

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
SPORT CLUBS RELEASE AND INFORMED CONSENT FORM

I am a member of a RecWell Sport Club, a student organization recognized by University Recreation & Wellness (RecWell) at the University of Maryland, College Park. I desire to participate in various sport club activities from August 22, 2016 – August 21, 2017 including, but not limited to, on and off campus competitions, practices, fundraisers and community services events. In consideration of being permitted to participate in such sport club activities, I, for myself, my heirs, personal representative(s) and assigns hereby represent and agree as follows:

1. I fully recognize and understand that there are risks and hazards, minor and serious, associated with participation in sport clubs, ranging from scrapes, bruises, lacerations, broken bones to concussions, spinal cord injuries, paralysis and, even, death. These injuries may result from crashing with other participants, being hit by equipment, or environmental conditions.
2. I understand that protective equipment, including but not limited to, headgear, pads, eyewear and mouthpieces may be recommended for the safety and protection of participants, and I agree to wear such equipment when participating in such activities. However, I understand that wearing such equipment will not eliminate the risks of participation.
3. I understand that the rules and regulations of the national entity or governing body that sponsors my sport club are designed, in part, for the safety and protection of participants and I agree to abide by those rules and regulations.
4. I understand that sports require a minimum level of fitness for safe participation. I also understand that University Recreation & Wellness advises that participants in sport club activities have a physical examination to determine their fitness for participation and to carry personal health and accident insurance. I further understand that the University of Maryland does not provide medical, health or other insurance for participants in sport club activities.
5. In the event of a medical emergency, I hereby give my consent to emergency transportation and medical treatment arising out of or related to participation in sport club activities.
6. I understand that there may be off-campus travel during the course of my membership with the sport club. I also understand that commercial transportation for sport clubs is not provided by University Recreation & Wellness and situations may arise where I am transported to off-site practices or events by other sport club members. I further understand the inherent risk involved with utilizing personal transportation for sport club purposes.
7. Knowing the dangers, hazards and risks associated with sport club activities, I voluntarily assume all responsibility and risk of loss, damage, illness and/or injury to my person or property in any way associated with my participation in sport club activities, including related travel.
8. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby release and forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Maryland, the University of Maryland, and their departments, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers (Released Parties) from and against any and all liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action, costs and expenses, (including attorneys' fees and related litigation costs) incurred by any of the Released Parties arising out of or relating to my participation in or involvement with sport club activities, or use of RecWell equipment and facilities, including travel thereto and therefrom, whether due to the negligence, default or other action or inaction of any person or entity, including the Released Parties.

I CERTIFY THAT I AM 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AND INFORMED CONSENT FORM AND I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

Sport Club

Print Name

Birth Date

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian if Participant is under 18 years old

Date

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SPORT CLUBS CODE OF CONDUCT

The behavior of all individuals (students and coaches) involved in the RecWell Sport Clubs program reflects not only on him/herself, but also on University Recreation & Wellness (RecWell) and the University of Maryland. Participation with a sport club carries with it a great deal of personal responsibility. As a member of a RecWell sport club, club members are expected to conduct themselves in the most positive way possible at all times.

All members of the RecWell Sport Clubs program, and clubs/teams as a whole, are required to adhere to all federal and state laws and University guidelines, standards and policies. University Recreation & Wellness, through the RecWell Sport Clubs program, reserves the right to issue sanctions, including but not limited to denying or revoking membership to individuals or clubs in violation of University policies, subject to due process.

Each sport club may be held responsible for the acts of its individual members and may be subject to suspension or expulsion from the RecWell Sport Clubs program for violation of University policies, the University Of Maryland Student Code Of Conduct, and/or federal and/or state laws.

CLUB MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AND COACHES SHALL NOT:

- Engage in any form of hazing. Hazing is defined by the University as “intentionally or recklessly subjecting any person to the risk of bodily harm, or severe emotional distress, or causing or encouraging any person to commit an act that would be a violation of law or university regulations, for the purpose of initiating, promoting, fostering, or confirming any form of affiliation with a student group or organization, as defined by the *Code of Student Conduct*.” (Office of Student Conduct)
- Use drugs (exception: drugs prescribed by appropriate medical personnel) while practicing, traveling, or competing.
- Consume alcohol while traveling, practicing, competing, or spectating as part of a sport club event.
- Intentionally cause damage to facilities, vehicles, or equipment, either on or off-campus.
- Engage in conduct that constitutes discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, age, ancestry or national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, or genetic information on the basis of rights secured by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.
- Provide false information to a University official.

As a member of the RecWell Sport Clubs program, I accept that participation in a sport club is an opportunity and a privilege, not a right. I agree to act in accordance with the standards outlined above. I have read and fully understand this Code of Conduct and my submission of this form confirms my understanding that my team and I may be subject to probation, suspension or termination from the RecWell Sport Clubs program for any violation of the Code.

Failure to agree to this Code of Conduct disqualifies a student or coach from participating in the RecWell Sport Clubs program. I understand that compliance with this Code of Conduct is required for my participation in the RecWell Sport Clubs program and my signature below signifies my agreement to adhere to the elements of the Code listed above.

Signature of Participant

Date

Print Name

Sport Club