall 2025 Officer Training



Competitive Sports Staff



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- Dressage
- Equestrian
- Field Hockey
- Figure Skating
- Gymnastics
- Ice Hockey-Men's
- Ice Hockey-Women's
- Lacrosse-Men's
- Lacrosse-Women's
- Polo
- Racquetball
- Run
- Skydiving
- Soccer-Men's
- Soccer-Women's
- Ultimate-Men's
- Ultimate-Women's
- Woodsmen

Zach

- Archery
- Basketball-Women's
- Baseball
- Crew
- Cycling
- Kickline
- Rugby-Men's
- Rugby-Women's
- Sailing
- Ski
- Softball
- Swim
- Tap
- Tennis
- Volleyball-Men's
- Volleyball-Women's
- Water Polo

Team Leadership

- Officer terms must run from the January to December (Spring to Fall Semester starting in the spring of the previous school year).
- Officer elections must take place prior to the Officer Contact Information Form Deadline.

Officer Meetings

- Officer meetings with your team's Coordinator will be scheduled at the start and end of each semester.
- A minimum of two members of the leadership must attend the meeting.
 - All officers are welcome to attend the meeting.
- Meeting dates for the 2025-2026 academic year can be found in the Important Dates Calendar.
- Meeting agendas can be found on the Team Resources page.

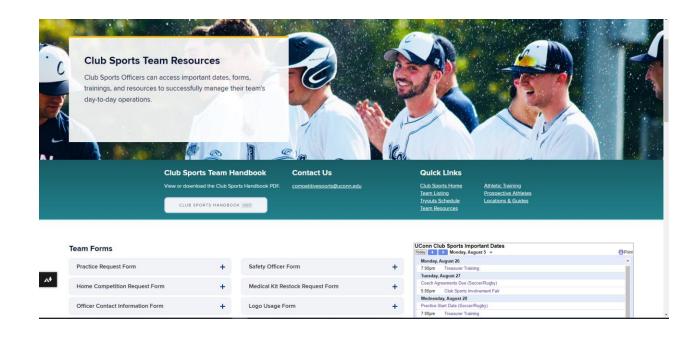
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Club Sports Office

- Located in the Admin Office across from Mango.
- Check in with front desk staff when arriving for meetings.
- Appointments are necessary to speak with Coordinators.
 - Email your Coordinator to setup an appointment.
 - 24-hour advance notice is greatly appreciated.
 - Include team name and subject of meeting.
 - Walk-in appointments are not available.

Team Resources Page

- Located on the <u>UConn</u> Recreation Website
- Contains all information and forms needed to run your team.
- Includes Important Dates calendar with upcoming events and deadlines.



Fusion Club Resources



Club Sports Mail & Deliveries

- Pickup packages at the front desk of the admin suite.
- Officers will receive an email when package is received.
- Mailing Address:

Club Sport

University of Connecticut

Student Recreation Center

2060 Hillside Road, Unit 1273

Storrs, CT 06269

Practice Request Form

- Form is necessary to request practice time at a UConn Recreation managed facility.
- Form is submitted prior to the fall and spring semesters.
- Requests are not guaranteed, and the practice schedule will be created on multiple factors, including but not limited to, if your team is in or out of season, field/court availability, and staff availability.

Student Recreation Center Usage

 Individuals and groups using, or giving the appearance of using, the Student Recreation Center for organized or structured activity is prohibiting open recreation use and is not allowed for Club Sport Teams.

 This includes full team or small group usage of all areas of the Student Recreation Center outside of a team's scheduled practice time.



Home Competition Request Form

- Form is necessary to request competitions at a UConn Recreation managed facility.
 - Additionally, this form should be completed for teams looking to obtain EMT coverage at events on-campus.
- Request must be made 3 weeks prior to the date of the competition.
- Teams must receive approval from the Competitive Sports Office before confirming the event with outside groups.
- Teams must have opponent 2 weeks prior to scheduled home date or date is subject to cancellation.



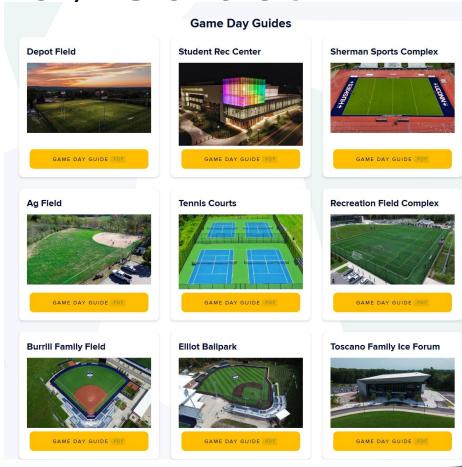
UConn Athletics Facilities

- Teams MAY NOT contact anyone in Athletics directly to inquire about facility availability.
- All communication with Athletics regarding facilities will be made through the Competitive Sports Office.
- Reaching out to Athletics directly jeopardizes our relationship with them and compromises the ability to secure space for Club Sports teams in the future.
- Contacting Athletics directly may lead to disciplinary action.



Visiting Team Game Day Guides

- Must be sent by team leadership to visiting teams at least 72 hours prior to all home completions.
- Leadership must copy their Coordinator on the email.



Safety and Security Costs

- Safety and security costs will be the responsibility of Club Sports teams.
 - Police, EMT, & Security (CSC) Personnel
- UConn Recreation will continue to coordinate, schedule, and secure the services then invoice the cost to the team.
 - An estimate will be sent using the Home Competition Request Form.
 - The team will approve the expense and specify how they would like to pay.
 - Teams may pay from their Recreation Allocation, Foundation Account, or SABS.
 - Teams must pay invoice by due date or future services will not be scheduled.



Inclement Weather Policy

- The Competitive Sports Office will contact your team if your practice or competition is cancelled due to weather and/or field conditions.
- If the University is closed or classes are cancelled after a certain time, there will be no on-campus practices.
 - We <u>STRONGLY encourage</u> teams that practice off-campus to follow similar protocols.

Practice Cancellation Policy

- Teams must complete the Practice Cancellation Form by the following deadline:
 - Mon-Thur by 12pm (noon) day of practice
- Emails, phone calls, or text messages are not accepted.
- Failure to provide required notice will result in loss of your next scheduled practice slot.
- Repeated offenses may lead to additional loss of practice times or competition dates.



Competition Results Form

- Teams will use this form to submit all competition results to the Competitive Sports office.
- Competition results must be submitted <u>by each Tuesday</u> for the previous week.
- Only competitions for the "A" team need to be reported.
- Only competition results that are reported will count towards Tier Requirements.
- An entry must be submitted for each game or event.
 - For example, if baseball plays a doubleheader they must submit the form twice - once for each game.



Player Registration Steps

Submit Clearance to Play Form to SHaW Student Health Portal

• Players WILL NOT be able to access Fusion Club until this has been verified.

Complete Medical History Form

• All players, both new and returning, must fill this form out every year.

Register on Fusion Club

Competitive Sports Office will verify MHF and team will accept players.

Attend Practice/Tryouts once Active

Player Eligibility

- Only students who pay the Student Recreation Fee or purchase a Student Non-Fee membership may register for Club Sports.
- If student does not pay the Student Recreation Fee on their Fee Bill, please have them visit <u>myrec.uconn.edu</u> to purchase the Student Non-Fee Membership for the semester.
- Once the membership has been purchased, access to Fusion Club will be granted provided other registration steps have been completed.

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Coaches

- USG will be handling Paid Coaching Contracts going forward.
- Teams will have to submit a USG Funding Request for their coaches who are being paid.
- Please contact USG for questions regarding Paid Coach Contracts.

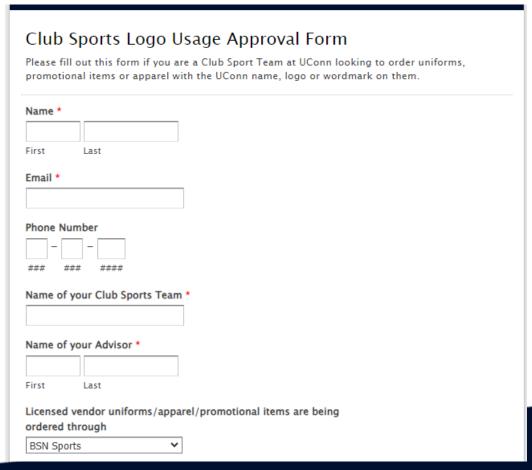
Approved Logos

- Teams must only use approved logos for apparel, uniforms, social media posts, team/league websites, etc.
- A Club Sports Logo Guide and folder with all team logos has been added to the Team Resources Page.



Club Sports Logo Usage Form

- Teams must fill out this form prior to ordering any apparel or promotional items with a UConn logo.
- Approval is needed when filling out funding requests.
- Form can be found on the Team Resources page.



Apparel and Equipment Ordering

- For team stores, apparel, and equipment, please reach out to the following contact at BSN Sports:
 - Kenzie Cannon: kcannon@bsnsports.com
- All Club Sports apparel orders are REQUIRED to use BSN Sports as their vendor.
 - Teams MAY NOT seek or contact any other vendors.
- Please copy Bhavin Parekh (<u>bhavin.parekh@uconn.edu</u>), Anna Milot (<u>anna.milot@uconn.edu</u>), & your coordinator.
- Teams must pay all invoices in a timely manner failure to pay may result in loss of ordering privileges.

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Tier System

CRITERIA CATEGORY	TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3	TIER 4	TIER 5
Allocation	\$8,500	\$6,250	\$3,600	\$2,250	\$1,000
Governing Body	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Members	25	20	17	14	10
Minimum Annual Dues (per person)	\$500	\$300	\$200	\$150	\$100
Competitions	16	14	12	10	8
Service Hours	400	300	200	150	100
Fundraising	Participation in Ignite Fundraising Campaign				



Community Service Hours

- A minimum of five (5) active team members must participate in the event for a minimum of one (1) hour.
 - HuskyThon participation can't exceed 50% of the team's hours.
- NEW FOR 2025-2026:
 - The community service the team is performing cannot benefit the team directly or indirectly.
 - The community service cannot be in conjunction with any event where the team is competing.
- Teams must submit their team's hours within one (1) week of the event via the Community Service Hours Submission Form.



Fundraisings

- All Teams are required to participate in the Club Sports Ignite Fundraiser to comply with their tier requirements.
- This 3-week fundraising event awards prizes and bonuses in addition to the donations they receive.
 - o Ignite Dates Oct 6 through Oct 26
- Dates of the fundraiser and required trainings can be found on the Important Dates calendar.
- Teams are allowed to participate in other fundraising events throughout the academic year.



Athletic Training

- Athletic Training services and medical coverage will be provided using the following priorities:
 - o On-Campus home competition
 - o On-Campus Practice (high risk sports first)
- Club Sports Participants can make an appointment with an Athletic Trainer. These appointments will be based on Athletic Trainer availability and coverage.
 - o To set up an appointment please email Stephanie DeNicolo at stephanie.denicolo@uconn.edu.
- Additional injury resources: SHaW, Urgent Care, Club Sports Medical Director at UConn Health, & participants own medical provider.

Athletic Training: Inactive/Active Procedures

Some injuries require time to heal and/or advanced medical care. In these instances, a student may require an activity status change:

- Inactive Status: the student athlete will not be able to compete or practice until they obtain proper medical clearance. They will be marked INACTIVE in Fusion.
- Active Status: The student athlete is ACTIVE in Fusion and may return to play/continue to play.

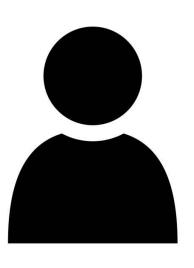
Injury Communication: a general email stating the status of the injured student Inactive and Active will be sent to:

- The injured student
- Team Officers
- The Competitive Sports Staff

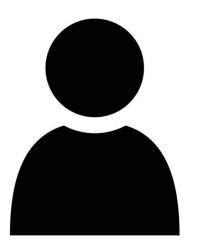
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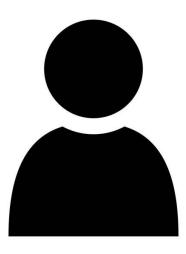
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Good luck this semester!

