Club Sports
Alcohol Action Plan
May 31, 2006

Club Organizational Meeting

The following topics must be discussed at the Club Sport Organizational Meeting:

- All students are expected to abide by all Federal, State, and University laws and regulations regarding the consumption, possession and distribution of alcohol.

- In regards to the law, providing alcohol to minors is against the law. Consumption of alcohol by minors is against the law. Student athletes would face legal action from police and could possibly face a fundamental standard violation from the University.

- Student athletes should remember that they always represent Stanford University, Stanford Athletics, their team and themselves.

- Student athletes involved in any kind of alcohol related, disciplinary or academic trouble should notify coaches/administrators immediately.

- Captains and team leaders are expected to foster a positive environment and emphasize our zero tolerance policy for any type of hazing or team initiations. Impress upon the group that each member is obligated to look out for his teammates. Stress the importance of communication with coaches or captain when there are concerns for an individual’s health.

- Discuss policies with regard to recruits on campus visit (see below).

- If the Club Sport office receives a call from the Dean’s office regarding an alcohol issue, the appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

- All Club Sport members will be held to the same high standards as intercollegiate teams.

- Alcohol violations will affect future budget allocations.

Throughout the Year

- Club Sport leaders should give frequent reminders to members about expectations for behavior with regard to alcohol use at times when most vulnerable, such as:

  1. After significant victories or defeats.
  2. Following the end of the fall and spring seasons.
  3. At the end of the school year.
  4. At University traditions.

- Club Sport players will be held accountable for behavior that is in violation of University policy. Disciplinary action will be imposed that is appropriate to the behavior.

- Consider scheduling practices and games in early mornings or late evenings.
• Realize that if a Club Sport is found to be purchasing alcohol through an outside account, the account will be closed.

**With Regard to Recruiting Visits**

• The use of alcohol and drugs, engaging in sex and gambling activities during campus visits is strictly prohibited.

• Clearly state in no uncertain terms to the members of the team that under no circumstances will any member give a recruit a drink or encourage a recruit to drink on their visit.

• Discuss with the prospect at the time of their visit our expectations for their behavior including, but not limited to, abstaining from alcohol use during their campus visit.

• At the initial Club Sport meeting in the early fall, explain to your members the serious potential liability to themselves and the University, as well as the negative effects to the reputation to the program if a recruit gets involved in appropriate and/or potentially dangerous activity during an official visit.

• Detail the expectation that hosts do their best to watch out for their recruits at all times – never leave them alone at a party or let them go back to the dorm by themselves. Also, student-athlete hosts (regardless of age) may not consume alcohol while hosting a prospective student-athlete.

**Final Considerations**

• Your personal life can be totally disrupted. You can make personal decisions that can be embarrassing, even humiliating. Your judgment can be significantly impaired. You will then need to live down your behavior.

• Any incident could lead to much embarrassment and humiliation for an athlete and their family, your Club Sport, the Department of Athletics, or the University.

• A team’s positive contributions to the community and perception in the community would be undermined by an incident involving irresponsible alcohol use.

• Be responsible for your actions.