

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
SPORT CLUB RELEASE AND INFORMED CONSENT FORM  
**Badminton**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a member of the Badminton Sport Club, a student organization recognized by the Office of Campus Recreation Services. I desire to participate in various sport club activities from August 30, 2012 – May 27, 2013 including, but not limited to, on and off campus competitions. In consideration of being permitted to participate in such sport club activities, I, for myself, my heirs, personal representative(s) and assigns hereby represent and agree as follows:

1. I fully recognize and understand that there are risks and hazards, minor and serious, associated with participation in badminton which include, but are not limited to: **sprains, bruises, broken bones, head injuries from racquets or shuttlecock contact, bodily injury from unexpected contact with walls or floors**; and which may also include other serious bodily injuries and, even, death.
2. Knowing the dangers, hazards and risks associated with badminton, I voluntarily assume all responsibility and risk of loss, damage, illness and/or injury to my person or property in any way associated with my participation in such activities.
3. I understand that protective equipment including, but not limited to, **protective eyewear** is recommended for the safety and protection of participants in badminton, and I agree to wear such equipment when participating in such activities. However, I understand that wearing such equipment will not eliminate the risks of participation.
4. I understand that the rules and regulations applicable to **USA Badminton** are designed, in part, for the safety and protection of participants and I agree to abide by those rules and regulations.
5. I understand that badminton requires a minimum level of fitness for safe participation. I also understand that Campus Recreation Services advises that participants in sport club activities have a physical examination to determine their fitness for participation. I further understand that the University of Maryland does not provide medical, health or other insurance for participants in sport club activities.
6. I understand that there may be off-campus travel during the course of my membership with the sport club. I also understand that commercial transportation for sport clubs is not provided by Campus Recreation Services and situations may arise where I am transported to off-site practices or events by other sport club members. I further understand the inherent risk involved with utilizing personal transportation for sport club purposes.
7. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby release and forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless, the State of Maryland, the University of Maryland, Campus Recreation Services and their officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all liabilities, claims, demands and causes of action on account of any loss or injury in any way arising out of or relating to my participation in or involvement with sport club activities, or use of CRS equipment and facilities, including travel thereto and therefrom, whether due to the negligence, default or other action or inaction of any person or entity.

I CERTIFY THAT I AM 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AND INFORMED CONSENT FORM AND I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian if Participant  
is under 18 years old

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

MARYLAND  
SPORT CLUBS



**Sport Club Code of Conduct**

The behavior of all individuals (students and coaches) involved in the Maryland Sport Club Program reflects not only on him/herself, but also on Campus Recreation Services (CRS) and the University of Maryland. Participation with a sport club carries with it a great deal of personal responsibility. As a member of a CRS sport club, club members are expected to conduct themselves in the most positive way possible at all times.

All members of the Maryland Sport Club program, and clubs/teams as a whole, are required to adhere to all federal, state, and University laws, guidelines, standards and policies. Campus Recreation Services, through the Maryland Sport Club program, reserves the right to, with due process, issue sanctions, including but not limited to denying or revoking membership to individuals or clubs in violation of University policies.

Each sport club may be held responsible for the acts of its individual members. Clubs may be subject to suspension or expulsion from the Maryland Sport Club program for violation of University policies, the University Of Maryland Student Code Of Conduct, and/or federal and/or state laws.

**CLUB MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AND COACHES SHALL NOT:**

- Engage in any form of hazing. Hazing is defined by the University as “intentionally or recklessly subjecting any person to the risk of bodily harm, or severe emotional distress, or causing or encouraging any person to commit an act that would be a violation of law or university regulations, for the purpose of initiating, promoting, fostering, or confirming any form of affiliation with a student group or organization, as defined by the *Code of Student Conduct*.” (Office of Student Conduct)
- Use drugs (exception: drugs prescribed by appropriate medical personnel) while practicing, traveling, or competing.
- Consume alcohol while traveling, practicing, competing, or spectating as part of a sport club event.
- Intentionally cause damage to facilities, vehicles, or equipment, either on- or off-campus.
- Engage in conduct that constitutes discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, personal appearance, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, or on the basis of rights secured by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.
- Provide false information to a University official.

**As a member of the Maryland Sport Club program, I accept that participation in a sport club is an opportunity and a privilege, not a right. I agree to act in accordance with the guidelines outlined above. I have read and fully understand this code of conduct and my submission of this form confirms my understanding that my team and I may be subject to probation, suspension or termination from the Maryland Sport Club program for any violation of the code.**

**Failure to agree to this Code of Conduct disqualifies a student or coach from participating in the Maryland Sport Club program. I understand that compliance with this code of conduct is required for my participation in the Maryland Sport Club program and my signature below signifies my agreement to adhere to the elements of the Code listed above.**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_