| Definition | Club Sport: A Club Sport is a Student Government-recognized organization that has additional recognition from the Athletics Department.

The primary purpose of a Club Sport is to develop and display athletic ability in the context of intercollegiate competition.

A Club Sport must fall under one of the three criteria listed below...
- Play 5 games/matches during one academic year against other universities or colleges.
- Play 2 tournaments during one academic year against other universities or colleges.
- Belong to a conference or National Governing Body (NGB) that has defined rules for practice/competition, playing season, player eligibility, etc. | Recreational Club: A Recreational Club is a Student Government-recognized organization. No additional recognition to given by the Athletics Department.

A Recreational Club is a group of CMU students with a common interest. The focus for Recreational Clubs is to enjoy the physicality of an activity on CMU’s campus and/or to spread awareness of the activity in the community. |
| Status Benefits | -Club Sports have priority access to all Athletic Facilities behind Varsity Sports, Intramural Sports, and PE Classes.
-Club Sports receive special advising from Athletics Department personnel.
-Club Sports have the potential to receive funding for coaching salaries from the Athletics Department.
-Club Sports will have opportunities for specialized training pertinent to their missions.
-Club Sports will have the Coordinator of Intramurals and Club Sports as a resource.
-Club Sports will be showcased on the CMU Athletics website. | -Recreational Clubs have access to all Athletic Facilities equal to that of other student organizations. Priority access may be given based on equipment needs and past precedent.
-Recreational Clubs receive special advising from the Office of Student Activities.
-Recreational Clubs have the potential to receive funding for instructors from the Joint Funding Committee. |
| Recognition | All Club Sports must be recognized by Student Government AND be approved for club sport status by the Office of Student Activities and the Department of Athletics. | All Recreational Clubs must be recognized by Student Government. |
| Process of Becoming Recognized | -Anticipated club leaders must successfully complete the student organization recognition process as outlines by the Committee on Student Organizations.
-Once recognized by Student Government, student organization leaders must contact the Coordinator of Intramurals and Club Sports and a liaison from the Office of | -Anticipated club leaders must successfully complete the student organization recognition process as outline by the Committee on Student Organizations. |
| **Student Activities** to inform them of the decision to start the trial period of becoming a club sport.  
- After the one year trial period, if the student organization has proven its abilities to function successfully and has shown promise for competing in intercollegiate competition, a decision will be made by the Coordinator of Intramurals and Club Sports and a liaison from the Office of Student Activities to determine the organization’s status. |
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| **Trial Period Requirements to Become a Club Sport**  
- The student organization must fall under one of the criteria listed below during their trial period...  
  - Play 2 games/matches during one academic year against other universities or colleges.  
  - Play 1 tournament during one academic year against other universities or colleges.  
  - Student organization leaders must meet once a month with the Coordinator of Intramurals and Club Sports and a liaison from the Office of Student Activities jointly to discuss the progress of the organization in regards to members, competitions, growth, etc. |
| **Consideration for club sport status**  
- Competition schedule  
- Practice schedule  
- Coaching needs  
- Facility needs  
- Risk and liability  
- Insurance requirements |
| **Status Maintenance**  
- Club Sports must attend all Club Council meetings (one per month on average).  
- Club Sports must turn in all appropriate paper work to the Coordinator of Intramurals and Club Sports  
  - Coaching Contracts  
  - Exhibit A Forms  
  - Coaching Waivers  
  - Player Waivers  
  - Team Roster  
- *Any other documents that may arise over the academic year  
- Club Sports must successfully complete the Student Government Re-recognition process.  
- Club Sports should submit a budget to the Joint Funding Committee for operational expenses.  
- All members of the Recreational Club must be affiliated through CMU as defined by their Student Government- |
| **Recreational Clubs** must turn in all appropriate paperwork to the Office of Student Activities  
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  - Instructor Agreements  
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