



Coach contract

I, _____, coach of _____, hereby acknowledge my role as an instructor of the game in which the club competes. I will act in the highest regards to represent my club, the Department of Campus Recreation, and Valdosta State University. I understand the following:

1. The coach/instructor shall be aware of and follow all University and Departmental procedures relative to the club sport program. The officers should schedule an appointment with the Assistant Director of Campus Recreation – Intramural & Club Sports and coach to cover these procedures.
2. **The coach/instructor should restrict his/her contributions to coaching and should refrain from activities involved in the club's management.** A club sport is first and foremost a student organization. The philosophy, and key, to the success of the Club Sport Program has been the continued emphasis placed on student leadership and participation. Therefore, matters involving the management of the club must be left to the student members. **The student leaders, not the coach, must serve as the liaison between the club sport and the Assistant Director.**
3. Club business matters (i.e. hosting tournaments, submitting forms, and requesting facilities and equipment) must be coordinated by the club members, with the coach/instructor serving in an advisory capacity. Club activities and events should not be left solely to the coach or single student leader.
4. Coaches and instructors should refrain from discussing club sport matters with anyone but the club, its advisor, and the Assistant Director of Campus Recreation – Intramurals & Club Sports.
5. Participation in the club sport program is completely voluntary. Monetary rewards or scholarships shall not be promised or given to any player or prospective player by the coach.
6. Coaches and instructors should help ensure good sportsmanship at all times. Club Sport members are representatives of Valdosta State University 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, contact with other teams and institutions, and interactions with event staff.

7. The Department of Campus Recreation has an obligation to protect the student members of the Club Sport Program. If, in the Assistant Director of Campus Recreation – Intramural & Club Sport’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 club, he/she will be released from their position within the club.

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.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____