



UTC Sport Clubs

Code of Conduct / Personal Vehicle Driver Agreement

The Code of Conduct shall serve as a guideline for how clubs and individual club members are expected to behave while participating in, and traveling to and from, Sport Club related, sponsored, or endorsed activities. When sport club members participate in an event, the participant indicates, by their registration in the event, that they agree to represent their club and University in a way that does not detract from the reputation of the institution they are representing. They are to act morally and display sportsmanship-like behavior, before, during and after any competition. Club officers and members are governed by the standards of conduct outlined by the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga that **apply to all UTC students**. Those rules can be found online at <https://www.utc.edu/enrollment-management-and-student-affairs/student-conduct/codes>. Guidelines of conduct include, **but are not limited to** the examples outlined below:

DURING ANY CLUB RELATED ACTIVITY, which includes but is not limited to practices, home and away competitions, and traveling to/from competitions, PARTICIPANTS SHALL NOT:

- Use drugs, except for medical purposes (*Doctor's prescription required*)
- Consume alcohol while traveling, competing or as a spectator.
- Strike, attempt to strike or otherwise physically abuse an official, opposing player, spectator, or coach.
- Intentionally engage in or incite participants and/or spectators to engage in abusive or violent action.
- Use obscene gestures, profanity, or disrespectful language.
- Violate any host university and/or hotel rules or policies; or violate any city, state, or federal code or statute.

Social Media

Club promotion through social media is an official extension of the club and should reflect a positive image. The Sport Club staff will periodically review these sites for inappropriate content.

Violations of Code of Conduct

Clubs and/or club members found to be in violation of the Sport Club Code of Conduct may receive sanctions from the Department of Campus Recreation including, but not limited to, probationary status, revocation of the club's charter, removal of individual members from the club's roster, and loss of recreational privileges to individual club members. Clubs and/or members found in violation of the UTC's Student Disciplinary Rules may be referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Additional sanctions resulting from violations of the Code of Conduct policy may result in:

- Suspension from the game/match or tournament
- Travel restrictions
- Ejection from the tournament hotel(s).
- Forfeiture of all games/matches won and possible team elimination from current and future sponsored/endorsed events.

Harassment and Hazing

UTC and the Department of Campus Recreation expressly prohibit any form of Harassment and Hazing. Sexual harassment and racial harassment have been held to constitute a form of discrimination prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972. Other types of harassment are prohibited by applicable law. The entire University policy on Harassment can be found at <https://www.utc.edu/enrollment-management-and-student-affairs/student-conduct/codes>

Hazing

Hazing is expressly prohibited by Campus Recreation, UTC, and Tennessee Law. TCA 49-7-123 states:

"Hazing prohibited. (1) "Hazing" means any intentional or reckless act in Tennessee on or off the property of any higher education institution by one (1) student acting alone or with others which is directed against any other student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of that student, or which induces or coerces a student to endanger such student's mental or physical health or safety. "Hazing" does not include customary athletic events or similar contests or competitions and is limited to those actions taken and situations created in connection with initiation into or affiliation with any organization; and (2) "Higher education institution" means a public or private college, community college or university. (b) Each higher education institution shall adopt a written policy prohibiting hazing by any student or organization operating under the sanction of the institution. The policy shall be distributed or made available to each student at the beginning of each school year. Time shall be set aside during orientation to specifically discuss the policy and its ramifications as a criminal offense and the institutional penalties that may be imposed by the higher education institution."



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As a member of the _____ Club at UTC I agree that I have read and understand the Sport Club Code of Conduct Policy, including the Tennessee Hazing Law and understand the University's policies regarding hazing. I am aware that failure of our sport club, myself, and any other member of this club to uphold this policy, in part or in whole, will result in the referral of the organization and individuals involved to Student Conduct and/or the appropriate state and local authorities.

Member Name (print)

Member Signature

Date

Personal Vehicle Driver Policy

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I understand and will adhere to the policies regarding club travel identified by the Department of Campus Recreation when driving or riding in a privately-owned vehicle. I am aware that I am responsible for verifying and ensuring that any personal vehicles and drivers are in proper operating condition, and that the Department of Campus Recreation and University of Tennessee at Chattanooga does not endorse or otherwise provide insurance for the vehicle or its driver or occupants and are not liable for personal injury or property damage to the vehicle incurred during Sports Club travel.

Driver policies

- a. Drivers are only allowed to drive a maximum of 6 hours in a 12-hour time frame and no longer than 4 consecutive hours without at least a 15 minute break.
- b. No driving shall be done between 12:00am and 6:00am

Personal Vehicles

- a. Personal vehicles are allowed to be used as long as the drivers have insurance and know they assume all fiscal responsibility for any accidents/injuries that may occur.
- b. Reimbursement for personal vehicles is limited to mileage when approved prior to trip.
- c. Vehicles with non-club members are not eligible for reimbursement.

NOTE: If you plan to drive your vehicle or any other private vehicle during a club trip, please complete the following: As the owner and driver of a personal vehicle during club travel, I understand that I may be exposing myself to personal liability in the event of an accident.

I have a valid license to operate a motor vehicle: Yes/No: _____

License #: _____ State: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Vehicle Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Tag Number: _____

State: _____ Insurance Policy #: _____

MUST SIGN BELOW TO MAKE WAIVER VALID

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY THE ABOVE PROVISIONS AND AGREE TO BE BOUND AND TO SUBMIT A NEW FORM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION CHANGE DURING THE YEAR.

Name (Please Print): _____

Club: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature (if under 18): _____