

Volunteer Coach Information Packet

Name (First, Middle, Last): _____ **Club Name:** _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Coach Bio (history related to the sport):

Qualifications or Certifications held:

Goals and Expectations of coaching this club:

Coaches and instructors must abide by the following guidelines:

1. The coach/instructor shall be aware of and follow all University and Department of Campus Recreation procedures relative to the Club Sports program as provided in the Club Sports Handbook.
2. **The coach/instructor should restrict his/her contributions to coaching and should refrain from activities involved in the organization's management.** The organization is first and foremost a Club Sport. The philosophy, and key, to the success of the Club Sports program has been the continued emphasis placed on student leadership and participation. Therefore, matters involving the management of the Club Sport must be left to the student members. **The student leaders, not the coach, must serve as the liaison between the organization and the Department of Campus Recreation staff.**
3. Club Sports business matters (i.e. hosting tournaments, submitting forms, and requesting facilities and equipment) must be coordinated by the organization members, with the coach/instructor serving in an advisory capacity. Club Sport activities and events should not be left solely to the coach or single student leader.
4. Coaches and instructors should refrain from discussing organization matters with anyone but the Club Sport membership and the Department of Campus Recreation staff.
5. Participation in the Club Sports program is completely voluntary. Monetary rewards or scholarships shall not be promised or given to any player or prospective player by the coach. Where Club Sports scholarship funds have been established, a committee of organization members shall decide who will receive these rewards according to the written guidelines for that account.
6. Coaches and instructors should help ensure good sportsmanship at all times. Club Sports members and their coaches and instructors are representatives of Texas A&M University at Galveston and should conduct themselves in a manner that does not detract from the reputation of the University. This includes competitive situations on and off-campus.
7. The Department of Campus Recreation has an obligation to protect the student members of the Club Sports program. If, in the Department of Campus Recreation staff's opinion, the students are being neglected or misled by the coach/instructor, or if the coach/instructor is not working in the best interest of the organization, the voluntary relationship of the coach and organization will be dissolved and all interaction ceased.
8. Coaching is not only an obligation to develop skills, condition, and motivate players, but also to protect their safety. In addition to taking certain steps to reduce the risk of injury to the students, coaches should be concerned with the risk of their own liability as a result of serious injury. It is recommended that coaches purchase travel, medical, and liability insurance.
9. Coaches are required to sign the same Assumption of Risk form as the Club Sport they are coaching.
I have read and understand the coaching guidelines set forth by the Department of Campus Recreation.

Signature

Printed Name

Date