

The Club Sport program utilizes a tier system to identify, accommodate, and meet the needs of competitive clubs. This tier system defines financial and operational expectations for clubs.

Tier Transition

For the 2026-2027 year, Clubs will submit an application to Campus Recreation by August 31st, to receive funding for the year. The Campus REC staff will review the applications and review the Club status from last year to award funding this year. Throughout the year, Clubs will work to reach the tier for the following year.

To move up in tiers, Clubs must meet all requirements of the next higher tier during the current academic year. Each academic year, Clubs will shift towards maintaining, increasing, or lowering their tier status for the next academic year. At the end of the spring semester, Campus Recreation will evaluate each Club Sport and notify the Club on the tier status/level for the next academic year.

Clubs receiving full recognition by Student Involvement during an academic year will be eligible for tier status the following fall semester.

Tier System

Criteria in each tier:

1. Club Practices/Outings are what events, activities, etc. the club did throughout the academic year.
2. Club Revenue is the Club's academic yearly budget and any fundraising to supplement the cost.
3. Club Eligible is the maximum the Club can receive from Campus Rec for the academic year.
4. Club Service is community service or events the Club does throughout the year. The total hours each Club accumulated is also required.
5. Club Branding is the Club provides Campus Recreation with information on service, practice, outing, or game photos and the Club post on Instagram with Campus Recreation.
6. Club Meeting is when the Club attends 4 meetings with the Assistant Director of Intramurals and Club Sports for the academic year.

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
- Team Practices/Outings: at least 2 or more - Club Revenue: Club has done no fundraising - Club Eligible: \$100 or less for the academic year - Club Service: 5 hours or more - Club Branding: Club has no group photos or post - Club Meetings: 4 for the academic year	- Team Practices/Outings: 6 or 7 - Club Revenue: Club has fundraised at least 25% of their budget - Club Eligible: \$500 or less for the academic year - Club Service: 25 hours or more - Club Branding: Club has a few group photos but no post - Club Meetings: 4 for the academic year	- Team Practices/Outings: 8 or 9 - Club Revenue: Club has fundraised at least 50% of their budget - Club Eligible: \$1000 or less for the academic year - Club Service: 50 hours or more - Club Branding: Club has group photos or post - Club Meetings: 4 for the academic year	- Team Practices/Outings: 10 or more - Club Revenue: Club has fundraised at least 75% of their budget - Club Eligible: \$2000 or less for the academic year - Club Service: 75 hours or more - Club Branding: Club has group photos or post - Club Meetings: 4 for the academic year

Club Sport Process

- All new Club Sport teams must be approved through the Office of Student Involvement.
- Once the Office of Student Involvement gives the new Club Sport probation status, the new Club Sport can practice on campus but not compete.
- When the Club Sport team receives full recognition from Samford and the Office of Student Involvement, the Club can compete and apply for financial assistance through Campus Recreation.
- If a Club does not maintain status with the Office of Student Involvement, the Club would lose status as a Student Organizations and Club Sport.
- **All active Clubs are eligible for funding through Campus Recreation by following the established Club Sports tier system.**
- **All new clubs start at tier 1.**