



NEW CLUB REQUIREMENTS

All groups petitioning to become a Sport Club with University Recreation & Wellbeing must demonstrate the requirements listed below. Documentation may be requested throughout the process of any of these requirements.

1. **Registration with the Office for Student Organizations, Leadership & Involvement (SOLI).** All Sport Clubs are first Registered Student Organizations (RSO). In order for an RSO to petition for Sport Club status, they must first be registered on the SOLI WIN site for at least one (1) calendar year prior to petitioning. Documentation must be provided.
2. **Demonstration of interest.** Submit a list of names and signatures with UW ID numbers of at least ten (10) active members. All members must be fee-paying students, faculty, or staff of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, with at least 75% being students.
3. **Demonstration of organization.** An applying club must define its purpose, goals and objectives; submit officers' names and responsibilities; have a continuity procedure consisting of established office election dates and the procedure for election; and defined membership requirements. This information should be included in the club constitution.
4. **Demonstration of need.** An applying club must demonstrate that interest in their sport is not being adequately met by existing campus programs. Sports currently recognized by the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics may be duplicated. A sport or form of a sport currently recognized as a member of the Sport Club Program may not be duplicated.
5. **Demonstration of safety.** An applying club must demonstrate that the welfare of its members is safeguarded. Evidence should be presented showing well-qualified instructors, the existence of safe equipment, the supervision of practice and competitive sessions, and the procedures to follow in case of accidental injury.
6. **Satisfaction of a "true sport" definition.** An applying club must demonstrate that it falls within the following guidelines:
 - a. The club must be skill based in nature. The club must promote activity, interest, and engage the campus community in their sport.
 - b. The club must demonstrate that learning and development of skills of the sport is the main objective.
 - c. The club must be a sport with a regional, national, or international governing body and be a member of said governing body.
 - d. The club must participate in a local or regional league (as available).
 - e. The club must have regularly scheduled practice and club meetings.
 - f. The club must compete in a minimum of two competitions, demonstrations, or exhibitions per academic year.
7. **Space availability and equipment.** Availability of University Recreation & Wellbeing facilities and equipment for practice and competition is very limited due to use by Rec Well programs and informal recreation. Allocation of practice space



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and time will be limited to Rec Well facilities that are not currently utilized. Sport Club petitions that do not require and/or cannot be accommodated by existing Rec Well facilities will be considered. The Assistant Director of Sport Clubs in conjunction with the Associate Director of Programs will make decisions regarding space availability.

- 8. Provisions.** An applying club may only be departmentally sponsored by one campus entity. For example, a Business School club could not petition to also be part of the Sport Club Program.