

Sport Clubs

Sport Clubs Membership

The University of Minnesota Sport Clubs Program is open to all registered students who have paid their Student Services Fee and any faculty or staff that have purchased memberships with the URW. These individuals need only pay the dues required by the club and fill out necessary paperwork to become members of that club.

University students who have not paid the Student Services Fee, faculty and staff who have not purchased memberships for the University Recreation Center, and local community members 18 or more years old, may be considered for Sport Club Program participation on a limited basis. These individuals must purchase a Sport Club Affiliate Card. Affiliate cards will cost the member \$65 per fall and spring semester and \$35 for the summer session. Affiliate members should contact the club officer to request an affiliate card. After the request has been processed, the affiliate will receive email notification indicating approval and with further instructions. Any eligible participant (student, faculty, or staff) who wishes to purchase a membership with the University Recreation Center may do so in lieu of purchasing the Affiliate Card. At least 75% of a competitive club's membership must be composed of student-service-fee paying students. Instructional clubs must have a minimum of 50% student service fee paying students, but the voting membership of the club must be two-thirds students.

Please Note:

Individual Sport Clubs may have more strict eligibility standards for non-student membership. These eligibility policies are the minimum requirements for all groups associated with the Sport Club Program, and individual clubs are prohibited from making their eligibility standards more lenient. Many of the competitive clubs are in leagues that require 100% student membership, and these clubs may choose not to admit non-students as members.

Criteria used to select clubs to join the Sport Clubs Program:

- Group must have been registered with the Student Activities Office for a minimum of one academic year.
- Demonstrated student interest by at least 10, but preferably 15-20, full-time, fee-paying students.
- A unique sport not currently offered in the Sport Club Program that can be supported by Department of University Recreation & Wellness (URW) facilities, as well as financial and administrative resources, and allows for reasonable risk management as determined by the Assistant Director for Programs, Facilities, Program Director, and the Director for University Recreation and Wellness.
- The club's focus must be either competitive or instructional in nature. If competitive, there must be legitimate intercollegiate competitive opportunities available in which the club may participate.
- If applicable, demonstrated need to add a duplicate sport (i.e., an activity already provided by Athletics, Intramural Sports, Open Recreation, Fitness, or Sport Clubs), by showing that current offerings do not meet the needs of your organization.

- Available financial resources to support the club in its first year of membership. These resources may include dues, sponsorships, or fundraisers that follow Sport Club guidelines.
- Determination by the URW staff that the sport is appropriate and is in accordance with the overall mission of the URW and the University of Minnesota.

Vehicle Lease Program

The Sport Clubs Program is also responsible for 2 vehicles which the department leases from Fleet Services. These vehicles are primarily for club travel during the school year and for the Youth Programs during the summer. During the school year, clubs must submit a Vehicle Request form, Travel/Roster Request form, and Participation Waivers from all club members who plan to travel, to the Sport Clubs Office in order to travel.

Anyone who intends on driving a vehicle or any sport club member who intends to drive any rental vehicle must meet the following criteria:

- All drivers must submit their driver's license check request to the Sport Club office for clearance and meet the following criteria:
- All drivers must be at least 19 years of age and possess a valid United States or Canadian driver's license.
- All drivers must have a clear record for a minimum of one year.

A driver cannot have:

- Any drug/alcohol-related offense
- Any reckless driving offense
- Two or more speeding tickets
- A consistent pattern of accidents, traffic offenses, suspended license charges, etc. which may be seen as a risk to others.

When utilizing the University Recreation and Wellness vehicles, clubs must pay a mileage rate (determined and subsidized annually by the Sport Clubs Program). When clubs are not utilizing the vehicles during the school year, other programs and departments can rent the vehicles from the Sport Clubs Program.

Everyone who travels in University vehicles must wear seatbelts and abide by all national, state, and University policies, procedures, and laws. Smoking is not allowed in our vehicles. It is expected that all passengers will respect the University's property by not climbing over the backs of the seats, by cleaning out the vehicles prior to returning them, and by reporting any damage to the vehicle immediately so the appropriate steps can be taken for repairs.

The vehicles are maintained by Fleet Services and inspected by Sport Club vehicle lease assistant on a weekly basis.