

Towson University Sport Clubs Organization
Coach/Instructor Agreement

Please read and fill out the following COMPLETELY:

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ Coach ID #: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Currently affiliated with Towson University? *Yes No*

If yes, in what capacity? *Undergrad Grad Alumni Fac/Staff*

Club: _____

TERM

This contract is valid for the 2009-2010 academic calendar year.

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

DUTIES

The primary role of the coach/instructor is to provide clubs with activity specific skill instruction and club development, and may be asked to attend all practices, competitions, and special events. In addition, the following is expected of all coaches and instructors involved in such capacity with the Sport Clubs Organization:

- The coach/instructor is strictly a volunteer.
- The coach/instructor must adhere to the guidelines set forth in individual club constitutions regarding duties of a coach/instructor.
- The coach/instructor is obligated to protect the safety of all club members and should take every precaution to avoid risk of injury.
- The coach/instructor must restrict his/her involvement with the club to teaching and instructing. Coaches and instructors are not to be active members in club management beyond an advisory role. Club officers are to act as liaisons between the club and the Assistant Director for Sport Clubs.
- The coach/instructor is not an agent or representative of Towson University when acting in such capacity and may not sign contracts or agreements or facilitate contracts or agreements on behalf of Towson University or the club.

- Participation in a Sport Club is strictly voluntary. Monetary rewards or scholarships shall not be promised to any club member or prospective club member by the coach or instructor.
- The coach/instructor must demonstrate and promote good sportsmanship at all times. Club members and coaches/instructors are expected to conduct themselves in a manner fitting to represent Towson University and the Sport Clubs Organization.
- The coach/instructor should be aware of and follow all Towson University, Campus Recreation Services, and Sport Clubs Organization policies and procedures.

FINANCIAL INVOLVEMENT

- The coach/instructor is strictly a volunteer and will not be compensated in any form.
- The coach/instructor is not to be involved in the financial responsibilities of the club.
- The coach/instructor should not use personal funds for club needs or activities at any time outside of relevant personal expenses when traveling.
- Reimbursement for personal expenses is not guaranteed and is at the discretion of the individual club.
- The coach/instructor is eligible for up to 100% travel reimbursement for club activities as listed in the SCO Financial Policy. Travel reimbursement must be requested by club officers and approved by the SCC and is at no time guaranteed.

TERMINATION

A coach/instructor may be terminated if it is determined that the best interests of the club in question are not being met as a result of a coach/instructor's involvement. Any of the following individuals or group has the authority to terminate the relationship of a coach/instructor with a club at any time:

- Individual club officers
- Sport Clubs Council
- Assistant Director of Sport Clubs
- Director of Campus Recreation Services
- Towson University Representative

Grounds for termination can include, but are not limited to:

- Failure to meet any of the above listed duties and expectations
- Failure to act in accordance with TU Policies and Procedures
- Inappropriate behavior of any kind
- Disbandment of club or lack of club involvement
- Request by club officers
- Any involvement with hazing and/or the use of illegal substances or alcohol on the part of the individual and/or student club members

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I agree that it is my sole responsibility to be familiar with the physical and/or mental demands associated with the above named activity. With these demands in mind, I have no physical or mental condition, which to my knowledge, would endanger myself or others if I participate in this activity, or would interfere with my ability to participate in the event. I also agree to abide by any established rules or regulations while engaged in this activity, and with the directions and precautions given by leaders and/or instructors.

I understand and expressly assume all the risks and dangers of the activities contemplated by this Agreement, and I hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue Towson University, the University System of Maryland, the State of Maryland, and their officers, agents, servants, and employees (collectively, the “Releasees”) from all liability, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action whatsoever arising out of any damages, loss, or injury to me or to my property while participating in any of the activities contemplated by this agreement, whether such damage, loss, or injury results from the negligence of the Releasees or for any other cause. I also hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the Releasees from any claims whatsoever on account of any first aid, treatment, or service rendered to me during my participation in the above activity. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any loss, liability, damage, or costs, including court costs and attorneys’ fees, that they may incur due to my participation in said activities, whether caused by the negligence of Releasees or otherwise.

I have read and understand my role as a coach/instructor for the _____ Club at Towson University and agree to abide by the terms listed above. I understand that Towson University does not carry individual insurance for my travel or other activities, and I voluntarily assume the risk of, and release and agree to not to hold Towson University liable for, any injury I may incur in my role as coach/instructor. I understand that my status as volunteer coach/instructor may be terminated at any time for any reason.

Coach/Instructor Name (print)

Coach/Instructor Signature

Date

The President of the _____ Club signs this letter for the purpose of acknowledging the _____ Club understands, and is in agreement with, the terms and conditions set forth above.

Club President (print)

Club President Signature

Date

Thank you for your time and commitment to the Towson University Sport Clubs Organization. Please contact Joseph Hayden, Assistant Director for Competitive Sports, at any time regarding your role as the coach/instructor for the club listed above.

Approved - Assistant Director, Competitive Sports

Date