SPORT CLUBS PHILOSOPHY:
The philosophy of the Sport Clubs program is to promote health, physical well being and the acquisition of physical skill development.

The Sport Clubs program is part of the Physical Education, Athletics and Recreation Department (P.E.A.R). Sport Clubs are designed to serve individual interests in different competitive sports and recreational activities. These interests can be competitive, recreational or instructional in nature. Clubs may represent the college in competition and/or may conduct intra-club activities such as practice, instruction, social and tournament play.
GENERAL OFFICER FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Listed below are individual officer responsibilities when it comes to finances. Treasurers should communicate this list to other officers to ensure that everyone is on the same page.

**Treasurer**

Club treasurers are primarily responsible for the following:

- Update and maintain the club’s Primary account ledger.
- Prepare, sign off on, and turn in all financial requests.
- Schedule treasury meetings as needed.
- Oversee the preparation and submission of the club’s annual budget/allocation requests.
- Ensure the club’s spending does not exceed the club’s income.
- Work with other coordinators and officers to be sure that their responsibilities coincide with the treasurer’s responsibilities to the Sport Clubs Program.
- Communicate information to Instructors/Coaches about the College’s financial policies and guidelines.
- Uphold College, PE.A.R. Department, and Sport Club Program policies and procedures in relation to spending.

**President**

The president’s responsibilities in relation to club spending should include:

- Understanding the club’s budget and financial procedures.
- Backing up the club treasurer’s decisions and respecting all due dates and time lines.
- Overseeing all club officers and insuring that they are fulfilling their responsibilities in relation to any financial procedures.

**Travel Coordinator**

The travel coordinator’s responsibilities in relation to club spending should include:

- Work to provide treasurer with housing, event registration, and transportation plans with the treasurer at least three weeks in advance of activity.
- Having a general understanding for club spending procedures, due dates and time lines.
- Meeting with the club treasurer regularly to schedule any necessary financial arrangements or payments.

**Safety/Facility Coordinator**

The club Safety/Facilities Coordinator responsibilities in relation to club spending should include:

- Having a general understanding of club spending procedures, due dates and time lines.
- Communicate facility needs to treasurer in a timely manner.
- Coordinate facility payments/rentals with treasurer.
Coach/Instructor
The club coach’s/instructor’s responsibilities in relation to club spending should include:

- Communicating any spending ideas to club treasurer and president prior to making any financial arrangements.
- Allowing the club treasurer to take care of all financial transactions.
- Support the club treasurer’s decisions.

TREASURER TRAINING

- Club treasurers are required to attend this training at the beginning of Fall term. During these meetings the treasurers and Sport Clubs Director will review this guidebook and any information relevant to the operations of club teams as well as give time for discussion and clarification of any financial questions.

COLLEGE ACCOUNT DESCRIPTIONS

College Account
This is the club’s only financial account. Sport clubs associated with the Sport Clubs Program receive access to this account due to their status with the PE.A.R Dept. and access to CSA allocated funding. With this status, clubs have chosen to fulfill the Sport Clubs Program request that all financial transactions be made through this account.

WHY?: It simplifies the club budget planning process, provides a ledger monitored by the College, it is where the club’s allocation is deposited, and it has a variety of methods of withdrawing money for purchases.

Other Accounts are UNACCEPTABLE
Other accounts, not listed previously are considered un-authorized. This can include out-of-pocket transactions, “saving” cash for future purchases, or fronting money for a purchase without Sport Clubs Director approval.

Using an unauthorized account may result in a spending freeze, fines, or program suspension.
INCOME

Each club has a different way to generate income to run their club. Clubs are encouraged to be creative with their fund-raising endeavors, but it is imperative that club officers work with the Sport Clubs Program Director ahead of time to be sure that the time and effort of creating the income are in line with College policy.

Admission and Fees
Clubs have the option to charge:

- Event registration fees. (example, if you hosted 2 teams in your sport for games/matches on our campus and charged each of them a monetary amount for participating)

Apparel

- This includes the sale of clothing, either for profit or to simply cover its expense.
  ***If the club is interested in selling apparel for profit, they should first meet with and receive approval from the Sport Clubs Director.

Donations

- Money the club receives without having to provide a service or product in return.
- This is soft money, or money that the club cannot rely on as a stable source of income.
- All donations given to a sport club are tax-deductible donations.
- All donations must be noted on the Deposit Request and will be deposited into the club’s College account.
- CAI website—online donation option where individuals can donate to enhance the Athletic experience of all athletes at Carleton (Varsity, Club, IM)
- If donors inquire about giving directly to your club please contact the Club Director for more details

Dues

Dues can include:

- Annual or semester club membership Dues:
  Payments made to the club by club members in order to participate in club activity.

- Event Dues:
  Payments made to the club by club members in order to cover their portion of the travel or event expenses.
**Off and On Campus Fundraisers**

Off campus fundraising includes virtually all fundraising clubs do, except fundraising for which the club will receive a check from the College.

All fundraisers must be approved by the Sport Clubs Program staff prior to the club’s participation in the event or activity. Clubs must turn in a Fundraising Proposal Form to begin the review process.

**DEPOSITING INCOME**

All club income must be deposited into its College managed account. There are no exceptions to this rule. Treasurers must fill out a Deposit Request Form for all deposits. Other officers are **not** allowed to fill out deposit forms in place of the treasurer.

**Deposit Request Form**

This form must be completed and filled out correctly. All money will be deposited in the club’s College account. It is important that the club indicates if the money deposited is Dues, Fundraising, Donation, or Other by noting this in the description line. The description line should always include the who, what, where, why and when of the money being deposited. All monies should be turned into the Sport Clubs Office as soon as possible after it is received.

1. Write your club name on the top of the form.
2. List the amount of money for each check or cash. (Credit not an option)
3. Write the name of the person who gave the club a check, or “cash”.
4. List the purpose of the money. (List the name of the fundraiser, or give any more info needed.)
5. Make sure to include what the funds are from (Dues, Fundraiser, Donation, other).
6. Provide complete account number (FUND 10 Source 0000 Dept Your Account # and Object (I fill this in))
7. Total your whole deposit
8. Return signed form to Sport Club Directors Office, Rec Center 105
EXPENSES

Making a request to spend money out of the club account is simple, but proper planning must occur in order for the payment to be processed in a timely manner. An Expense Request Form must be filled by the treasurer for all expenses, at least two weeks before payment is due. Other officers are NOT allowed to fill out Payment Request Forms in place of the treasurer to ensure that the Treasurer’s ledger is accurate. The Payment Request Form should be completely filled out each time it is turned in. If it is not complete, it will be immediately returned to you and will need to be submitted again. If a payment is late because of this, it is the responsibility of the club and of you as a treasurer.

Spending money from the College Account

Clubs must submit an expense request to the Sport Clubs Program Director in order to spend money from the club’s College account. College account expenditures allow the club to use the credit card or check to make a payment.

1. Write your club name and date in the upper right hand corner of the document.
2. Fill out the (Pay To) Vendor Information on the form. Always write out complete/accurate address.
3. Review checklist to assure compliance.
4. Explain the purpose of the purchase, IN DEPTH! Answer all the 5Ws.
5. Provide entire account number. (FUND 10 Source 0000 Dept. Your Account # and Expense code from bottom grey box)
6. Attach an invoice or another type of documentation of the purchase to the form.
7. Turn the form into the Sport Clubs Director.
Sport Clubs Credit Card
This is the most commonly used method to pay for an expense. Once an expense request has been approved by the Sport Clubs Program staff, the program’s credit card may be used to pay for the purchase.

- The treasurer must set up a meeting with the Sport Clubs Program Manager to make a credit card purchase. If a meeting is not set up prior to coming into the office the club will not be able to make their purchase.
- All credit card expenses will be withdrawn from the club’s college account.
- Documentation showing the proof of purchase is required to be submitted to the Sport Clubs Director

College Check
Once a payment request has been approved, the program Director will process the paperwork to the College Business Office on behalf of the club. This process can take up to 2 weeks. This method of payment is frequently used but the program credit card is the preferred method.

Reimbursements
- Reimbursements should be the last resort when planning club purchases and payments. A Payment Request Form must be submitted and reimbursements are only authorized by the Sport Clubs Program Director, PRIOR to any purchase or payment being made. Reimbursements must be submitted within 3 days of the purchase and can take up to two weeks to process.
- Club members cannot be reimbursed for personal vehicle gas purchases! (mileage only)

TYPES OF EXPENSES

Airplane Tickets
Clubs need to begin their planning process early if they plan to purchase plane tickets. Clubs may contact travel agents to make a group ticket purchase or purchase online. Ask the Sport Clubs Director for more information about airplane ticket purchases.

Equipment Purchase
Equipment for club use must be purchased from the club’s College account. A payment request is required and should be turned in to the office prior to making any arrangements with vendors.
**Hotel Reservations**

- Clubs can use the Sport Clubs Program credit card for hotels and these reservations may be made online as well as by a phone call.
- Hotel reservations can be first HELD on an individual’s credit card to ensure the club gets the rooms they want. First, **make sure that the hotel is able to switch the reservation** from the individual’s credit card to the Sport Clubs card.
- Immediately following the reservation, an expense request should be completed by the treasurer and turned in to the office.
- The Treasurer or Travel Coordinator must set up a meeting with the Sport Clubs Director to switch the credit card information.
- Hotel reservations must be made **at least 1 week** before clubs stay at the hotel.
- If you need assistance securing hotel rooms for your team, please contact the Sport Clubs Director for assistance
- Hotel receipts must be turned in the Monday after returning from a trip!

**Referee Payment**

In order for a referee to be paid, the club must have the referee sign and complete a W-9. This form can be picked in the Sport Clubs Office or on the officer page of the Sport Clubs website. After the form is filled out by the referee, the treasurer will turn it into the Sport Clubs Office along with a payment request form and appropriate documentation.

**Uniform Purchase**

Clubs are encouraged to coordinate uniform purchases as a group.

**Vehicle Rental**

- See Campus Services web page for mileage costs. Clubs do not have to submit a payment request form for Campus Services vehicle rentals, as this expense is automatically debited from your clubs College account upon returning.
- Vehicle rentals from outside companies still require an payment request form and documentation (receipt).
- Make sure you are incorporating your fleet vehicle expenses into your clubs running ledger. Estimates can be established by determining the amount of miles your club is traveling to and from a destination.
- Vehicle rental rates through Campus Services can be found by accessing their website: http://apps.carleton.edu/campus/fleet/cost/
**BUDGET PROCESS**

The budget process is a mandatory activity that all sport clubs must participate in. This process sets a tentative club budget for the upcoming school year. This allows:

- New officers to have an idea of what they need to plan for and accomplish.
- The Sport Clubs Executive Council and Director to determine an appropriate allocation amount.
- The PE.A.R Department and Sport Clubs Director the ability to evaluate information regarding club performance and plans.

**Steps to the Budget Process**

1. **Budget Training**
   - This is a mandatory training session for the club treasurer. This training session will take approximately one hour and will guide the club officer through the due dates, guidelines, definitions, and details of the budget planning process.
   - Other club officers are encouraged to attend, but this is not required.

2. **Budget Preparation**
   - The budget preparation step is a group process where the entire club develops its goals and plans for the upcoming year.
   - The budget template will be distributed to the club’s Treasurer at the Budget Training Session but is similar to the club’s working budget. Feel free to ask for your club’s copy of the current years budget at any time from the Sport Clubs Director.

3. **Budget Review and Final submission**
   - The Sport Clubs Program Director and Sport Club Executive Council will review budgets after the due date has passed. Recommendations and requests for clarifications will be made.
   - Clubs will have at least a week to revise the budget according to recommendations of the staff. Clubs can choose not to make the recommended changes, but this is not advised. To complete this step of the process, clubs must submit their updated budget form to the program staff by the set due date.

4. **Allocation Announcement**
   - The annual allocation will be announced at the end of the spring term. This will take place after the Sport Clubs Executive Council has formally presented its final allocation recommendations to the Sport Clubs Director for review.
   - Once the Sport Clubs Director has approved the council’s decision, an email indicating the details of the allocation and its terms will be distributed to the clubs.