



Sport Club Volunteer Coach/Instructor Agreement

The coach/instructor is encouraged to attend and supervise practices, competitions and special events. As a volunteer coach/instructor, you will be responsible for ensuring you and club members act according to the guidelines stated in the Sport Club Handbook in addition to the Syracuse University Code of Student Conduct and other applicable University policies and procedures. Information on the conduct and academic responsibilities for club members is listed on the attached for your edification. Additional coach/instructor information is listed as follows:

- The coach/instructor is a volunteer position. The University will not pay for such services, nor will it extend any benefits to the individual in such capacity.
- The coach/instructor has an obligation to protect the safety of club members and should ensure that steps are taken to reduce the risk of injury.
- The coach/instructor must restrict their involvement with the club to teaching and coaching and should refrain from activities involved in the club's management. The club officers, not the coach/instructor, must serve as the liaison between the club and the Sport Club Administration Team.
- The coach/instructor may attend league organization meetings when club officers are unable to attend. This must be approved by the club and a member of the Sport Club Administration Team.
- Coaches/instructors are not agents or representatives of Syracuse University when acting in such capacity and may not sign contracts or agreements nor facilitate contracts or agreements on behalf of Syracuse University or the club.
- Participation in the Sport Club Program is completely voluntary. Monetary rewards or scholarships shall not be promised to any student-athlete or prospective student-athlete by the coach/instructor, any "friend of" organization or program booster.
- Coaches/instructors should help to ensure good sportsmanship at all times. Club members and coaches/instructors should conduct themselves in a manner that does not detract from the reputation of Syracuse University.
- The coach/instructor shall be aware of and follow all Syracuse University and Barnes Center at The Arch policies and procedures relative to the Sport Club Program.

The coach/instructor must understand and accept the philosophy of the Sport Club Program and be aware that club officers, members and/or the Sport Club Administrative Team have the authority to terminate any individual's relationship (i.e. volunteer coach/instructor, officer, player) with the club if it is determined that the best interests of the club are not being served.

Conduct

This pertains to student-athletes and volunteer coaches/instructors.

Sport Club participants have an obligation to conduct themselves and their organization in a manner that aligns with the University's philosophy and function as an educational institution. All Clubs must comply with the Recognition and Standards for Student Organizations of Syracuse University, which shall be part of the basic rules, charter, constitution or by-laws of each group. In addition, Clubs must adhere to University policies as well as program policies and procedures set forth in the Sport Club Handbook.

Club members and coaches are expected to act in a mature and responsible manner both on and off-campus, when participating in club-related activities. Further, all Clubs must comply with all state laws, local ordinances and the Syracuse University Code of Student Conduct including, but not limited to, the University Policy on Alcohol, Other Drugs and Tobacco. This is available at www.syr.edu/currentstudents/studenthandbook. Violation of this code may result in disciplinary action by the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Acts that may cause a club, its members or coach(es)/instructor(s) to be sanctioned include, but are not limited to, the following categories:

1. Inappropriate conduct or actions, including the misuse of equipment or facilities, while participating in any club-related activity.
2. Club members participating in an inappropriate activity that violates the Code of Student Conduct, campus regulations or state/federal law including, but not limited to:
 - a. Physical harm or threat of physical harm to any person or persons, including but not limited to, assault, sexual abuse or other forms of physical abuse.
 - b. Physical, verbal or written harassment or conduct that threatens the mental or physical health or safety of any individual(s).
 - c. An alleged violation engaged in by individual members that was sanctioned, encouraged or approved by the organization itself.
 - d. Hazing.
3. The presence of alcohol at an event involving the club including, but not limited to, competitions, practices, fund-raisers and banquets.
4. Delinquency when turning in forms, requests, reports, equipment return, etc.

Academic Responsibilities

Regular class attendance is the responsibility of the student. Students are responsible for all work, including tests and written assignments, as well as special class meetings.

Membership in the Sport Club Program does not give a student the right or privilege to be absent from class. Thus, absence from class for valid reasons is excused by faculty members, only. Students should inform faculty members of known absences well in advance. When requested, the Assistant Director of Sport Programs will provide informational memorandums to faculty members for club trips that take place during class periods.

Thank you for your time and commitment to the Syracuse University Sport Club Program. Please contact Sport Club Administration Team at any time regarding your role as a coach/instructor.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Academic Year: _____

I have volunteered to coach/instruct the _____ Club at Syracuse University during the Fall and/or Spring semester for _____ (length of season).

I have read and understand my role as volunteer coach/instructor for the _____ Club at Syracuse University and agree to abide by the terms listed above. I recognize that participation in this Club involves a risk of bodily injury, including disability, death and/or damage to personal property. These risks can come from causes which are many and varied, may not be presently foreseeable, and may include negligent or intentional acts or omissions of others. In full recognition and appreciation of the risks associated with the Club, I do hereby agree to release and forever discharge Syracuse University, its affiliates, officers, employees, agents and representatives from any and all liability, all claims and causes of action whatsoever for any damages to or loss of property, personal illness, disability or injury (including death) caused by participation in the Club, except to the extent arising out of the gross negligence of Syracuse University. I also understand that Syracuse University does not carry insurance for me or my travel or other activities. I understand that my status as volunteer coach/instructor may be terminated at any time and for any reason.

Coach/Instructor's name (please print)

Coach/Instructor's signature

Date

The President (or other authorized official) of the _____ Club signs this letter for the purpose of acknowledging the club's understanding of, and agreement to, the terms and conditions set forth above.

Name and Title (please print)

Signature

Date