

A NOTE FROM ATHLETICS & RECREATION

Dear interested applicants,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a UBC Thunderbirds Sport Club. Since the program's launch in September 2015, we've welcomed 300 student athletes on 13 teams competing in 11 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.

We are thrilled to be opening Competitive Sport Clubs Applications for teams to begin competing on behalf of the University in the fall of 2020. It's an exciting opportunity to search for new Competitive Sport Clubs to represent the University and wear the Thunderbird with pride while striving for excellence.

Regards,



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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 and developing invaluable skills.

Thunderbird Sport Clubs were founded and continue to be based on the following 3 pillars. For additional information regarding the conception of TSC and its relationships with UBC Facilities, Varsity Athletics and AMS Clubs please go to recreation.ubc.ca/sport-clubs/home/about/.

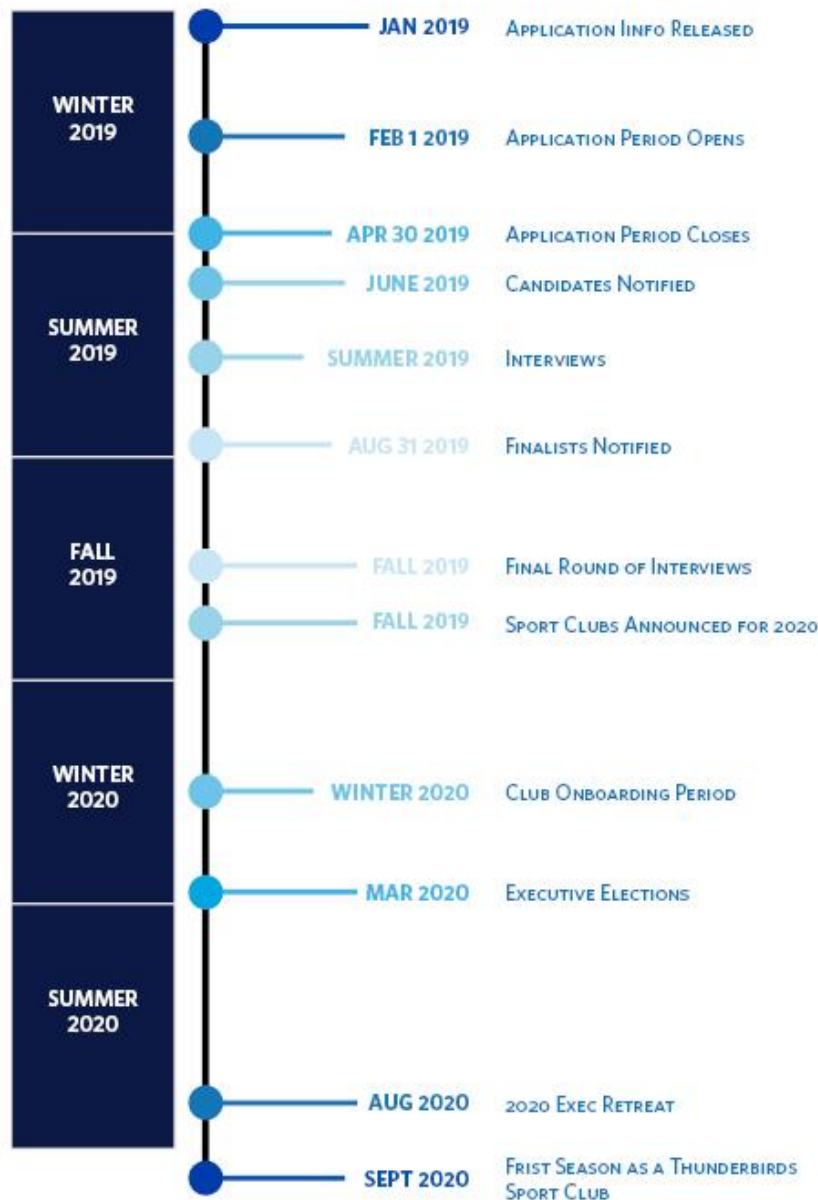


SERVICES PROVIDED BY UBC THUNDERBIRDS SPORT CLUBS

- Officially represent the University in competition
- Comprehensive executive and student leadership training for the club
- National championship grants to supplement travel and coach funding
- Administrative support from UBC Athletics & Recreation
- Access to letters of academic concession for travel & injury
- Development & alumni engagement support
- Marketing and communication training and access to resources
- Support from Athletics & Recreation partnership & sponsorship team
- And more...

TIMELINE

Applications will be processed on the schedule below for clubs to start competing as TSC teams in September 2020. Please note that interviews may be done remotely if applicant representatives are not in Vancouver, BC during the summer of 2019.



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.

CLUB REQUIREMENTS

- I. Sport must be clearly defined as athletic and physically active in nature, while meeting the Competitive Clubs Definition:
 - o *A Competitive Club represents the university as a UBC COMPETITIVE SPORT CLUB team in external competition, which is not affiliated with UBC's current NAIA or USports offerings. 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.*
- II. Function on a regular competitive basis competing in a recognized and structured inter-collegiate league or competitive league with a governing body that facilitates competitions. The club/team's competitive schedule must include a minimum of 2 official or sanctioned competitions throughout the season.
- III. Open & available to the entire UBC student community via try-outs or practice schedules.
- IV. Have maintained one of the following: AMS Club status for a minimum of 3+ years in good standing, former Varsity team status, or an equivalent independent club history.
- V. The sport has a proven sustained student interest and consistent competitive membership numbers for a minimum of 5 years.
- VI. Governed by a developed club constitution (club purpose, objectives, and competitive commitments) and elect student administration roles.
- VII. History of financial stability and sufficient revenue collected to cover costs of training and competition for 3+ years. Funds can be collected from membership, sponsorship, partnerships, donations, fundraising, grants, or other viable sources.
- VIII. Maintain a roster of the normal competitive team size for each specific sport plus minimum of 25% of the competing roster to accommodate injury and attrition.
- IX. Ability to maintain minimum four elected club executives, officers or other designated leadership roles for 3+ years as an official club or team. Ex. President (General Administration), Finance, Travel & Safety, Marketing & Communications
- X. Confirmed & committed certified coach or proven active search thereof.

ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS

- I. The club cannot replicate an existing Varsity sport which competes in sanctioned NAIA or USports-level competitions.
- 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

All students participating in sport clubs must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible.

- Current UBC full time student registered in a minimum 9 credits in each of the fall and winter semesters.
- Must maintain a cumulative and sessional average of 60% or maintain passing standards as outlined by the student’s respective faculty for school.
- Non-UBC Students are not permitted to participate in Thunderbirds Sport Clubs as executives or student athletes.
- Must meet the eligibility criteria and standards of the particular inter-collegiate governing body in which the specific competitive club competes within
- Proof of personal medical insurance if AMS insurance is not utilized

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

that the executive or leadership group for the club collaborates on the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered by the Selections Committee.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- The competitive club application period is open from March 1st 2019 to April 30th 2019.
- Clubs must **complete and submit**:
 - UBC Thunderbirds Sport Clubs – Application Package
 - UBC TSC Application - Budget Template
- Clubs must attach the following to their application:
 - Financial Report or AMS Finance Account Report
 - *AMS Clubs can be provided this through the AMS Finance Office
 - Most recent version of the Club Regulations or AMS Club Constitution
- All completed applications must be submitted via email to the TSC Office at sport.clubs@ubc.ca.
- Applications are to be saved and submitted via email as 'XXX Club _TSCApplication2019'

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 Fall 2019. It is anticipated that decisions will be announced in the Fall of 2019, following two rounds of interviews.

Questions?

If you have further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to the sports clubs office at sport.clubs@ubc.ca. The sport clubs office will be hosting info sessions, dates to be determined.