Sport Clubs function as part of the University of Florida campus community and are representative of the University as they travel throughout the state, region and nationwide. Consequently, they are held to a high level of conduct both as collective organizations and as individuals. The parameters of acceptable behavior have been established by the Department of Recreational Sports, University of Florida and the governing bodies of each individual sport. Club officers need to be aware of these expectations and ensure their members adhere to all policies and procedures.

Clubs or individual members who fail to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner will be sanctioned. All cases of discipline will be reviewed by the Sport Clubs Coordinator to determine appropriate actions. At the discretion of the Sport Clubs Coordinator, the Sport Clubs Council may be involved as an advising body. Clubs or its participants receiving sanctions may appeal the decision to the Associate Director of Recreational Sports Programs. Clubs or individual students filing such appeals should be aware that the Associate Director of Recreational Sports Programs might choose to levy a sanction greater than the one appealed. Extremely severe infractions will be referred to the Dean of Students Office.

**Code of Conduct**

As a participant in the University of Florida Sport Clubs Program, clubs and its members are expected to abide by the following:

- All club members will conduct themselves accordingly, responsibly, and professionally, at any and all club-sponsored activities. These include, but are not limited to, home and away events, practices, fundraisers, and socials. Acceptable behavior includes activities on or off campus and in or out of Gainesville.
- All club members understand that their actions whether as an individual, group, or entire club impact the whole club, the Sport Clubs Program, Department of Recreational Sports, and University of Florida.
- All club members will show respect to all teammates, opponents, referees, officials, spectators, staff and employees.
- All club members will adhere to all Sport Clubs policies and procedures, as outlined in the Sport Clubs Officer Manual and through officer training.
- All club members will abide by the expectations outlined under this Code of Conduct and the following sections under Guidelines for Acceptable Behavior.
- All club members will adhere to the University of Florida Student Conduct Code available through the Dean of Students Office (DSO).
- All club members must understand that their actions whether as an individual, group, or entire club may affect an individual or club’s ability to receive any of the privileges afforded to Sport Clubs.

**Guidelines for Acceptable Behavior**

The following section, although not an exhaustive list, categorizes specific acts of misconduct related to both behavior as well as administration of the club. When appropriate, the club and its leadership should confront individual club members who are in violation or might be in violation of the behaviors and responsibilities outlined below. Realize that all it takes is one individual who cannot conduct him/herself appropriately to cause the whole group to be perceived in a negative light.

**A. General Conduct**

- Alcohol consumption or drug use during a club-sponsored event
  - This includes but is not limited to the following:
    - Traveling to or from an event as a player, spectator or coach
    - While at event site or within the vicinity of the event site as a player, spectator or coach
    - In hotel, motel, campsite, etc
    - On site before, during or after practice or home event
  - Exception - Persons of legal age may have a drink with a meal
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• Hazing – see Hazing section of Officer Manual
• Loud, unruly, disruptive or inappropriate behavior at events, practice, fundraisers, socials, or while traveling
• Engaging in activities in poor taste or that generally portray the Club, Department, or University in a negative light, which includes but is not limited to the following:
  o lewd acts, alcohol consumption, hazing, sexually explicit images, or general disregard for a standard of decency
  o the above listed behaviors could be found on websites, social media, message boards, chat rooms, fliers or other medium that could be directly or indirectly attributable to the club or its members
• Gross unsportsmanlike conduct during competition
• Physical or verbal abuse of opponents, teammates, officials, event staff, or spectators
• Fights, trash talking, general disrespect toward opponents, officials, event coordinators, staff, spectators
• Making a mockery of the game

B. Practice or Competition

• Ignoring general facility policies regarding food, drinks, pets, alcohol, parking, children, etc
• Club members not showing Gator 1 ID when asked by staff
• Failure to leave facility on time
• Entering facility too soon which interrupts another group
• Entering facility while it is closed ("jumping the fence")
• Leaving club equipment or personal items out
• Lack of cleanliness of practice space; disarray of storage facility
• Not reporting an injury or bodily fluid spill to staff
• No-showing for practice without at least 24 hour notification
• Showing up late or no-showing to a special event
• Cancelling an event less than 5 days from event date

C. Administrative and Financial

• Requiring or collecting dues from members
• Having money sent to a individual club member's personal address or PO Box
• Checks made out to individual club members
• Storing club money in an off campus or personal bank account
• Not turning in money within 48 hours of collection
• Not documenting and itemizing money collection
• Allowing a person to practice, travel or participate without a being an registered member (waiver) of the club
• Allowing a coach to work with the club without submitting paperwork and office approval
• Club traveling without an approved Travel Request on file
• Conducting a Event (competition, game, seminar, meet, show) without approval
• Conducting a Fundraiser without approval
• Not fulfilling general responsibilities which includes but is not limited to the following:
  o Re-registering with Center for Student Activities and Involvement by said deadline
  o Attendance at Officer Training
  o Conducting annual equipment inventory
  o Not achieving any level in the Classification System
  o General lack of interest, participation or follow-through in responsibilities and expectations as a Sport Club
Behavioral Consequences

Depending on the infraction, the club may receive one or more of the following sanctions. The list is not progressive, meaning that one does not have to precede the other:

- Written warning
- Probation
- Loss of funding
- Loss of practice privileges
- Loss of travel privileges
- Loss of ability to host events
- Suspension
- Disassociation from the Sport Clubs program
- Referral to the Dean of Students Office

I have read and understand that as an officer of the ____________________________ club it is my responsibility to ensure that our club will live up to the standards described in this document. I will also share these standards with my club and educate the members about the importance of these expectations. I further understand that should the club not live up to these standards, our club will be sanctioned accordingly.

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Printed Name of President   Signature of President   Date

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Printed Name of Vice President  Signature of Vice President   Date

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Printed Name of Treasurer   Signature of Treasurer   Date

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Printed Name of Secretary   Signature of Secretary   Date

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Printed Name of Coach/Instructor  Signature of Coach/Instructor  Date