



University of Mississippi - Department of Campus Recreation Fall 2020 Sport Club Operations Guide

Due to current circumstances surrounding the coronavirus and concerns regarding public health and safety, the following policies and protocols have been set for the upcoming fall semester as it pertains to the University of Mississippi Sport Club operations. The health and safety of our students and patrons will be at the forefront of our operations, and your assistance in abiding by operational guidelines will be essential for a safe return.

All Sport Club organizations are expected to follow protocols outlined by the Student Union and the University's Planning and Protocols Subcommittee for all registered student organizations in addition to the specific protocols outlined below. It is important to understand that these protocols will be fluid and adjustments will be made to meet national, state, local, and university guidelines.

The protocols outlined below will be in effect until at least October 1, 2020. The Department of Campus Recreation staff will re-evaluate the protocols below and notify all Sport Club organizations by October 1, 2020 at the latest of an extension of these protocols or changes being implemented.

Sport Club Competitions/Scrimmages

At this time, all university-affiliated international and domestic travel is prohibited until further notice, including travel on behalf of registered student organizations. Student organizations will not be permitted to travel outside of Lafayette county.

Sport club competitions and scrimmages, both home and away, are suspended until further notice.

In order to get back to safely hosting and traveling to competitions, it is imperative that policies and protocols are followed by all members of the Sport Club community.

Sport Club Practices

Sport Club practices are permitted to begin starting Monday, August 31st with significant changes to operations outlined below. The delay in start of sport club practices will allow for clubs to complete an individualized team action plan, submit to Sport Club Administration, and review with their club contact prior to practicing.

Only one sport club will be permitted to practice on a field/court at one time. The Outdoor Sport Complex Sport Club field is considered one field space. The South Campus Recreation Center fields are considered two field spaces. Due to limited facility space, clubs will only be permitted to practice on one field/court space during practices and will have a one hour and 30 minute time limit on all practices.

Thirty minute gaps have been scheduled between practices in order for club members to fully exit the practice space prior to another club arriving for check-in. This time will also provide staff/club officers enough time to disinfect equipment.

Club officers should consider whether they are confident that their club can meet all of the following guidelines outlined below. If club officers are not confident in the ability to hold club members

accountable to these policies, practice start dates should be postponed until practices can be designed in a way that meets guidelines below or current protocols have been lifted.

Physical Distancing

All practices at this time, regardless of indoors or outdoors, should be conducted in a way that at least 6 feet physical distancing is maintained between athletes at all times.



Face Coverings

Sport club organizations participating at an outdoor facility in strenuous exercise activities that are able to maintain at least 6' physical distancing will not be required to wear a face covering. Sport club organizations participating at an indoor facility will be required to wear a face covering for the duration of their entire practice time.

Face coverings should be worn as sport club athletes that practice at outdoor facilities are entering/exiting practice spaces or when not engaged in strenuous practice activity. Examples of when face coverings should be worn for sport clubs practicing outdoors include but are not limited to checking-in for practice, waiting to participate in a drill, during breaks, and when exiting practice. Sport club athletes that practice indoors should wear a face covering during their practice in addition to when entering and exiting the facility.



Capacity Limitations

Indoor practices at this time will be limited to groups of no more than 10 people.

Outdoor practices at this time will be limited to groups of no more than 20 people.

Club Member Screening

Prior to attending practice all members are expected to complete the [Daily Symptom Checker](#). If advised to seek medical attention, members should not attend practice until cleared to do so by a medical professional.

All athletes arriving for sport club practices will be checked in to practice by a Department of Campus Recreation staff member. If your club practices at a location off-campus, please refer to the "Off-Campus Practices" section for further instructions regarding club member screening. Members attending practice must have completed all forms on IMLeagues and present a valid photo ID to be checked into practice.

Members will be asked the athlete screening questions below prior to entering practice spaces. Answering "Yes" to any question means the member should refrain from attending practice and should contact his/her medical provider. Answering "No" to all questions means the club member may attend practice.

COVID-19 Sport Club Athlete Screening Questions

1. Have you been in close contact with someone who has had a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
2. Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
3. Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
4. Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
5. Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 48 hours?

Sport Club Equipment

Sport clubs should avoid sharing team equipment at practices when possible. Team equipment that is shared amongst practice players should be cleaned before and after each practice. Disinfectant solution

will be available to clean items that are on University inventory and will be stored in Campus Recreation facilities. Clubs should invest in purchasing cleaning solution for other equipment.

In order to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19, participants will not be permitted to share any jerseys/pinnies or other personal items. Examples of personal items that should not be shared between club members includes but is not limited to gloves, knee pads, eye protection, helmets, etc.

Other Practice Procedures

Players should bring their own water/beverages for hydration. Shared drink coolers and water fountains are prohibited. All players are expected to bring personal water bottles for proper hydration to practices.

Teams should not huddle together for instruction or participate in typical celebratory interactions between players. Examples of celebratory interactions that are prohibited include but are not limited to high-fives, hand shakes, etc.

Spectators will not be permitted to attend practices. Only active members on a Sport Club roster and registered coaches with the Department of Campus Recreation are permitted to be in the practice facility.

Off-Campus Practices

Sport clubs that must practice off-campus due to University facility limitations, are listed below. All other sports clubs are discouraged from practicing off-campus.

- Baseball
- Bass Fishing
- Equestrian
- Fly Fishing
- Ice Hockey
- Tennis
- Wakeboarding

The clubs listed above may still conduct practices within Lafayette County. If facility limitations exist that do not allow for club practices to be conducted within Lafayette County, a club has the opportunity to submit a waiver request to Leadership and Engagement through the ForUM. Approval of waivers will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Approval must come from the Department of Campus Recreation, the Associate Director of Leadership and Engagement, Dean of Students, and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs.

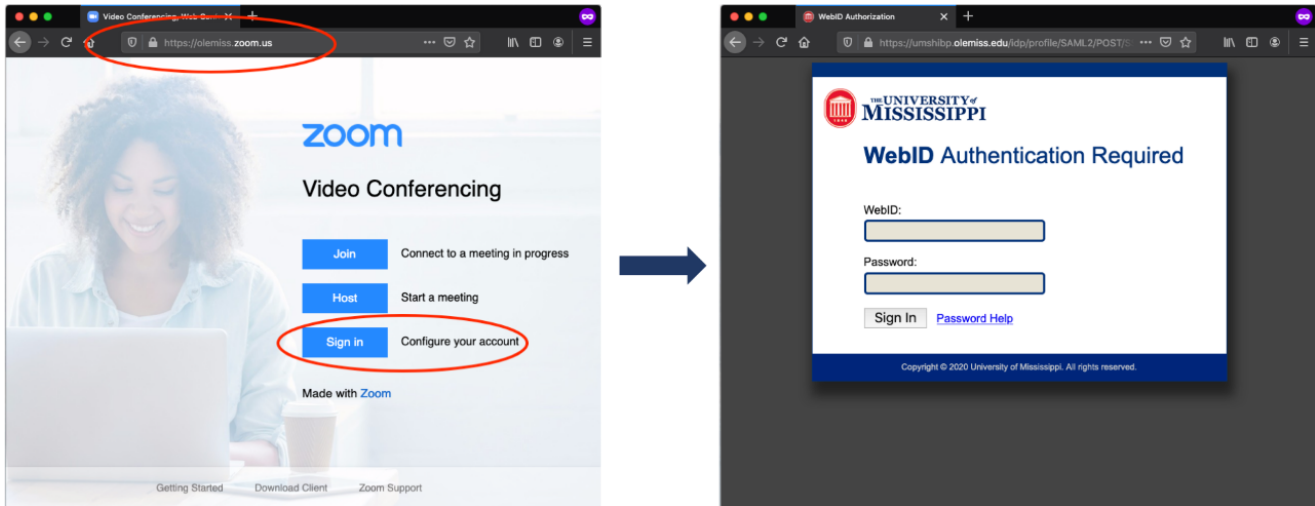
Like all other clubs, sport clubs that must practice off-campus will still need to submit an individualized team action plan to Sport Club Administration and review with their club contact prior to practicing. The action plan should outline policies and procedures that the club will follow to adhere to the guidelines set forth by the Student Union, those listed above in this document, and by the facility at which the club plans to practice. Some operations may need to be amended to reflect the unique aspects and challenges of practicing at an off-site location.

Department of Campus Recreation staff will not travel to off-site locations for participant check-in and screening procedures. Each teams' Safety Officers are responsible for screening participants prior to any member participating in every practice. Additionally, Safety Officers will be responsible for submitting an electronic attendance sheet to their club contact within 24 hours after each practice.

Carpooling to and from practice with other members is discouraged, but if deemed necessary, members traveling together should wear masks while in the vehicle. It is recommended that vehicles not exceed 50% capacity.

Sport Club Meetings

All Sport Club meetings are expected to be hosted virtually. Each University employee/student can visit olemiss.zoom.us, click "Sign In", and log in with their own WebID and password; this will set up a licensed zoom account in the users name automatically.



Sport Club Funding

Sport club allocations will not be made for the 2020-2021 academic year. Clubs will have the opportunity to request funds by submitting an Additional Funding Request. All requests will be reviewed by the Sport Club Council representatives and the Sport Club Staff. Submitting an Additional Funding Request does not guarantee that any funds will be awarded to a sport club.

Sport Clubs also have the opportunity to request funding from the Associated Student Body. More information on that funding process can be found [here](#).

What to do when a club member tests positive for COVID-19

Any sport club athlete experiencing symptoms, or symptoms similar to COVID-19, should avoid practice and contact their medical health provider.

If a member of your sport club tests positive for COVID-19, they should not attend practice and should notify University Health Services as soon as possible. For Employee Health, call (662) 915-6550 and for Student Health, call (662) 915-7274.

University Health Services will determine next steps involving isolation and care at home. You will be asked to identify any persons in our university community with whom you have had contact with recently before the onset of symptoms and any areas of campus you visited during that time. Faculty and staff will need to contact their supervisor and students should inform their professors to allow for accommodations if necessary. University Health Services will collaborate with the Mississippi Department of Health for contact tracing.

Failure to Comply

Sport Clubs are responsible for compliance with all national, state, local and University COVID policies and procedures. Organizations may be subject to disciplinary action through the [University's Accountability Action Response](#) plan. Additionally, sport club specific measures may be enforced affecting the following, including but not limited to:

1. Current and/or future practice privileges

2. Future competition travel and/or hosting
3. Campus Recreation funding
4. Status as a recognized Department of Campus Recreation sport club

Resources

Campus Ready Landing Page

<https://coronavirus.olemiss.edu/campus-ready/>

Official University Messages

<https://coronavirus.olemiss.edu/category/official-university-messages/>