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CLUB SPORTS COACHES GUIDE

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Mission & Vision

Mission Statement

Mason Recreation is committed to enriching the physical and holistic well-being of the diverse students and community that is George Mason University through quality facilities, programs, and services.

Vision Statement

We will be at the forefront of the George Mason University community's well-being. Recreation will be a vital aspect of campus life, valued for our innovative and efficient uses of resources to advance learning and the human condition

Club Sports Overview

The Club Sports program administered by Mason Recreation is designed to provide the opportunity for individuals with common interests to participate in a variety of recreational activities. Recreation clubs are formed, organized and governed by and for current George Mason University students under the requirements established by George Mason University and Mason Recreation. Mason employees are permitted to participate within the club sport program, as per that club's constitution and league policies. Individuals not currently directly affiliated with Mason, including alumni, may not participate in any club.

Club Sports are designed to provide learning experiences for each club's Mason student members through their involvement in club activities, including organizing, administering, scheduling, fundraising, public relations, etc. Club Sports participants not only enjoy the rewards of athletic competition, but they also gain valuable skills in collaboration, leadership, problem-solving, and financial management. While Mason Recreation assists clubs with marketing, financial management, collecting club membership fees, securing facilities and equipment, risk management, and professional guidance, the emphasis is on student leadership and involvement. The success of each club depends on the dedicated efforts of its student leaders, advisor, coach(es) and club members.

Contact Information

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Annual Requirements

As part of the onboarding process for all volunteer and paid coaches, there are several required trainings and forms that must be completed prior to any work with the club.

Volunteer Coaches

- Volunteer MOU (pg. 12)
- Alcohol & Drug Policy (pg. 13)
- Confidentiality Agreement (pg. 14)
- Membership & Parking Agreement (pg. 15)
- Coaches Agreement (pg. 16-18)
- Online Concussion Education Course
- Title IX & Sexual Harassment Training
 - (completed within 90 days of start date)
- Background Check *email will come from HR to complete TRUScreen online documents
 - Only required every 2-years

PLEASE REVIEW, SIGN, & RETURN PAGES 12-18 to the CLUB SPORTS OFFICE.

Completed forms should be returned during the mandatory in-person training.

Upcoming training dates may be found online at:
<https://recreation.gmu.edu/club-sports/important-dates/>

Concussion Education Management

What is a Concussion?

A concussion is a short-lived brain injury caused by a bump, blow or jolt to the head. A variety of symptoms may develop and typically resolve over time. An athlete can suffer a concussion in any sport. Contact or collision sports, such as football, soccer, wrestling, ice hockey, lacrosse and rugby, have the highest incidence of concussion. Most concussions appear without loss of consciousness. Rarely is there a structural injury noted on MRI or CT scan. Even when the physical, and sometimes emotional, symptoms of a concussion have disappeared, the brain may not be healed. Athletes who suffer a concussion are three to five times more likely to suffer a second concussion in the same season. Sustaining a repeat concussion, while recovering from a concussion, is dangerous. This is called second impact syndrome and can potentially cause brain swelling and brain damage. Your athletes can avoid further injury by not playing with a concussion.

Baseline Testing

All members of "high risk" clubs are required to complete a Baseline test with a athletic trainer provided by Mason Recreation through the partnership with INVOA Health Services prior to participation. Baseline testing is offered FREE of charge to all club members. Testing is only required once while at Mason.

Signs & Symptoms

Concussion Signs and Symptoms

SIGNS OBSERVED BY COACHING STAFF	SYMPTOMS REPORTED BY ATHLETES
Appears dazed or stunned	Headache or "pressure" in head
Is confused about assignment or position	Nausea or vomiting
Forgets an instruction	Balance problems or dizziness
Is unsure of game, score, or opponent	Double or blurry vision
Moves clumsily	Sensitivity to light
Answers questions slowly	Sensitivity to noise
Loses consciousness (<i>even briefly</i>)	Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes	Concentration or memory problems
Can't recall events <i>prior</i> to hit or fall	Confusion
Can't recall events <i>after</i> hit or fall	Just not "feeling right" or "feeling down"

Evaluation and Management

Coaches, Safety Officers, and Athletic Trainers who suspect an athlete has sustained a concussion, should immediately remove the athlete from play, practice or games. The athlete should not return until evaluated and cleared by a qualified medical professional. Mason Recreation offers FREE athletic training coverage via INOVA Health Services with regular office hours held each week throughout the fall/spring semesters. As a coach, it is an expectation that any participant be removed from play immediately who is suspected of a head injury.

1. Any club member who is suspected of having a concussion during a Club Sports activity **must** be removed from the activity immediately and remain out action until they have been evaluated by a qualified health care professional.
 - a. A coach or safety officer may not provide clearance for return to play.
2. The incident must be documented by the club's Safety Officer or by the Athletic Trainer.
3. The individual must follow the return to play procedures outlined by the Club Sports Athletic Trainer.

Return-to-Play Steps

STEP 1: Schedule a follow-up assessment with a Mason Recreation athletic trainer within 24-72 hours. **There is no fee for this follow-up assessment*

STEP 2: Successfully complete the "return-to-play progression" under the supervision and guidance of an INOVA (Mason Recreation) athletic trainer.

STEP 3: Obtain written medical clearance from a qualified health care provider stating you are eligible to return to play. This should only be done following the return to play progression. Please use the document provided on the clubsports.gmu.edu website. Completed forms **MUST** be submitted to the Club Sports Office located in room #1112 of the RAC, faxed to (703) 993-2510 or dropped off in the Club Sports mailbox located in the RAC lobby.

STEP 4: Participants may not return to play until they have received a confirmation email from the athletic trainer stating we have received your paperwork and are cleared for return to play.

Please contact the Assistant Director, Competitive Sports if you have any questions or concerns regarding the return to play or classroom process. (o) 703.993.3291.

CONCUSSION 101

WITH MORE ATTENTION BEING PAID TO CONCUSSIONS, they're no longer being thought of as simple "bumps on the head." Help keep young athletes protected by better understanding the symptoms, treatment and prevention of concussions.

- A concussion is defined as a "trauma-induced alteration in mental status that may or may not involve loss of consciousness."
- This can be caused by a bump, blow or jolt to the head or by a hit to the body that causes the head and brain to move quickly back and forth.
- Concussion signs and symptoms can appear or not be noticed until days or weeks after the injury.

HOW TO REMAIN SAFE ON THE FIELD

- Make sure all helmets and safety equipment are sport specific, properly fitted and certified when refurbished.
- Follow sports safety rules and use proper techniques.
- Practice good sportsmanship.

YOU HAVE A CONCUSSION – NOW WHAT?

- **Report symptoms:** Tell a coach, parent or athletic trainer if you suspect an athlete has a concussion.
- **Get checked out:** Only a health care professional can tell if a concussion has occurred and when it is OK to return to play.
- **Get plenty of rest:** Immediately after the concussion is sustained, rest is recommended. This includes keeping a regular sleep routine and avoiding activities that require a lot of concentration.
- **Give time to recover:** It's important to allow time to heal. Another concussion sustained while the brain is healing can result in long-term problems.
- **Take it slow at first:** After the physician or athletic trainer gives the OK to return to activity, an athlete shouldn't jump in all at once. The athletic trainer will work with the athlete to develop a safe plan for returning to play.
- **Address concerns:** If there are concerns, don't hesitate to bring them up with a health care provider or athletic trainer.

Sources: NATA, Sanford Orthopedic Sports Medicine, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Heads Up Concussion, FIBA Annual Youth Sports Safety Summit

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Infographic courtesy of the National Athletic Trainers' Association

KNOWING THE RED FLAGS

- CAN'T BE AWAKENED
- REPEAT VOMITING
- SLURRED SPEECH
- CAN'T RECOGNIZE PEOPLE OR PLACES

- HEADACHE
- SEIZURES
- LOOKS VERY DROWSY
- BALANCE PROBLEMS
- DIZZINESS

- INCREASING CONFUSION OR IRRITABILITY
- LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS
- WEAKNESS OR NUMBNESS IN ARMS OR LEGS
- UNUSUAL BEHAVIORAL CHANGE

- BOTHERED BY LIGHT OR NOISE
- SLOWED REACTION TIME
- SLEEP PROBLEMS

Hazing

Hazing Prevention Hazing is a broad term that encompasses a multitude of actions or activities. The term hazing refers to any actions or activities that do not contribute to the positive development of a person or an organization; which cause mental or physical harm; or which subject individuals to harassment, embarrassment, ridicule, or distress. Examples of situations that are considered hazing include but are not limited to tests of endurance, physical abuse, psychological abuse, morally degrading or humiliating activities, forced ingestion of any substance, activities which interfere with academic pursuits, and servitude. Hazing is typically associated with membership 44 selection and initiation into an organization. It is possible for hazing to occur before, during and after membership selection and initiation.

Hazing in any form is strictly prohibited. George Mason University will investigate all hazing allegations. Individuals and organizations found in violation of the GMU hazing policy will be sanctioned and turned over to the proper law enforcement agency. If you believe you have been a victim of hazing or know someone who has been a victim, contact the Competitive Sports Office at (703) 993-3291. <http://hazingprevention.org/>

Coaches have a responsibility to report any possibly forms of hazing to the Club Sports Office immediately.

Accident – Incident Reporting

All accidents or incidents must be reported within 24hrs to the Club Sports Office utilizing the accident/incident report found online at clubsports.gmu.edu. Club officers have been trained on how to properly complete and submit documentation.

Immediately following an accident/incident in which a call to EMS or Police, please ensure that the Club Officers notify their Club Sport Administrator immediately after the accident/incident.

Purchasing & Reimbursements

Club officers are required to have all purchases pre-approved through their Club Sport Administrator to ensure the club is following purchasing guidelines and have sufficient funding available to support the purchase.

While traveling, coaches may be reimbursed for gas if it has been pre-approved by the club and proper documentation has been received.

- Original receipts are required for all reimbursements in addition to:
 - Payment request form
 - W-9 (all non-students)

Please review the Club Sports Handbook for a complete guide to all club sport policies and procedures.

Hotel & Lodging

All hotel and lodging reservations will be made and paid for by the club using a university approved purchase card. The university will only cover room, tax, and parking. Individuals staying in the room will be responsible for providing a card at check-in to cover all additional expenses, incidentals, and damage.

Room Sharing

- Non-student coaches may not share a room with current club members.
- Male and female players/coaches/staff may not share hotel rooms.

Vehicle Usage

Travel Restrictions

George Mason University has the following travel restrictions in place to help ensure the safety of those traveling.

- Clubs are not permitted to travel between the hours of **midnight and 5am**
- Drivers may not drive more than **2 hours without a 15-minute break**
 - **All vehicles must have 2 qualified drivers**
- All passengers are required to wear a seat belt at all times
- All drivers are required to possess a valid driver's license and insurance
- Non-affiliate club members are not permitted to travel with the club
 - This includes friends & family members
 - Anyone not approved on your travel request may not travel in a vehicle or stay in a hotel with your club
- Although obtaining meals, gas, and lodging are reasonable deviations, the trip must be along the most direct route between the designated sites and not involve ad hoc side trips.



Personal Vehicles

Individuals traveling in personal vehicles understand they do so at their own risk. Drivers must be aware that by choosing to drive personal vehicles, they assume responsibility for the safety of those traveling in their vehicle. George Mason University is not liable for any costs as a result of an accident, including injury and property damage. Therefore, both the driver and owner of the vehicle should understand that taking personal vehicles exposes him/her to personal liability as a result of an accident.

Consensual Relationships

University Policy Number 1204

I. SCOPE

This policy applies to all faculty, staff and students of George Mason University.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

Sexual or romantic relationships between employees and students have the effect of undermining the atmosphere of trust on which the educational process depends. Positions of authority inherently carry the element of power in their relationships with Students. It is imperative that those in authority neither abuse, nor appear to abuse, this power entrusted to them.

- An employee who has a professional power relationship over a student must avoid any sexual or romantic relationships with the student.
- If an employee becomes involved in a sexual or romantic relationship with a student, or has had a past relationship with the student, the employee must immediately notify his or her supervisor.
- Employees are responsible for complying with this policy regardless of who initiates the relationship.
- This policy applies regardless of whether both the employee and the student consent to the relationship, and whether the relationship is between individuals of the same sex or of the opposite sex.
- "Employee" means any paid employee of the university. This policy also applies to volunteers who teach, coach, evaluate, advise and supervise students at the university.

Please review the complete policy at: <https://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/consensual-relationships/>

Non-Discrimination Policy

University Policy Number 1201

I. SCOPE

This policy applies to all George Mason University faculty, staff, students, university contractors, and visitors.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

George Mason University is committed to providing equal opportunity and an educational and work environment free from any discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, marital status, pregnancy status or genetic information. George Mason University shall adhere to all applicable state and federal equal opportunity/affirmative action statutes and regulations.

The University is dedicated to ensuring access, fairness and equity for minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and veterans (as covered by law) in its educational programs, related activities and employment. George Mason University shall thus maintain a continuing affirmative action program to identify and eliminate discriminatory practices in every phase of university operations.

Any employee who becomes aware of sexual harassment or other potentially discriminatory behavior must contact Compliance, Diversity, and Ethics.

Retaliation against an individual who has raised claims of illegal discrimination or has cooperated with an investigation of such claims is prohibited.

Please review the complete policy at: <https://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/consensual-relationships/>

WHAT MAKES A GOOD COACH?

Please visit the link below for some helpful tips on how you can serve as a great coach and mentor the members of your team.

- The very best coaches GET THEIR ATHLETES TO BELIEVE in themselves
- The really effective coaches DO NOT USE EMBARRASSMENT & HUMILIATION AS "TEACHING TOOLS"
- Great coaches are GREAT LIFE TEACHERS
- The best coaches KEEP THE GAME IN PERSPECTIVE
- Great coaches DO NOT LET THEIR EGOS AND SELF-WORTH GET TIED UP IN THE OUTCOME
- Great coaches UNDERSTAND INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES IN THEIR ATHLETES
- The best coaches COACH THE PERSON, NOT JUST THE ATHLETE
- The best coaches are FLEXIBLE
- The great coaches are GREAT COMMUNICATORS
- Good coaches TAKE THE TIME TO LISTEN TO AND EDUCATE THEIR ATHLETES' PARENTS
- GOOD COACHES "WALK THE TALK" WITH THEIR ATHLETES AND PARENTS
- Good coaches KEEP THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT EMOTIONALLY SAFE
- Great coaches CONTINUALLY CHALLENGE THEIR ATHLETES TO DO BETTER AND PUSH THEIR LIMITS
- The best coaches CONTINUALLY CHALLENGE THEMSELVES
- The very best coaches are PASSIONATE ABOUT WHAT THEY DO
- Good coaches are EMPATHIC AND TUNED INTO THE FEELINGS OF THEIR PLAYERS
- Good coaches are HONEST AND CONDUCT THEMSELVES WITH INTEGRITY
- The best coaches MAKE THE SPORT FUN FOR THEIR ATHLETES
- Good coaches are NOT DEFENSIVE IN THEIR INTERACTIONS WITH THEIR PLAYERS OR PARENTS
- Great coaches USE THEIR ATHLETES' MISTAKES AND FAILURES AS VALUABLE TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

<https://www.competitivedge.com/special-what-makes-good-coach>



Appointment MOU for Voluntary Work – Club Coach

MEMORANDUM

To: _____ Address: : _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Club you are coaching: _____

From: Paul Bazzano III Date: _____
Subj: Voluntary Work for George Mason University

Thank you for volunteering to work in George Mason University’s Recreation Department. The purpose of this memorandum is to explain certain procedures and the scope of your work.

You have agreed to work varying hours, based on the Club’s practice and game schedule, from _____ to _____, as agreed upon between you and the Club’s Student Executive Members. The job title will be Coach and the general nature of the work will involve instruction and coaching during club practices and competitions. Your specific duties will be as follows:

- 1) Assisting in the development of practice plans and providing instruction and coaching during practices
- 2) Assisting in competitions by recommending pre-competition warm up activities, make in-game personnel and strategy decisions
- 3) Provide guidance and advice to student club members as they make decisions related to club budget, equipment, game schedule, practice schedule, facility bookings, travel and all other decisions not listed in points 1 or 2

Your supervisors will be Paul Bazzano, Merrissa Vault, Drew Devore, and the Student Executives of the Club. All of your volunteer activities will be in their names. Please keep them informed of your activities. As a Volunteer Coach, you are not eligible to commit University resources, including facility space, use of equipment and use of funds. All decisions related to the use of University resources must be made by the Student Executive members in cooperation with the Sport Club Administrative Staff.

While carrying out University duties in your volunteer capacity, you will be an agent of the Commonwealth; and as such, liability claims for simple negligence will be covered under the State’s Risk Management Plan. This coverage does not include the willful disregard of safety or illegal acts. Further, if you are injured within the scope of your volunteer duties, the University carries insurance that will pay up to \$10,000 for medical bills. Your personal property and your vehicle are not covered under the State Plan. If you have any insurance questions, please call the Mason Risk Management Office at 703-993-2599.

Additional forms needed: A completed and signed copy of the Commonwealth’s Alcohol & Drug Policy, review the Data Stewardship Policy, and complete and sign a Confidentiality Statement, if applicable, provided by your department.

Signature of Volunteer – 18 years old and up

Date

Signature of Department Supervisor

Date



ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

SUMMARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA’S POLICY ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

The commonwealth of Virginia's Policy 1.05 on Alcohol and Other Drugs states that the following acts by employees are prohibited:

- I. The unlawful or unauthorized manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of alcohol and other drugs on the workplace;
- II. The impairment on the workplace from the use of alcohol or other drugs, (except the use of drugs for legitimate medical purposes);
- III. Action which results in the criminal conviction for: a violation of any criminal drug law, based upon conduct occurring either on or off the workplace, or a violation of any alcoholic beverage control law, or law which governs driving while intoxicated, based upon conduct occurring on the workplace;
- IV. The failure to report to their supervisors that they have been convicted of any offense, as defined in III above, within five calendar days of the conviction. Included under this policy are all employees in Executive Branch agencies, including the Governor's Office, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and the Office of the Attorney General.

The workplace consists of any state owned or leased property or any site where state employees are performing official duties.

Any employee who commits any prohibited act under this policy shall be subject to the full range of disciplinary actions, including discharge, and may be required to participate satisfactorily in an appropriate rehabilitation program.

A copy of the entire Commonwealth of Virginia's Policy on Alcohol and Other Drugs may be obtained from your agency human resource office.

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

Your signature below indicates your receipt of this policy summary of Policy 1.05, Alcohol and Other Drugs. Your signature is intended only to acknowledge receipt; it does not imply agreement or disagreement with the policy itself. If you refuse to sign this certificate of receipt, your supervisor will be asked to initial this form indicating that a copy has been given to you.

Employee's Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



George Mason University Confidentiality Agreement

In consideration of my service as a volunteer at George Mason University, I may have access to sensitive or confidential information.

This confidentiality agreement serves to verify that I have been made aware of the strict prohibition against inappropriate use of sensitive or confidential information. I understand that George Mason University expects me to hold in confidence any information I may become privy to in the course of my volunteer activities. Because this information is solely available to me as a result of my volunteer activities, internship or co-op, I will not discuss, use, forward, print, copy, photograph, record or otherwise disseminate any confidential or sensitive information that is given, shown, or available to me, or which otherwise comes to my attention, for purposes outside the legitimate scope of my work.

Examples of confidential information that I may become aware of during the course of my volunteer activities at George Mason University include, but are not limited to:

- Information from or regarding the educational records of students, prospective students, alumni, employees, donors, associates and guests of the University.
- Information regarding the physical or mental health or personal affairs of any of the aforementioned individuals.
- Information pertaining to George Mason University's finances or budget, public relations plans or details, communications plans or details, or other internal or sensitive institutional information
- Information regarding access to Mason's electronic files of any kind, and information pertaining to intellectual property of any kind, written or unwritten.

I further agree that during the term of my volunteer activities and following my separation with such association, I will be bound by this agreement. I am aware that failure to abide by this agreement may subject me to civil and criminal liability and disciplinary action up to and including my immediate termination from my position (and student disciplinary action that could result in suspension or expulsion).

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



MASON RECREATION MEMBERSHIP & PARKING DECAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

Membership Terms & Conditions

Mason Recreation will provide all volunteer coaches a complimentary membership to all Mason Recreation facilities. The membership must be validated at the customer service desk, located in the RAC and will be valid through June 30 of the current academic year.

- The membership is non-transferrable and has no monetary value
- A valid Mason Recreation or GMU photo ID is required to at check-in
- Mason Recreation reserves the right to suspend or terminate the membership at any time
- Facility polices & procedures may vary from facility to facility and it is the responsibility of the membership holder to familiarize themselves with the policies and procedures of each facility
 - Current policies & procedures may be found online at: recreation.gmu.edu

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Parking Terms & Conditions

Mason Recreation will provide volunteer club sport coaches with a complimentary parking pass. The pass is non-transferrable and must be turned in immediately upon separation from the club. The pass will be valid through June 30 of the current academic year.

Vehicle Make: _____ Vehicle Model: _____

Vehicle Color: _____ State Registered: _____

Plate #: _____

As a pass holder, you agree to abide by all of the terms and conditions set forth by George Mason University – Parking Services. *parking polices are outlined on the back of your decal.

By signing below, you, the membership/parking pass holder agree to abide by all of the terms and conditions listed above and listed on the back of your parking pass.

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Club Name: _____ Club Org#: _____



Club Sports Coaches Agreement

Club Name: _____ Academic Year: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Welcome to the Mason Club Sports Team

A good coach can be a valuable asset to a Recreation club in terms of providing mature judgment and advice based on experience and insight into the club's sport, league and community. Ideally, the coach(es) can help provide this leadership without usurping the authority of the student leadership. The primary goal of clubs is always on student development, therefore, the coach(es) should encourage this and allow students to make their own decisions with the guidance of the coach(es).

Coaching Expectations

1. All clubs have the option of having a coach or not.
2. The coach should play an active role in the on field decisions of the Recreation club.
3. The coach will provide guidance in the development of leadership and responsibility of Recreation club members.
4. The coach will provide guidance to the Recreation club in ensuring that all club activities are within Mason, Mason Recreation, league and governing body guidelines. The coach should not take a leadership role or make decisions on behalf of the club.
5. Student members MUST handle all club business matters (hosting tournaments, submitting forms, equipment requests, purchases, and etc) with the coach serving in an advisory capacity.
6. The coach may not submit any documents on behalf of the club. When representing the club in any capacity (marketing, fundraising, scheduling, meeting with league executives, etc.), a coach must always be accompanied by a student member of the club.
7. Coach(es) serve at the discretion of the club executives. Any decisions to hire a new coach or remove a coach from their position must be discussed with and approved by the Club Sports Office, in conjunction with the club executive.
8. Coaches are required to provide an organized and safe environment for the instruction and training for participants of various skill levels. The safety and welfare of the participants should always take precedence over the value of a win or personal gain.
9. Coaches must promote good sportsmanship at all times. Individuals must always conduct themselves in a manner that does not detract from the reputation of the University. This includes behavior in game situations, contact with other teams, and interaction with event staff. When involved in off-campus events or when traveling, be aware that you are representing the George Mason University.
10. All coaches will be held accountable for the conduct of their players. Coaches have a responsibility to address any misconduct and/or unsportsmanlike behavior.

Coaches are required to immediately notify the Club Sports Office (gmuclubsports@gmail.com) of any situation that may violate the Club Sports or George Mason University Student Code of Conduct.

11. The coach/instructor understands and agrees to refrain from any form of physical, mental, or emotional hazing of players, consistent with the guidelines and standards set by George Mason University.
12. Participation in the Sport Club Program is completely voluntary, therefore monetary rewards or scholarships shall not be promised or given to any player or prospective player.
13. All volunteer coaches who complete the Volunteer Memorandum of Understanding on an annual basis will be covered by George Mason University's General Liability Insurance while performing the duties of a coach. All paid coaches are considered employees of George Mason University and are afforded the same General Liability Insurance coverage.
14. Volunteer coaches are eligible to receive a stipend for their services, at the discretion of the club executive. The stipend may only be paid out following the successful completion of duties for the year, as determined by the club executive and the Club Sports Office. Stipends may be paid a maximum of once per fiscal year.

Conditions of Service:

1. The coach agrees to abide by all rules and policies of George Mason University, Mason Recreation, the Club Sports program, the employing club, sport specific national governing bodies and state and federal laws. Violation of any such rules, policies or procedures may be grounds for immediate termination of this agreement at the sole discretion of the Club Sports staff.
2. All coaches/instructors are subject to a background check by George Mason University.
3. All coaches are required to attend the mandatory training session on an annual basis. Dates and times may be found online at: clubsports.gmu.edu
4. It is recommended that all coaches purchase their own personal medical/liability insurance. Limited General Liability coverage is provided by George Mason University through the Volunteer MOU (MOU applies to volunteer coaches only).
5. Coaches shall not make any demands on a participant that are inconsistent with the guidelines of the competitive sports program or in any way compromise the participant's academic pursuits.
6. No coach shall be permitted to have his/her name on club accounts or have access to said accounts. Clubs must keep all funds in a Mason operating or Foundation account. The use of all funds must be approved by the club's student officers and the Club Sports office before any purchase may be made.
7. Coaches will not engage in inappropriate relationships with club members.
8. Coaches should only make appointments to discuss Club business with the Club Sports staff and should refrain from making appointments with the Executive Director of Recreation, Director of Recreation, University Life Staff, or any other person.
9. Coaches must be recommended by Club members and must submit a new application each academic year for approval to coach. Continuation of coaching status is not automatic. I understand that, if approved, this agreement must be renewed on an annual basis. Compensation agreements for coach/instructor services is strictly between the club and the coach/instructor.

10. All coaches serve at the pleasure of the club's officers and the Club Sports Office. The Club Sports Staff has the right and obligation to protect the Club, and if, in the staff's opinion, the coach is not working in the best interests of the Club, the coach can be relieved of his/her coaching duties.
11. Mason Recreation reserves the right to suspend club activities should club officers fail to comply with policies.
12. Coaches are required to have a valid parking decal and follow all university policies for parking on campus.
13. All coaches are encouraged to maintain a valid American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Certification. Certification courses will be held FREE through Mason Recreation. Clubs are required to have a Safety Officer present at all club activities, with a stocked first aid kit at all times.

Position Details:

Anticipated Start Date: _____ End date: _____

Position Title: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Emergency #1 Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Contact #: _____ Email: _____

Emergency #2 Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Contact #: _____ Email: _____

I have read and understand the "Coaching Expectations and Conditions of Service" as outlined above and agree to abide by the rules as listed. I understand that any infraction of the policies and procedures of the University or Mason Recreation subjects me to dismissal as coach of the club.

Signature of Volunteer

Date

Signature of Club President

Date

Signature of Club Administrator

Date