

# Welcome to UBC Thunderbirds Sport Clubs

## KEY DATES FOR CLUBS INTERESTED IN COMPETITIVE SPORT CLUB STATUS

- **Teams interested in applying must attend a New Club Application Information Session** on one of the following dates. **Please RSVP at least five (5) business days prior to the session you wish to attend at [sport.clubs@ubc.ca](mailto:sport.clubs@ubc.ca).**
  - December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 – 6:00 pm in the Student Recreation Centre or
  - Friday January 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 – 1:00 pm in the Student Recreation Centre.
- Application Packages available online as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016
- **Application Packages due by January 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm**
  - Late applications will not be considered.
- Review period of Written Applications, January 2017
- Interviews with Selections Committee, February 2017
- Clubs notified no later than February 28<sup>th</sup> of club status

## WORDS FROM THE SPORT CLUBS COORDINATOR

Thanks for your interest in becoming a UBC Thunderbirds Sport Club. Since the program's launch in September 2015, we've welcomed 300 student athletes from 12 different sports into a community that focuses on competitive excellence, academic success, and student leadership experiences.

As we pride our department on providing exceptional experiences for students wishing to compete at a non-varsity level, we will be focusing our efforts on furthering the development of the sports in UBC Thunderbirds Sport Clubs, and will be closing the Competitive Sport Clubs Application until 2020 after this application period.

It's an exciting opportunity to search for the next Competitive Sport Club within the Department of Athletics and Recreation for the 2017-2018 season, and we hope it will be yours.



Olivia Yung  
Sport Clubs Coordinator  
UBC Athletics and Recreation

## Student Driven, Competitive Excellence, One Community.

Become part of one of UBC's up-and-coming communities; a thriving program of 300 Student Athletes and 70 Executives. UBC Thunderbirds Sport Clubs aims to support students in reaching their fullest potential in the sport they love and in the classroom, all while building life-long friendships.



### SERVICES PROVIDED BY UBC THUNDERBIRDS SPORT CLUBS

- Officially Represent UBC in Competition
- Comprehensive Executive and Student Leadership Training
- National Championship Grants and Coaches Funding
- Administrative Support from UBC Recreation
- Request for Letters of Academic Concession
- Access to BirdBacker – Alumni Donor Platform
- And more...

## Eligibility

To become a UBC Thunderbirds Sport Club (UBC TSC) under UBC Athletics & Recreation, all clubs must meet the following criteria. If all minimum eligibility requirements are met, clubs are welcome to submit an application to be considered for UBC TSC status. Applications are due by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 and can be submitted to the Competitive Sport Clubs Coordinator at [sport.clubs@ubc.ca](mailto:sport.clubs@ubc.ca).

### CLUB REQUIREMENTS

- Sport must be clearly defined as athletic and physically active in nature, while meeting the Competitive Clubs Definition:
  - A Competitive Club represents the university as a UBC COMPETITIVE SPORT CLUB team in external competition, which is not affiliated with CIS or NAIA competition. The "Competitive Club" team will be either gender-specific or co-ed, depending on the nature of the sport and the rules of competition in which it is engaged.*
- Function on a regular competitive basis competing in a recognized inter-collegiate league or competitive league with a governing body that facilitates competitions.
- Open to the entire UBC student community via try-outs or practice schedules.
- Have maintained one of the following: AMS Club status for a minimum of two (2) years in good standing, former Varsity team status, or equivalent independent club history.
  - Proven sustained student interest and consistent competitive membership numbers
  - Developed club constitution (club purpose, objectives, competitive commitments) and elected student administration roles.
- History of financial stability and sufficient revenue collected to cover costs of training and competition.
  - Funds can be earned from membership, sponsors, donors, fundraising, or grants.
- Maintain a roster of the normal competitive team size for each specific sport plus 25% to accommodate injury and attrition.
- Once approved as TSC; ability to maintain up to four elected club officers
  - President (General Administration), Finance, Travel & Safety, Marketing & Communications
- Confirmed certified coach or proven active search thereof.

### ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS

- i. The "Competitive Club" cannot compete in designated Varsity competitions or take part in NAIA or CIS sanctioned competitions



- a. A designated Varsity Sport typically will not field a “Competitive Club” team, and can do so only through application and approval by the Department of Athletics and Recreation.
- ii. Applying clubs cannot duplicate an existing sport offered within the current UBC TSC stream; unless a gender-specific team in the sport does not exist in UBC TSC.
- iii. Gender-specific teams from the same sport must apply for “Competitive Sport Club” status separately.
- iv. If a Club has both competitive and a recreational elements, only the competitive component is being assessed in the application.

If any of the above criteria are not met the proposed or current TSC is not eligible for competitive club status.

## STUDENT ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS IN UBC TSC

- Current UBC student registered in a minimum 9 credits in each of the fall and winter semesters and maintain passing status in each course (minimum 60% average), or employed in a UBC Co-op term.
- Must meet the eligibility criteria and standards of the particular inter-collegiate conference or league in which the specific competitive club competes
- Proof of personal medical insurance

## Application Process

The written-application for UBC Thunderbirds Sport Clubs status is quite extensive and is not intended to be completed in one sitting. Allow yourself sufficient time to complete the requirements. We recommend two executives work on an application together. Incomplete applications will not be considered by the Selections Committee.

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- The competitive club application is open from December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 to January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Clubs must **complete and submit**:
  - o UBC Thunderbirds Sport Clubs Written Application
  - o UBC TSC Application Budget Template
- Clubs must attach the following to their application:

- AMS Club Finance Account Report
  - Please ask the AMS Finance Office to provide this for you
- Most recent version of the AMS Club Consitution
  
- All completed applications must be submitted via email to the Competitive Clubs Coordinator at [sport.clubs@ubc.ca](mailto:sport.clubs@ubc.ca).
  
- Applications are to be saved and submitted as 'XXX Club \_TSCApplication2017-18'

Applications will be assessed and scored by a Selections Committee based on the criteria in the application. Shortlisted applications will then be brought to a panel interview in early February. It is anticipated that decisions will be announced before the end of February 2017.

Successful clubs must identify Club Executives and attend the New Executive Orientation in March 2017; dates to be determined.

## Questions?

If you have further questions or concerns, please come to one of the UBC TSC Application Information Sessions. **Please RSVP at least five (5) business days prior to the session you wish to attend at [sport.clubs@ubc.ca](mailto:sport.clubs@ubc.ca).**

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Should Student Executives be unable to attend an Information Session, please make alternative arrangements with Olivia Yung, Sport Clubs Coordinator at [sport.clubs@ubc.ca](mailto:sport.clubs@ubc.ca). Looking forward to seeing you soon.