Section 9 | COVID-19 Considerations for Spring 2021

I. Spring 2021 Semester Adjustments

A. Return to Activity Process
The first step for sport clubs to return to activity in the Spring 2021 Semester is to complete a Return to Activity Plan. A Return to Activity Plan template can be found in the “Documents” section on Engage. Once completed, the Return to Activity Plan can be submitted for approval by uploading to the “Spring 2021 Sport Club Return to Activity Plan Submission” form under “Forms” on Engage. A template of the Return to Activity Form is also located at the end of this section. Regardless of the club’s status in Fall 2020, each club wishing to be active in Spring 2021 Semester needs an approved form prior to resuming activity.

The Return to Activity Plan outlines the specific events the club plans to do throughout the semester. Practice activities, meetings, fundraising events, and any other club activity needs to be included in this plan. Under each desired event, the plan will need specific details on how the club will be structuring activities and how the University’s COVID expectations will be followed. Physical distancing, sanitization processes, and anticipated numbers of attendees will all need to be included under each event. It is important to be as specific as possible to give reviewers an idea of what you will be doing in order for approval.

Once submitted on Engaged, the Return to Activity Plan will go through a series of reviewers. If the plan is ever the denied, the club’s Assistant Director will inform the club on what needs adjusted before the club can resubmit for another review. The club’s Assistant Director, the Associate Director of Sport Programs, and the Recreational Services Executive Leadership Team all need to approve the plan before the club can return to activity. Should all reviewers approve the plan, the club’s Assistant Director will be in contact with the club about next steps.

There is not a specified deadline for submission of a Return to Activity Plan, but it is the first step in returning to activity. It should be noted that it may take a couple of weeks for the plan to be approved so clubs that know they want to be active should submit this form during the first week of the semester.

B. Prohibitions
While sport clubs are allowed to organize once approved in the Spring 2021 Semester, clubs will not be allowed to travel or host events against other groups throughout the entire semester.

- Travel – Sport clubs will be allowed to travel outside of Johnson County but must maintain distancing when doing so. For any off-campus club event or practice within Johnson County that requires transportation, club members will not be able to carpool unless riders are of the same household.

- Games/Tournaments/Event – Sport clubs will not be allowed to have games or events with other clubs or any other outside group. Inter-club scrimmages will be allowed ONLY if included and approved in the club’s Return to Activity Plan.
Sport club officers should inform their governing body administration that, until further notice, they cannot participate, and that University operations will be re-evaluated before resuming normal sport club participation after the Spring 2021 Semester.

C. Restrictions
Once approved, sport clubs will be allowed to organize for in-person events such as practice, but University COVID-19 expectations must be followed at all times.

- **In-Person Events/Practices** – See the section below for exact information on the University’s COVID-19 Expectations. Know that physical distancing of at least six feet will need to be followed. Any shared equipment will need to be regularly sanitized. Detailed information on distancing and sanitization processes will need to be outlined in the club’s Return to Activity Plan prior to the club being approved.

D. University COVID-19 Expectations
Below are the conditions included in the University’s COVID-19 Student Expectations that will be in place for the Spring Semester:

1. As directed by university leadership, students will use face-coverings in public settings and university buildings, including public areas of the residence halls, classrooms, the Iowa Memorial Union, and the libraries, and especially where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
2. Students will follow social distancing guidelines by maintaining at least six feet of separation from others on campus, where possible.
3. Students will frequently wash and/or sanitize their hands and follow public health guidance about covering their coughs and sneezes.
4. If a student develops symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (cough, difficulty breathing, fever or chills, sore throat, muscle or body aches, loss of taste or smell, fatigue, headache, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea), they will contact the Student Health Nurseline or their local healthcare provider and self-isolate while seeking medical advice to determine if they have COVID-19.
5. If they are diagnosed with COVID-19, they will:
   - Follow the directions provided by the university, including self-isolating until 10 days after the positive test/start of their symptoms, their symptoms have improved, and they are fever-free for 3 days (72 hours) without fever-reducing medication.
     - If they are living on campus, they will be provided housing to isolate during this time period.
     - Cooperate fully and honestly with contact tracing efforts to determine whether they might have exposed others to COVID-19.
6. If they are identified as a contact of someone who has been diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19, they will follow public health and/or medical recommendations for testing and isolating.
   - If they are living on campus, they will be provided housing to quarantine during this time period.
7. If they believe they have been exposed to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, whether on campus or off, they will contact the Student Health Nurseline, cooperate fully and honestly with contact tracing efforts, and follow public health and medical recommendations regarding isolation.

All sport club members are expected to comply with these expectations while on or off campus in order to continue to reduce the risk and work to limit exposure for all our campus.

These rules may be modified at any time and will be based on updated guidance from public health experts at the University, the Iowa Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Controls and Prevention, and others. If the University edits or creates more/less guidelines related to COVID-19, each club’s Assistant Director will inform the club’s officers.

F. Cleaning Supplies Support
Sport Clubs may purchase cleaning supplies from the Sport Programs Office. Cleaning supply items include and are limited to disinfectant wet wipes, disinfectant spray, and gloves. If interested in obtaining cleaning supplies, club officers should contact their Assistant Director in order to arrange payment and drop-off. Once obtained, all cleaning supplies will be stored securely at the club’s practice facility.

G. Recreational Services Facility Access/Practice Rosters
In order to ensure our facility spaces do not exceed the capacity allowed to maintain physical distancing, individuals wanting to utilize any of our indoor facilities (Campus Recreation & Wellness Center, Field House, Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex, and Fitness East) need to make a reservation. For sport club members needing to access our indoor facilities for practice, reservations will be made separately by completing a Practice Roster Form.

Practice Roster Forms will need to be submitted for each individual practice to inform the club’s Assistant Director of which individuals need facility access. The Practice Roster Form can be downloaded from Engage under the “Documents” section. Once completed, the Practice Roster can be uploaded by locating the Sport Club Practice Roster Upload under the “Forms” section on Engage. The Practice Form Template is also located at the end of this section.

Once submitted on Engage, the club’s Assistant Director will make individual reservations for each club member for that club’s practice. Upon check-in before practice, club members should inform the Front Desk staff that he/she is there for club practice and access should be given. Club members must still bring their ID to present at the Front Desk.

G. Spot Checks
Sport clubs can expect to be visited at practices throughout the semester by a Sport Programs Office staff member to complete a spot check. Sport clubs will need to be in compliance with the following items in order to pass the check.

- Waivers – All student members present at the practice must have a completed waiver on Engage. All community members present at the practice must have a completed
waiver documented with Sport Programs Office. Every waiver needs to have been signed between the start of the Fall 2020 Semester (August 24) and the practice date.

- Safety Officer – At least one of the club’s designated Safety Officers needs to be present at the practice.
- Usage of Space – In a normal semester without COVID-19 concerns, clubs need to have at least 10 members present at each practice. However, given the concern and barriers of COVID-19, clubs do not need to have 10 members in the Spring 2021 Semester, but still need to have members present at the club’s stated practice time and location.

Through the semester, a club’s first spot check failure will result in a warning. A club’s second spot check failure will result in a 10-point deduction of compliance points. A third spot check failure will result another 10-point deduction in the club's compliance standings and a suspension until the issue has been resolved. A fourth spot check failure will result in termination of club activities for the remainder of the semester.

H. Penalty for not Adhering to COVID-19 Expectations or Return to Activity Plan
Given the risks associated with COVID-19, it is crucial that sport clubs comply with the COVID-19 expectations as we are fortunate to be allowed to organize under such circumstances. If discovered that a club is not following the University’s COVID-19 expectations or procedures outlined in the club’s approved Return to Activity Plan, the club may be subject to suspension or termination of club activity for the remainder of the semester. The severity of the penalty will be at the discretion of the Sport Programs Office. Penalties that will be given include a suspension or termination of club activity for the remainder of the semester.

I. Allocations from SCAB
In a typical school year, sport clubs may apply for funding through the Sport Club Allocations Board (SCAB). However, due to the fiscal strain created by COVID-19 and the fact that clubs will not be able to travel or compete this year, funding will not be available to sport clubs this school year. Decisions on the available funding amount for the 2021-2022 school year will be made at a later time.

J. Dues
In a typical school year, sport clubs are required to fundraise and charge a minimum of $50/member each semester of activity to support the club in paying for travel, league dues, entry fees, etc. However, given that clubs are limited to practice and not competing this year, clubs are not required to charge dues for the Spring 2021 Semester.

K. Club Accounts
Any previously saved or available funds will remain in each club’s account for the Spring 2021 Semester, unless spent. Should Club Treasurers or other officers wish to make deposits in the club’s account, they should continue to do so by depositing cash or checks at the Front Desk of the Field House. Unlike in previous semesters, rather than giving a physical deposit receipt to the club’s Assistant Director, deposit receipts may be scanned or emailed to the club’s Assistant Director as the Sport Programs Staff will be working remotely.
SPRING 2021 SPORT CLUB RETURN TO ACTIVITY PLAN

(CLUB NAME)

Anticipated Return to Activity Date:

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3. If travel is necessary for the activity, will everyone involved ensure UI approved distancing while traveling?

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Activity Description (What will you be doing?):

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Physical Distancing Plan:

Equipment:

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*All clubs must adhere to facility space maximums for their practices. If you do not know the maximum number of people that can attend your practice, please consult your club’s assigned Assistant Director.*

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