

SPORT CLUBS FAQs

Q: What is a Registered Sport Club?

A: Registered Sport Clubs are student organizations that are athletic in nature and have successfully joined the Sport Clubs Council. The most unique part of Registered Sport Clubs is that they are managed, run and organized by students - they are not NCAA varsity sports, nor intramural teams. The activities of these clubs involves competition and travel on a local, regional, and/or national level.

Q: Who is eligible to participate with a Sport Club?

A: Sport Club membership is open to all currently enrolled FGCU students. Due to our funding source, all Registered Sport Clubs must have open membership to FGCU students, regardless of skill, experience, or gender. However, some National Governing Bodies have credit hour and GPA requirements in order to participate in sanctioned competitions. Alumni, faculty, staff, and community members are not permitted to join a Sport Club team as an athlete. However, there are plenty of volunteer and coaching opportunities available. Please contact the club you are interested in volunteering with under our Team Directory.

Q: How do I join a Sport Club?

A: Contact your club of interest to get started! All club members must complete the participation waiver, emergency contact form, conduct agreement, and imPACT baseline test* prior to participating with any Sport Club.

* See our Concussion Management Policy for a list of clubs that require imPACT baseline testing.

Q: What is the imPACT test?

A: ImPACT is a computer generated concussion screening system we use to keep our high risk athletes safe and healthy while you play on a Sport Club. This tool measures your brain's reaction time and memory to obtain a benchmark score for you. If you sustain a head injury while playing your sport, you will retake the ImPACT test. These two scores are analyzed by a qualified physician in Student Health Services to let you know when your brain is healed so you can get back on the playing field as soon as safely possible.

Q: How much does it cost to play on a Sport Club?

A: Since Sport Clubs receives funding from Student Government, all Sport Clubs are required to have an option for students to participate as a general member for free (i.e attend practices, spectate events, attend meetings, etc). However, clubs that travel typically do charge travel team fees in order to cover costs that are not funded by the university. Each club is different so make sure to ask the club contacts what their travel fee structure is like.

Q: Do I need prior experience to join a Sport Club?

A: Nope! Sport Club teams welcome veteran athletes and newcomers alike. Some clubs have competitive and recreation tracks tailored to meet the needs of each student-athlete. There may be tryouts and/or fees for the club's competitive travel team. If a student does not make the travel team he/she is still eligible to participate at a recreational level.

Q: What's the difference between Intramural Sports and Sport Clubs?

A: Intramural Sports take place during four quarter phases each year. The sports offered may change from phase-to-phase. Intramural participants will primarily compete against fellow FGCU students on opposing intramural teams. Some select teams may compete at extramural competitions that may take place off-campus. There is no additional cost to play an intramural sport (unless the team forfeits a competition - then the team captain will be charged the forfeit fee). Club Sport teams typically practice and compete over the entire academic year. Club teams practice during the week and compete on the weekends or during some weekday evenings. Club teams compete against other universities and local organizations. Club teams regularly travel to compete locally, regionally, and nationally. There are often additional fees to join a club team (fees differ between club teams).

Q: How do I start a new Sport Club?

A: All Sport Clubs are required to start as a Registered Student Organization (RSO) for at least two semesters before they can apply to join the Sport Clubs Council. You'll need at least 4 students, 1 fulltime faculty/staff advisor, a constitution, register on EagleLink, and attend the required trainings. A Competitive Sports Staff member or SCC Executive Board member is willing to help walk you through the steps! You can find out more information on our "How-To Guide" on our Resources page.