

Please Read: Completion of this form is required by ALL Sport Clubs Volunteer Coaches/Instructors and must be completed annually. Please fill out one form for each sport for which you are volunteering.

THIS FORM APPLIES TO ALL NON-PAID COACHES AND INSTRUCTORS

Please Print and Fill Out **COMPLETELY**

Name: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: (____) ____ - ____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone No.: (____) ____ - ____

Please Read.

I am aware that all Sport Clubs involve risk, and that some are violent contact sports. I am aware that instructing or practicing in any Sport Club will be a dangerous activity involving MANY RISKS OF INJURY. I understand that the dangers and risks of instructing or practicing _____ include, but are not limited to death, serious neck and spinal injuries, which may result in complete or partial paralysis, brain damage, serious injury to virtually all internal organs, bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons, and other aspects of the muscular skeletal system and serious injury or impairment to other aspects of my body, general health, and well-being. I understand that the dangers and risks of instructing or practicing _____ may result not only in injury, but serious impairment of my future abilities to earn a living, to engage in other business, social, and recreational activities, and generally to enjoy life.

Because of the danger of participating in the above sport, I recognize the importance of following rules and regulations established by the University of Florida and/or the Department of Recreational Sports, and agree to obey such rules, regulations, and instructions.

I acknowledge that I am in good physical condition and do not know of any condition or reason that I should not instruct _____.

I RECOGNIZE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATIONAL SPORTS DO NOT CARRY ANY TYPE OF ACCIDENT OR HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY ON THE PARTICIPANTS IN SPORT CLUB ACTIVITIES. I ALSO REALIZE THAT SPORTS INJURIES CAN BE CATASTROPHIC FOR THOSE WITHOUT PROPER MEDICAL COVERAGE.

I hereby recognize and assume all the risks associated with instructing or practicing _____ and release the University of Florida, its employees, agent representatives, and volunteers harmless from any and all obligations, liabilities, claims, demands, costs, and expenses, including attorney's fees, or demands of any kind of nature whatsoever which may arise or in connection with my participation in any activities related to _____ Club. The terms hereof serve as a release and assumption of risk for myself, my heirs, estate, executor, administrator, assignees, and for all members of my family.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Volunteer Coaches/Instructors serve at the discretion of their club's members and the Department of Recreational Sports staff. As such, the Coach/Instructor is expected to adhere to the following guidelines.

- The Coach/Instructor must be aware of and follow all University of Florida and Department of Recreational Sports policies and procedures relative to Sport Clubs and the Sport Clubs Council.
- The Coach/Instructors should restrict his/her contributions to coaching/instructing and should refrain from activities involved in the club's management. A sport club is first and foremost a student organization and, as such, the student leaders (not the Coach/Instructor) must serve as the link between the Club, the Sport Clubs Council and Sport Clubs staff. The philosophy and key to the success of the Sport Clubs Program has been the continued emphasis placed on student leadership and participation.
- Coaches/Instructors are expected to help in ensuring that the *Sport Clubs Standard of Conduct* is adhered to at all times, including during practices, competitions, travel, and other club functions.
- Club business matters (i.e., hosting events, submitting forms, meetings, facility requests) must be handled by the student members. The Faculty Advisor and the Coach/Instructor serve in an advisory capacity. **Activities and events should be coordinated by the student leadership, not by the Coaches/Instructors.**
- Participation in Sport Clubs is completely voluntary. Therefore monetary rewards or other forms of compensation shall not be promised or given to any player or prospective player by the Coach/Instructor.
- Coaches/Instructors must be recommended by the club and renew their application each academic year. Continuation of coaching/instructing duties is not a right and will be voted upon by the club membership.
- Coaches/Instructors are not permitted to use University of Florida equipment for private off-campus lessons even when coaching/instructing University of Florida students.
- The Coach/Instructor shall not use University of Florida facilities for private instruction.
- It is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that all Coaches/Instructors purchase personal medical and liability insurance.

Please state what qualifications/experiences you have that will benefit the members of the club for which you are providing services. Please include a copy of any certification(s). Discuss your goals for the club, and how you hope to accomplish them.

Name: _____ Years of Playing Experience: _____ Years of Coaching _____

Certifications/dates:

Experience:

Your proposed contributions to the Club:

The Department of Recreational Sports reserves the right to investigate any and all inquiries related to the performance, ability, and/or actions of the above named individual. If the behavior and/or abilities of the volunteer are deemed improper by Rec Sports staff or club officers, the volunteer may be removed from his/her position in the club, with or without reason. Any objections to a decision of such must be brought to the Sport Clubs Coordinator or Associate Director of Recreational Sports.

I have read and understand the above information, including the fact that this is a Volunteer Coaching Form which indicates that I will not be paid for my services.

Signature of Coach/Instructor

____/____/____
Date

Signature of Club President

____/____/____
Date

Signature of other Club Officer

____/____/____
Date

Signature of Sport Clubs Staff

____/____/____
Date