



Department of Recreational Sport 2020-2021 Action Plan for Sport Clubs

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The following action plan is in support of Sport Club activities for recreational purposes in a safe and sustainable way. This plan has been developed within current* CDC, Florida Department of Health, and University of Miami guidelines for managing a recreational space while preventing the spread and transmission of COVID-19.

Overview

1. FCS currently works with 45 Sport Clubs, all of which are registered with the Department of Student Activities and Student Organizations as student organizations.
2. 32 of our 45 Sport Clubs utilize UM facilities for some portion of their practice time.
3. 23 of our 45 Sport Clubs utilize UM facilities to host events and/or competitions.
4. Anyone participating with a Sport Club is required to complete an online waiver prior to their first participation with the club.
5. In addition to the information provided in this action plan, FCS has developed a template for individual clubs to create a return to play plan that addresses practices, events, equipment and other topics.
6. In the interest of public health and to encourage positive behaviors on campus, the University of Miami seeks to change norms associated with the use of protective face coverings, increased hygiene, reduction of risky behavior and physical distancing. Student organizations hold a critical role in mitigating risk through their activities and functions. No FCS group will be permitted to conduct club meetings, activities, practices, or competitions unless they adopt the following pledge:
 - a. "We acknowledge the important role student organizations, such as ours, play in maintaining a healthy campus and community and we agree to support and implement all University initiatives related to the development of such positive norms in all our meetings, events and activities, whether in-person or online. We also agree to stay current with and abide by all University policies, practices, and protocols related to maintaining a safe campus when engaging in any student organization activities."
7. FCS currently works with the following 45 Sport Clubs:

Badminton	Basketball (W)	Cheerleading
Baseball	Boxing	Crossfit
Basketball (M)	Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu	Equestrian



Fencing	Scuba	KAOS
Golf	Soccer (M)	Karate
Ice Hockey (M)	Soccer (M)	Kiteboard
Ice Hockey (W)	Spikeball	Lacrosse (M)
Hurricane Bhangra	SwaggeRaas	Lacrosse (W)
Miami Motion	U Iron Sports	LOCKED
Polo	UJhoom	Swimming
Rock Climbing	Video Games	Taekwondo
Rugby (W)	Volleyball (M)	Tennis
Running	Volleyball (W)	Triathlon
Sailing (Coed)	Wakeboard	Ultimate Frisbee (M)
Sailing (W)	Water Polo	Ultimate Frisbee (W)

Sport Club Travel

For the purpose of this section, “travel” is defined as formal or informal club activities, events and/or practices taking place outside of Miami-Dade, Broward, or Monroe counties.

1. Sport Clubs will not be permitted to travel until further notice.
2. This is in accordance with policies established by the Division of Student Affairs.
3. There are several clubs who may travel within said counties to utilize facilities that are necessary for their sport/activity. Clubs that hold practices off-campus and wish to practice/operate during this timeframe will need to submit a detailed travel plan including information about the safety protocols of said facility at least two weeks prior to travel. Plan must be approved by the Assistant Director for Recreational Sports.

Sport Club Meetings¹

For the purpose of this section, “meetings” is defined as club gatherings to discuss club-related matters with any number of club officers and/or members. Any club gathering that involves the physical nature of the sport is not considered a “meeting”. “Meetings” include, but are not limited to: informational sessions, general business meetings, executive board meetings and officer election meetings.

1. All indoor student organization events and meetings are canceled indefinitely.
2. Outdoor meetings and events that comply with physical distancing and other university safety standards will be permitted.

¹ <https://saso.studentaffairs.miami.edu/covid-19/index.html>



3. Physical distancing (currently, a minimum of six feet) must be observed at all outdoor meetings with special attention given to ingress/egress of the venue.
4. The maximum number of participants at any given meeting or event will be determined through the reservations process.
5. The Club President or Event Host must record attendance for each event attendee and must record this information in the Club Sports system, Do Sports Easy.
6. Every person coming to University Properties - whether a faculty member, a staff member, student, and approved coaches - is expected to adhere to these policies.
7. Where possible, technology options such as web conferencing including video meetings and webinars, or live streaming events, should be an option to those invited, but reluctant to attend the event or gathering in person.
8. In-person meetings must provide appropriate accommodations and alternative options for those who have a disability and cannot attend in person (or follow the policies of in-person attendance) because of that disability.
9. Communications advertising the meeting must include a statement encouraging those individuals at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 (including older adults and people of all ages with certain underlying medical conditions) to avoid such gatherings at this time and when available, direct them to virtual participation options.

Sport Club Events

For the purpose of this section, "events" is defined as planned club activities, events, and competitions, involving outside organizations, taking place within Miami-Dade, Broward, or Monroe County.

1. Sport Clubs will not be permitted to host events or competitions.
2. The Department of Wellness and Recreation will work with other university administration to decide if this date should be extended.
3. If future event hosting is permitted, clubs will need to provide a detailed plan for hosting events that will enforce safety guidelines before approval of said event. Plan must be submitted at least 30 days prior to event and must be approved by the Assistant Director for Recreational Sports.

Sport Club Practices²

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<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/emergency-orders/emergency-order-21-20-amendment-3.page>



For the purpose of this section, “practices” is defined as club gatherings and/or practices taking place within Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe county. Spectators will not be permitted at practices. Regardless of practice location, Club President or Event Host must take attendance for each event attendee and must record this information in the Club Sports system, Do Sports Easy. Clubs are expected to abide by all local (city & county) ordinances. It is important to note that all University of Miami students are expected to follow the most restrictive guidelines. For example, If Broward County did not require groups to wear masks, clubs would still be mandated to wear masks when participating in club activity due to guidelines set by the University of Miami.

Practices Held at the Herbert Wellness Center

1. The following spaces are the only reservable locations at the Herbert Wellness Center: IM Fields, Tennis Courts, Outdoor Basketball Courts.
2. All club athletes will be required to take the daily symptom checker prior to participating in club activities and are required to show proof that they have passed the symptom checker.
3. It will be the responsibility of the club leader/event leader to verify that each club athlete has completed and passed the daily symptom checker.
4. The club leader/event leader is responsible for ensuring that the group follows all established policies and procedures.
5. Rec Sports staff members will be present and will enforce guidelines and requirements consistent with the facility.
6. Face coverings are required at all times, including during practice.
7. Clubs must adhere to 6 ft. physical distancing requirements.
8. Club members may not conduct scrimmages, drills or activities that require close, intimate contact with others.
9. Practices will be limited to a maximum of 10 individuals per assigned practice space.

Practices Held at UC Pool

1. All club athletes will be required to take the daily symptom checker prior to participating in club activities and are required to show proof that they have passed the symptom checker.
2. It will be the responsibility of the club leader/event leader to verify that each club athlete has completed and passed the daily symptom checker.
3. The club leader/event leader is responsible for ensuring that the group follows all established policies and procedures.
4. Face coverings are not required while in the water.



5. Face coverings are required while on the pool deck.
6. Clubs must adhere to 6 ft. physical distancing requirements.
7. Club members may not conduct scrimmages, drills or activities that require close, intimate contact with others.
8. For lane swim activities, clubs will be limited to one person per lane unless they are granted a set number of lanes.
9. If clubs have more people than lanes, they are permitted to two people per lane **ONLY** if each person starts on opposite sides of the pool.
10. When lap swimming please use the chair at the end of the lane for your belongings instead of using a lounge.
11. Club capacity is based on number of people in the designated lanes.
 - a. Club Swim- Max capacity- 16
 - b. Tricanes- Max capacity- 4
 - c. Water Polo- Max capacity- 5 (dive well) or 4 (lanes)

Numbers are based on last year's designated practice times

Practices Held Off-Campus Within Miami-Dade, Broward, or Monroe county

1. All indoor student organization events and practices are canceled indefinitely.
2. Clubs will be required to submit their action plan to return to play prior to beginning club activities.
3. All club athletes will be required to take the daily symptom checker prior to participating in club activities and are required to show proof that they have passed the symptom checker.
4. It will be the responsibility of the club leader/event leader to verify that each club athlete has completed and passed the daily symptom checker.
5. The club leader/event leader is responsible for ensuring that the group follows all established policies and procedures.
6. Face coverings are required at all times, including during practice.
7. Clubs must adhere to 6 ft. physical distancing requirements.
8. Club members may not conduct scrimmages, drills or activities that require close, intimate contact with others.
9. Clubs must adhere to safety guidelines set forth by the facility the club is using.

Transportation Policies



1. The FCS Van requests will be suspended for the entirety of the fall semester.
2. Although we do not promote ride sharing, we understand that not all students have personal vehicles at their disposal.
3. The total number of passengers in a vehicle may not exceed 50% of the number of seat belts available, to allow for social distancing.
4. If multiple students are sharing a vehicle, masks must be worn, and it is recommended that windows are opened for ventilation.
5. Driving is not permitted between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. without the permission of the Department of Wellness and Recreation.

Failure to Comply

Sport Clubs found non-compliant with the above requirements and expectations will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to:

1. Removal of practice privileges
2. Removal of future practice space and event hosting
3. Loss of club funding
4. Club suspension and/or removal from FCS
5. Individual club members being reported to the Dean of Students Office

Clubs will be instructed to notify the Department of Wellness and Recreation, the FCS Office, and all club members if the club learns of a positive COVID-19 test among its members.

The club should visit the [Student Health Service \(SHS\) site](#) for the latest student-related information surrounding COVID-19.

COVID-19 Transmission and Symptoms

The first line of defense in protecting the community is practicing physical distancing and knowing the symptoms.

Symptoms of COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain



- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

Virus Spread

- It is thought to spread by person-to-person contact.
- When they are within 6 feet of one another.
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Those droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

Prevention and Precautions

Physical Distancing/Cleaning/Hygiene

1. Regular physical distancing of six feet, and hygiene protocols¹, must be followed.
2. To maintain physical distancing as much as possible, participants will be reminded to avoid contact forms of sportsmanship and celebration, such as "high fives", "fist bumps", handshakes and hugs.
3. Spectators will not be permitted to attend practices.
4. Participants will be required to wear cloth face coverings.
 - a. If an individual requires a special needs accommodation/consideration, please have them contact the Assistant Director of Recreational Sports at mvault@miami.edu.
5. Handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds should be utilized whenever necessary. If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol can be used for those that can safely use it.³⁴
6. Participants and teams are expected to develop a cleaning/disinfecting plan for shared equipment.
7. Spitting is highly discouraged.
8. Participants should bring their own water bottles, as water fountains are not in service at this time.

³ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#Spread>

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<https://www.wsj.com/articles/how-exactly-do-you-catch-covid-19-there-is-a-growing-consensus-11592317650>