



Conduct Guidelines

Club Sports Program

Club Sports teams should add to a positive image to the University and any behavior that serves otherwise will be handled appropriately. Team officers and coaches are accountable for the behavior of all members and should serve as role models for appropriate behavior. Being a member of a Club Sports team is a privilege, not a right. The behavior of an individual team member can damage a team's reputation. The team's behavior can damage the reputation of the Club Sports Program, which affects the image of San Jose State University.

It is the responsibility of each individual team member, advisor, and/or coach to understand the policies and procedures put forth in the Club Sports Manual, the Student Involvement Packet, and the SJSU Student Code of Conduct. **Failure to abide by these guidelines or report any incidences to the Club Sports Coordinator may result in disciplinary action, with the Club Sports Coordinator and/or the Office of Judicial Affairs.** Further information regarding such action can be found in the Club Sports Manual (*Initials*_____).

BEHAVIORAL GUIDELINES

As a participating student in the Club Sports Program, **I agree to abide by the following:**

- Maintain contact and communication with the Club Sports Coordinator
- Be responsible for myself and team members and act professionally at any and all Club Sports activities
- Lose with respect for those who win; win with dignity toward those who lose
- Demonstrate respect towards teammates, coaches, officials and others within the Club Sports Program
- Comply with all club polices and University regulations as well as maintain full responsibility to abide by all local, state, and federal laws
- Comply with requests from the Club Sports Coordinator or University Official
- Show respect for University facilities and facilities during travel
- Demonstrate honesty and cooperation with University personnel during difficult situations
- Show respect for their own and others athletic equipment

Behaviors that may result in **disciplinary actions** includes, but is *NOT limited to*:

- Formal written or verbal complaints of any sort regarding individual members and/or team behavior
- Damage to University property, equipment or any equipment or property of others during travel
- Any participants practicing or competing without being approved by the Club Sports Coordinator
- Missed attendance at required meetings, conferences, or retreats
- Poor communication with the Club Sports Coordinator (failure to provide weekly team reports, competition approval forms – for on or off season activities, including summer)
- Any act or intent to participate in hazing (*Initials*_____)

COMMUNICATION

Attendance at Club Sports Council meetings is required for ALL Club Sports teams. One designated representative from every club team is required to attend, however meetings are open to any persons involved in Club Sports. Class, personal or family obligations will be the only excused absences and it is **required** that the excused absentee find a replacement team member for the meeting. The meeting schedule is provided at the beginning of the semester for planning purposes within your club. Missed meetings will result in a loss of points towards funding and if two or more mandatory Club Sports Council meetings are missed the following action may be taken: temporary hold on funds, loss of up to 50% of granted funds, monetary fines, loss of facilities, team probation, or other sanctions.

Use of derogatory, obscene or insulting language is prohibited and Club Sports members will refrain from engaging in any such behavior during practices, competitions and any other team event. Examples include, but are not limited, to language that brings embarrassment, or emotional, psychological or physical harm and also includes any nonverbal behaviors that would be considered disorderly and inappropriate (*Initials*_____).



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ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

As students of San Jose State University, you are a student first and a club member second. School should be the first priority and club members need to abide by the Academic integrity policy located at <http://www2.sjsu.edu/senate/S04-12.pdf> (Initials_____).

TRAVEL

Teams represent the University at home competitions, events, and when traveling. Team travel is a great opportunity to display San Jose State to other Universities and communities. When traveling by airplane it is expected that team members dress appropriately and respectfully. While staying at hotels or motels, remember to be courteous and respectful of other guests and hotel property. Loud talking in hallways, yelling in rooms, or playing loud music or television can disrupt a guest's stay and lead them to complain to the hotel or University. If management requests rooms to quiet down, apologize for the disturbance and ensure that this behavior is not repeated. Respect hotel management and property. The Club Sports Coordinator will investigate any complaints received. Traveling is a privilege for Club Sports teams and can be revoked at any time due to inappropriate conduct. After investigation, the outcome will be determined and could result in loss of travel, suspension of individual members, probation of the entire club or other sanctions. Further information regarding such action can be found in the Club Sports Manual (Initials_____).

ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND/OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

Using San Jose State's name is a privilege for club activity. Therefore, it is essential to think and act in a manner that shows respect to the University. Club Sports participants are required to be drug and alcohol free when involved with a Club Sports team practice, competition, event, or function. This includes being under the influence or in possession of any intoxicating or illegal drug. For example, wearing club sport team uniforms, jerseys, or other team paraphernalia at any drinking establishment would be inappropriate. Off-campus behavior during travel can still be warranted for disciplinary action. Using team funds for the purchase of alcoholic beverages is prohibited for all team members. San Jose State University has a zero tolerance policy for underage drinking and it is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and State law. All inappropriate behaviors that occur will result in disciplinary action. Further information regarding such action can be found in the Club Sports Manual (Initials_____).

HAZING

Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation created which, regardless of location, intent, membership status, or consent of the participants,

1. produces, or is reasonably likely to produce bodily harm or danger, mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, fright, humiliation, intimidation, degradation, or ridicule, or otherwise compromises the dignity of an individual;
2. compels an individual to participate in any activity which is unlawful, perverse, publicly indecent, contrary to the rules, policies, and regulations of the University, or which is known by the compelling person to be contrary to the individual's genuine moral or religious beliefs; or
3. will, unreasonably or unusually, impair an individual's academic efforts.

No Club Sports member shall engage or participate in any form of hazing. Any complaints will be investigated and if found legitimate, disciplinary action will be taken.

I understand that my actions may affect my ability to participate in any activities associated with the Club Sports Program and if I do not adhere to the following guidelines, disciplinary actions may occur. I have read and understand the above Conduct Guidelines, and with my signature agree to abide by its contents.

Print Name

Signature

Date
