

The Club Sport program utilizes a tier system to identify, accommodate and meet the needs of a diverse group of competitive clubs. This tier system defines programmatic, financial, and operational expectations for clubs. All clubs, regardless of tier, must be a Registered Student Organization (RSO) and maintain full club sport program compliance. Campus Recreation and Wellness, as well as Campus Activities reserves the right to evaluate and reclassify clubs at any point throughout an academic year. Clubs are defined as follows:

### **Non-Funded Conditional (NFC)**

This tier is for first-year clubs that were accepted, but did not meet the deadline to be eligible for funding beginning in the Fall semester, and Conditional clubs that did not meet the Conditional tier requirements the year prior. Clubs in this tier are expected to meet the Conditional requirements, but are not eligible for a Club Sports allocation.

### **Conditional**

This includes all first-year clubs that met the deadline to be eligible for funding, clubs that are on probation, or clubs that didn't meet the Tier 1 requirements the previous year. Non-first-year clubs are only eligible for a Club Sports allocation for one year, if not meeting requirements. Clubs in this tier are suggested to be affiliated with a regional/national governing body/association/league.

### **Tier 1**

Tier 1 clubs have been successful in meeting the tier requirements for at least one full year. Clubs in this tier are suggested to be affiliated with a regional/national governing body/association/league.

### **Tier 2**

This tier is earned by clubs that have consistently met and exceeded their tier requirements for at least two years. Clubs in this tier are required to be affiliated with a regional/national governing body/association/league.

### **Tier 3**

This is the top tier for club sports. Clubs in this tier have proven consistent participation, exceeded requirements, and displayed strong leadership for a number of years. Clubs in this tier are required to be affiliated with a regional/national governing body/association/league.

### **Tier Transition**

To move up to the next tier, clubs must meet all requirements of the higher tier during the current year. Clubs who don't meet their current year tier requirements are lowered a tier the next year. Clubs may only move up one tier at a time. Tier transitions take effect in the following year, and clubs will be notified of transitions on April 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at budget hearings.

### **Definitions**

**Competition:** Identified as days of competition. If your team plays multiple games in one day, that counts for one day of competition. Applies to both team and individual based clubs.

**Fundraising:** Money which was raised outside of its members, by completing events or projects and exchanging goods/services/products to the payor. Membership dues, membership payments for competitions, or community service projects do not count as fundraising. **Donations** are defined as money that is either solicited, or charitably donated to the club by a group, business or individual without the exchange for a product or service. Donated funds may count towards a club's fundraising goal, but each club must complete a minimum of one active fundraiser per academic year. Online donation site campaigns, such as GoFundMe, aren't considered a fundraiser.

**Community Service:** Any volunteer work that is conducted by members of your organization. This is not individually done like service for graduation. Each is a club project. Community Service projects may not be paired with hours received towards another organization that you're doing a project for. A minimum of **two hours** and at least **three club members** who attend the entire 2 hours are required per project. Anything less is not credited. Ex. Project: 10 members x 3 hours = 30 hours.

## Requirements

Requirement	Conditional/NFC	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Roster	Must maintain an average full-time student roster 1.5 times the starting roster for team-based clubs or a minimum of 10 for individually/doubles-based clubs.			
Competition Days (Against non-WCU intercollegiate clubs or sanctioned events)	Min: 3 days	Min: 3 days	Min: 4 days	Min: 6 days
Fundraising (Must have at least 50% raised by 12/4/20)	Min: \$250	Min: \$250	Min: \$350	Min: \$450
Community Service	Min: 54 hours	Min: 54 hours	Min: 72 hours	Min: 90 hours
Governing Body	Suggested to be affiliated with a governing body or association.		Required to be affiliated with a governing body or association and/or attend sanctioned events.	
Officer Training	At least 3 officers must attend all 5 Officer Trainings. (Schedule: 8/26 – 6-8 PM, 9/29 – 6-8 PM, Oct./Nov. Individual Club Meetings, Spring Semester – 1/13/22 – 6-8PM, March TBD)			

## Benefits

Conditional	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Eligible to request up to 30% of fees/dues associated with governing body and competition costs including travel.	Eligible to request up to 40% of fees/dues associated with governing body and competition costs including travel.	Eligible to request up to 50% of fees/dues associated with governing body and competition costs including travel.	Eligible to request up to 60% of fees/dues associated with governing body and competition costs including travel.
Eligible to request up to 25% of other essential club sport expenses (equipment, team uniforms)	Eligible to request up to 35% of other essential club sport expenses (equipment, team uniforms)		
Clubs in higher tiers will have scheduling priority for facility space.	Have third priority for facility space.	Have second priority for facility space.	Have priority for facility space.
Allowed usage of WCU Club Sports branding/logos.			

## Fundraising and Donation Timeline

- **May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – Clubs may begin to start fundraisers or collecting donations for '20-'21.
- **May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – Fundraisers started and completed and donations collected during this time will be counted towards '21-'22 requirements.
- **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – Deadline for all online donation site campaigns to be closed.
- **May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – Deadline for all fundraiser and donation deposits to be made.
- **May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – Clubs may begin to start fundraisers or collecting donations for '21-'22.

### **Requirement Deadline & Reporting**

The deadline to complete and report post competitions, community service hours, and funds raised, is **11:59pm, Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Any information reported after the deadline won't count towards '20-'21 tier requirements.

\*All reports must be submitted by club officers through the Club Sports Officers Microsoft Teams page.