

Idaho State University Campus Recreation  
SPORT CLUBS PROGRAM

**Coach Acknowledgment of Risk and Assumption of Responsibility**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Coach) wish to participate in the \_\_\_\_\_ Sport Club (official name of Sport Club) sponsored by ISU and the Sport Clubs Program (SCP). In consideration for the privilege of participating in this program, I agree to the following:

As a Coach for a Sport Club it is my responsibility to inform the members of the policies concerning risk management, liability, and expected behavior while representing ISU. Additional points I will discuss are: principles of conditioning, personal safety, equipment checks, facility checks, sport rules and regulations, national governing body standards and guidelines, educational opportunities, and ethical and moral behavior.

As a Coach, I am an integral part of the SCP. I am the resource on policies and procedures for my club, especially those related to risk management. I have a duty to ensure that my club and its members are following established safety procedures and guidelines. Only through my dedicated effort can my club function within the guidelines established by the University.

I have many responsibilities. The most common responsibilities are as follows: read and understand the Campus Recreation Policies and Procedures for Sport Clubs Program; understand, comply with, and enforce all risk management policies and procedures; develop and employ safety procedures; attend games and practices; report injuries to Public Safety and the Assistant Director of Campus Recreation for Sport Clubs; fill out *Incident and Accident Forms* and turn them into the Assistant Director as soon as possible.

I acknowledge that the Sport Club members handle all administrative matters, including monies for the Sport Club, and questions regarding such administration should be addressed by the Assistant Director.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**General Liability Coverage/Medical Insurance/Risk**

The State of Idaho maintains a general liability coverage program (State Risk), with a maximum limit of \$500,000 per occurrence, covering negligence by state institutions and/or their employees performing work within the course and scope of the employee's job. This includes Coaches, who are considered to be state employees as long as they are in good standing with the University and are performing duties within the scope of being a Coach.

Each club is responsible for notifying the Department of Campus Recreation within twenty-four (24) hours of any liability claim made against a club, advisor, coach, or club member as a result of performing club duties. This information will be forwarded to the University attorney.

Each member and Coach is responsible for the cost of his/her medical care and must have personal medical insurance coverage.

**It is vital to inform Sport Clubs participants that they understand they participate at their own risk.** A Membership Form that includes a list of health concerns, prior injuries, and emergency contacts should be collected from each member prior to their participation. Each Sport Club's national governing body safety guidelines should be followed at all times.

**Travel Policy**

State vehicles and their drivers and passengers on official business are covered by State Risk. Members using their own vehicles to travel to sanctioned events must have their own adequate personal automobile coverage. State Risk coverage will not apply. "Adequate" is defined as coverage that meets minimum state requirements. Prior to leaving for an event, the club must:

1. Completely fill out the *Travel Authorization* form and return it to the Assistant Director at least two (2) days prior to leaving for the event.
2. Submit copies of driver's licenses, personal automobile insurance cards, and registration if driving their own vehicle to the Assistant Director at least two (2) days prior to leaving for the event.

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**Guidelines for Alcohol Use and Sport Clubs**

Possession or consumption of alcohol is prohibited on University property, including in state vehicles. Members and Coaches are not authorized to consume alcohol before, during, or after an event, no matter where the event takes place.

ISU Sport Clubs activities held off-campus may not advertise alcoholic beverages as part of the event. Sale of alcohol, unless authorized by the State Board of Education and with the appropriate license and permits, is prohibited. If a Sport Clubs event is held at an establishment where alcoholic beverages are sold, event organizers must realize the increased risk of accidents due to alcohol use and the potential liability for the organization.

**Laws and Regulations**

All members and Coaches must abide by federal, state, and local laws, as well as University regulations (see Campus Recreation Policies and Procedures for Sport Clubs Program, ISU Student Handbook, Sport Clubs Council Constitution, and/or any other Campus Recreation or ISU rules and regulations).

Members and Coaches that fail to meet the expectations outlined above may be subject to student disciplinary proceedings or administrative sanctions.

AGREED:

I have read the foregoing and understand that failure to abide by these rules may result in my termination as a Coach.

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(Print Name)

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(Signature)

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(Date)