



# Conduct Guidelines

## Club Sports Program

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Club Sports teams should add to a positive image to the University and any behavior that serves otherwise will be handled appropriately. Team officers and coaches are accountable for the behavior of all members and should serve as role models for appropriate behavior. Being a member of a Club Sports team is a privilege, not a right. The behavior of an individual team member can damage a team's reputation. The team's behavior can damage the reputation of the Club Sports Program, which affects the image of Cal Poly State University.

It is the responsibility of each individual team member, advisor, and/or coach to understand the policies and procedures put forth in the Sports Club Manual, the Student Involvement Packet, and the Cal Poly Student Code of Conduct. **Failure to abide by these guidelines or report any incidences to the Sports Club Coordinator may result in disciplinary action, with the Sports Club Coordinator and/or the Office of Judicial affairs.**

#### BEHAVIORAL GUIDELINES

Team members shall:

- Maintain contact and communication with the Sports Club Coordinator
- Be responsible for themselves and team members and act as mature adults
- Lose with respect for those who win; win with dignity toward those who lose
- Demonstrate respect towards teammates, coaches, advisors and others within the University
- Comply with all club polices and University regulations as well as maintain full responsibility to abide by all local, state, and federal laws.
- Comply with requests from the Sports Club Coordinator or University Official
- Show respect for University facilities and facilities during travel
- Demonstrate honesty and cooperation with University personnel during difficult situations
- Show respect for their own and others athletic equipment

Behaviors that may result in **disciplinary actions** includes, but is not limited to:

- Formal written or verbal complaints of any sort regarding individual members and/or team behavior
- Damage to University property (including equipment) or property during travel
- Any participants practicing or competing without being approved by the Sports Club Coordinator (this includes ANY off-season or summer activities)
- Missed attendance at required meetings, conferences, or retreats
- Poor communication with the Sports Club Coordinator (failure to provide weekly team reports, late or incomplete competition approval forms (on or off season))



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- Failure to call and cancel a scheduled competition with another team
- Any act or intent to participate in hazing

### COMMUNICATION

It is essential that club teams maintain open communication with the Sports Club Coordinator. Communication is conducted through practices, President one on ones, and Club Sports Council meetings. If poor communication is occurring appropriate disciplinary action will occur.

Use of derogatory, obscene or insulting language is prohibited and Club Sports members will refrain from engaging in any such behavior during practices, competitions and any other team event. Examples include, but are not limited to, language that brings embarrassment, or emotional, psychological or physical harm and also includes any nonverbal behaviors that would be considered disorderly and inappropriate.

### ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

As students of Cal Poly University, you are a student first and a club member second. School should be the first priority and club members need to abide by the Academic integrity policy located at

**<http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/documents/Cheating&Plagiarism.html>**

### TRAVEL

Teams represent the University at home competitions, events, and when traveling. Team participants are responsible for their own behavior. When a coach or advisor is present the coach or advisor will be ultimately responsible for the team. Team travel is a great opportunity to display Cal Poly to other Universities and communities. When traveling by airplane it is expected that team members dress appropriately and respectfully. While staying at hotels or motels, remember to be courteous and respectful of other guests and hotel property. Loud talking in hallways, yelling in rooms, or playing loud music or television can disrupt a guest's stay and lead them to complain to the hotel or University. If management requests rooms to quiet down, apologize for the disturbance and ensure that this behavior is not repeated. Respect hotel management and property. The Sports Club Coordinator will investigate any complaints received. Off-campus behavior during travel can still be warranted for disciplinary action. Traveling is a privilege for Club Sports teams and can be revoked at any time due to inappropriate conduct. After investigation, the outcome will be determined and could result in loss of travel, suspension of individual members, probation of the entire club or other sanctions.

### ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND/OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

Using Cal Poly's name is a privilege for club activity. Therefore, it is essential to think and act in a manner that shows respect to the University. Club Sports participants are



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required to be drug and alcohol free when involved with a Club Sports team practice, competition, event, or function. This includes being under the influence of, or in possession of, any intoxicating or illegal drug. For example, wearing Club Sports team uniforms, jerseys, or other team paraphernalia at any drinking establishment would be inappropriate. Off-campus behavior during travel can still be warranted for disciplinary action. Using team funds for the purchase of alcoholic beverages is prohibited for all team members. Cal Poly University has a zero tolerance policy for underage drinking and it is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and State law. All inappropriate behaviors that occur will result in disciplinary action.

### FIRST AID KIT & TRAVEL BINDER

At the beginning of every year, the club Safety Officer will be given a first aid kit and a travel binder. The Safety Officer is responsible for the safe keeping of these items, but the entire team will be fined \$50.00 for the loss of either item. Both of these items must be returned to the Sports Club Coordinator, by the end of the spring semester.

### HAZING

Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation created which, regardless of location, intent, membership status, or consent of the participants,

1. produces, or is reasonably likely to produce, bodily harm or danger, mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, fright, humiliation, intimidation, degradation, or ridicule, or otherwise compromises the dignity of an individual;
2. compels an individual to participate in any activity which is unlawful, perverse, publicly indecent, contrary to the rules, policies, and regulations of the University, or which is known by the compelling person to be contrary to the individual's genuine moral or religious beliefs; or
3. will, unreasonably or unusually, impair an individual's academic efforts.

No Club Sports member shall engage or participate in any form of hazing. Any complaints will be investigated and if found legitimate, disciplinary action will be taken.

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name