

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

Club Sport Policies & Procedures

Fall 2020



This document outlines the current practice policies for all Wesleyan University Club Sport teams during the fall of 2020. All policies are guided and approved by University officials with the health and safety of student athletes paramount in the decision making process. Policies will be continuously monitored and are subject to change.

● **SECTION I:**

○ **General Policies**

- The Department of Physical Education & Athletics will provide and schedule practice locations for active recognized club sport teams.
- Each club program is only permitted to practice **2 days per week**.
- There is no outside competition including any travel or hosting any outside teams.
- It is required that each club team have a Wesleyan **faculty/staff advisor** (or approved coach if needed). This advisor will attend and supervise **ALL TEAM ACTIVITIES** and serve as the representative who will be responsible for making sure the team will keep its commitments and adhere to department policies. No team can practice without this supervisor present for the entire practice.
 - **We would prefer a Wesleyan/Staff supervisor but if you need to use an outside coach, they must be approved by WSA, have a contract and be a part of testing protocol. Let me know asap if you are looking into an outside coach.**
 - **Primary and/or financial managers may go into WesNest (found in your WesPortals) to request funding or a contact. You can also contact WSA admin offices wsaoffice@wesleyan.edu**
- It is the responsibility of each club (supervisor & captains) to provide for the safety of participating members. Safe tactics and techniques, both in terms of COVID and with safe play should always be a priority.
- The use of alcohol on an activity space or playing field is strictly prohibited. Each club will be held responsible for the actions of members.
- Each team must submit a roster with all club members by September 14th. **This roster is final needs to be final by September 21st. You must also update your roster in WesNest.**
- Each team member must fill out the Club Sport Waiver
- Failure to do any of the following will result in suspension of that club for the **entire semester (one strike rule)**
 - Practice during your assigned time/day/space
 - Have your supervisor present for the ENTIRE practice
 - Follow proper phases and protocols
 - Report any positive cases
 - Report your roster & each member sign the waiver

○ **General Practice Policies**

- Student athletes must maintain 6' of physical distance at all times
- Human-to-human contact is prohibited
- Student athletes are to wear a mask or face covering at all times
- Coach/Advisor must be present for the entirety of all in person team activities

○ **Advisor Role & Expectations**

- Supervise each practice to ensure all policies below are being enforced
- Roster management to ensure only players listed on roster are practicing (especially important for contract tracing)
- Communicate with club sport director any positive cases to ensure proper protocol is followed

● **SECTION II: Practice Space**

- Each team must adhere to their assigned practice days, times and fields.
- All teams are encouraged to practice outside if possible. There will be no use of the multipurpose room or gymnasium this fall.
- **Field & Space Capacity** - Field capacity is the number of student athletes and coaches who can be in one space at one time. As with cohorts, field capacity will be adjusted based on a phased approach. The field capacity sizes are as follows:
 - **Outdoor Fields**
 - _Phase One: 50
 - _Phase Two: 100
 - _Phase Three: To stay at 100 as dictated by CT state guidelines
 - **Outdoor Tennis Courts** - As dictated by the state of Connecticut and USTA Guidelines, there shall be no more than 4 student athletes/court or 16 student athletes/bank of four courts. In total there shall be no more than 20 persons, including coaches, permitted inside each bank of courts.
- **Indoor Facilities**
 - Field House – 25
 - Pool – 25
 - Rink – 25
- Each team will have a designated practice space that they can request to use. Once a team has been given permission to use a space, they will be given a facility guidelines document outlining the rules and regulations specific to that facility.

■ **Lower Lane Fields:** *Soccer, Frisbee*

- *for any time changes with the lights, save Bob Chiapetta (860)982-8665 in your phones to contact*

■ **Wadsworth Fields:** *Rugby*

■ **Pool:** *Water Polo*

■ **Bacon Fieldhouse:** *Badminton, Kung Fu, Martial Arts, Boxing, Fencing, Jiu Jitsu, Volleyball?*

- *Bacon will be reserved for club sports **Monday-Friday 8-9 pm**, please let me know which days your team will request to use the space. Depending on our numbers, we may be able to fit more than one team in there at a time.*

■ **Outdoor Tennis Courts:** *Tennis*

■ **Ice Rink:** *Ice Hockey*

■ **Grass Area next to Lower Lane:** *Upon request for all sports under fieldhouse list*

■ **Citrin Turf:** *Available upon request in the **evening** after Varsity sport practice*

● **SECTION III: PHASES**

- Each team is expected to follow all **NCAA Return to Play Phases**. See below for details.

■ **Phase One:**

- **Length:** 2 weeks
- All vulnerable student-athletes, coaches and athletic personnel should continue to shelter in place including those with serious underlying health conditions such as high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity and asthma, and those with a compromised immune system.
- Physical distancing should continue (6+ ft. with masks at all times – no exceptions).
- Gatherings of more than 10 people should be avoided
 - For teams with rosters larger than 10 players, in order to practice together during this phase, teams must be split into cohorts of 10 or less, which they NEED to stay in the entire practice and for each practice during that phase. Also, these groups must have at least 12 feet of physical distance between each other and must not physically interact during practice.

- Virtual meetings are encouraged whenever possible. Otherwise, all meetings should be outside and must be supervised by the coach.

■ **Phase Two:**

- **Length:** 2 weeks
- Only move onto Phase Two if Phase One has been completed successfully (no cases) and the team has been given permission from the club sport director.
- Vulnerable individuals should continue to shelter in place
- Physical distancing should continue (6+ ft. with masks at all times – no exceptions)
- Gatherings of more than 50 people should be avoided
- Virtual meetings are encouraged whenever possible. Otherwise, all meetings should be outside and must be supervised by the coach.

■ **Phase Three:**

- **Length:** TBD
- Only move onto Phase Three if Phase Two has been completed successfully (no cases) and the team has been given permission from the club sport director.
- Vulnerable student-athletes, coaches and personnel can resume in-person interactions but should practice physical distancing, minimizing exposure to settings where such distancing is not practical
- Masking/Distancing protocols will be determined by the University based on the prevalence of COVID-19 at the state, local and university level. – *Be prepared that it is highly likely you will still need to keep 6 feet of distance and wear masks in phase 3.*
- Outdoor and virtual meetings are still recommended. Outdoor meetings must be supervised by the coach.

● **SECTION IV: Positive Cases**

- In the event of a student-athlete testing positive for COVID-19, the necessary quarantine and contact tracing efforts will be enacted by Davison Health Center. Student athletes who are in close contact with the infected student-athlete will need to quarantine for 14 days. Close contact is defined as someone who was within 6' for 15 minutes or longer of an infected individual during the 48 hours prior to the positive test. How teams proceed following a positive test(s) will be determined by Davison Health Center. The following guidelines are in place for continuing practice in the event of a positive test(s) during a testing cycle or phase (2 weeks).
 - 1 positive - Pause practices until all student athletes on the affected team receive the result of their next test. If there are no additional positive results then the team can resume practice in its current phase. The team coach must report back to the club sports director once the results of the next round of tests have been completed in order to get approval to resume practices.
 - 2 positives - Pause practices until all student athletes on the affected team receive the result of their next test. If there are no additional positive results then the team can resume practice but move back to the previous phase. A team in phase three moves back to phase two and a team in phase two moves back to phases one. A team in phase one must restart the phase. The team coach must report back to the club sports director once the results of the next round of tests have been completed in order to get approval to resume practices.
 - 3 positives or more is considered a cluster - Cancel practices for the affected team for the remainder of the semester if deemed necessary by Davison Health Center.
- One student-athlete testing positive is viewed as an isolated case if no additional student athletes on that team test positive in the subsequent round of testing. One additional positive weeks later is also viewed as an isolated case. If additional student athletes on that team test positive in the subsequent round of testing then that is viewed as a cluster of positives. Following distancing and masking protocols, both on and off the field, is fundamental to prevent an isolated case from becoming a cluster.

- **SECTION V: Contacts**

- **Club Sport Coordinator/Primary Contact:**

- Kim Williams – 860-684-2884 - kwilliams01@wesleyan.edu

- **Equipment Manager & Light Coordinator:**

- Bob Chiapetta - (860)982-8665

- **Assistant Athletic Director & Director of Facilities:**

- Stephanie Scarpato – 860-685-3644 - sscarpato@wesleyan.edu

- **Deputy Athletic Director:**

- Rachel Ludwig - 860-685-3555 - rludwig@wesleyan.edu

- **WSA Office Coordinator:**

- Lisa Rogers - wsaoffice@wesleyan.edu

- **Director of Athletics:**

- Mike Whalen - 860-685-2908 - mwhalen@wesleyan.edu

- **SECTION VI: Dates & Timeline**

- **Monday, September 7th @ 12:30 pm** - Club Captain Zoom Meeting

- **Wednesday, September 9th @ 12:30 pm** - Team Advisor Zoom Meeting

- **Monday, September 14th** - Club sports able to begin Phase One practices

- **Friday, November 6th** - Completion of all Club practices