



**Club Sports
Tier System
2023-2024**

Black

Budget Pool Allocated to tier: 50%

This tier cannot exceed 25% of clubs in the program

1. Clubs in this tier are required to be affiliated with a regional/national governing body/association/league.
2. Club must travel to and represent the University of Miami for at least 2 events, not including a national event.
3. Required to have at least 2 safety officers
4. Club revenue must equal 50% or more of FCS Travel Allocation.
5. Clubs are required to fundraise outside of club dues.
6. Clubs must participate in community or campus service projects with a minimum of at least 4 distinct events.
 - a. At least eight club members must participate in an event to be counted
 - b. A club member may not attend an event as a representative of 2 separate clubs
7. Two club officers must be in attendance for at least 4 Leadership Seminars.
 - a. Club members will not be counted that show to a seminar more than five minutes late or leave prior to completion.
 - b. A club member may not attend an event as a representative of 2 separate clubs
8. Club must host 1 of the following each semester:
 - a. Competitive event
 - b. Non-competitive event
 - c. Three individual games
9. Club must host an alumni event (club must provide documentation showing event invite, activities during event, # of attendees & brief summary to club liaison).
10. Club must have an active network presence(i.e. – Social Media accounts,website etc.)
11. Clubs must have active communication with alumni (i.e letter drive, newsletter, alumni event, listserv, linkedin)

Orange

Budget Pool Allocated to tier: 35%

1. Clubs in this tier are required to be affiliated with a regional/national governing body/association/league.
2. Clubs must travel to and represent the University of Miami for at least 1 event, not including a national event.
3. Club revenue must equal 40% or more of its FCS Travel allocation from the current academic year.
4. Club are required to fundraise outside of club dues
5. Clubs must participate in community or campus service projects in at least 3 distinct events.
 - a. At least eight club members must participate in an event to be counted
 - b. A club member may not attend an event as a representative of 2 separate clubs
6. Two club members must be in attendance for at least 3 Leadership Seminars.
 - a. Club members will not be counted that show to a seminar more than five minutes late or leave prior to completion.
 - b. A club member may not attend an event as a representative of 2 separate clubs
7. Club must host 1 of the following:
 - a. Competitive event (I.e., tournament)
 - b. Non-competitive event (I.e., outreach event or clinic)
 - c. Three individual games (I.e., officiated or league sanctioned event)
8. Club must host an alumni event (club must provide documentation showing event invite, activities during event, # of attendees & brief summary to club liaison).
9. Club must have an active network presence(i.e. – social media accounts, website)
10. Clubs must have active communication with alumni (i.e letter drive, newsletter, alumni event, listserv, linkedin)
11. Club must have an active alumni network (i.e. – Facebook/Twitter accounts, letter drive, newsletter)

Green

Budget Pool Allocated to tier: 10%

1. Clubs in this tier are required to be affiliated with a regional/national governing body/association/league.
2. Clubs must host or travel to and represent the University of Miami for at least 2 events
3. Club revenue must equal 30% or more of its FCS Travel allocation from the current academic year
4. Clubs are required to fundraise outside of club dues.
5. Clubs must participate in community or campus service projects, in at least 2 distinct events.
 - a. At least eight club members must participate in an event to be counted
 - b. A club member may not attend an event as a representative of 2 separate clubs
6. Two club officers must be in attendance for at least 2 Leadership Seminars.
 - a. Club members will not be counted that show to a seminar more than five minutes late or leave prior to completion.
 - b. A club member may not attend an event as a representative of 2 separate clubs
7. Clubs must have an active network presence(i.e. – social media accounts, websites, etc.)
8. Clubs must have active communication with alumni (i.e letter drive, newsletter, alumni event, listserv, linkedin)

White (Probationary/Conditional)

Budget Pool Allocated to tier: 5%

This tier is for first-year clubs that were accepted or clubs that did not meet the requirements in the higher tiers. Non-first year clubs cannot spend more than 2 semesters in this tier, otherwise they will be reevaluated as an FCS affiliate by the council.

1. Funding allocations for travel are based on SAFAC guidelines using the “N” number.
2. Clubs are not eligible for referendum funding.
3. Clubs have access to the Club Sport vans but have low priority.
- 4. Clubs must meet Green Tier requirements by the end of the second semester in the white tier.**
5. The following are New Club Requirements:
6. Clubs in this tier are required to be affiliated with a regional/national governing body/association/league by the end of their second semester in the White Tier.

Tier Transition

To move up to the next tier, clubs must meet all requirements of the higher tier during the current year. Clubs who do not meet their current year's tier requirements are lowered a tier next year. Clubs may only move up one tier at a time. First-year clubs in the white tier can apply for either the green or orange tier. Tier transitions take effect in the following year, and clubs will be notified of transitions during end of year meetings.

FCS main criteria when auditing current clubs and reviewing new petitions:

- Required to be an intercollegiate competitive sport affiliated with a regional/national governing body/association/league.
- The club cannot significantly duplicate an existing sport club or other campus program.
- The club must demonstrate financial stability through fundraising and other sources of revenue.
- Clubs must demonstrate the necessity to have affiliation and support by club sports through financial and risk factors.
 - ○ Clubs seeking affiliation solely for use of facility space in the wellness center will not be considered.
- Unique contributions to FCS
- Mission/goals of the club (recreational or competitive)
- Leadership structure

The above criteria provides a general guide for decision making regarding the recognition of a new club sport. However, the list is not exhaustive, FCS reserves the right to consider other relevant factors and to deny recognition to any club if the club's activities present an unacceptable risk to students or recognition is not otherwise in the best interest of the University. Additionally, FCS reserves the right to not accept clubs into the Club Sports program if the club does not meet the criteria mentioned above.