

Sport Club Participant--

I hope that you are having a great summer and that you and your family are healthy. I know that saying the last 4 months have been unprecedented is an overused phrase. Just like the previous summers, Brandon, Pete and I have been planning for the next upcoming academic year. This summer instead of following the "road maps" of the previous years we have been spending a lot of time reviewing guidelines and policies from each of your National Governing Bodies (NGB), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Temple University and the State of Pennsylvania. While reviewing these documents we had one question in our minds--"How do we offer Sport Clubs in the safest environments for our participants, student staff, coaches and opponents?" As you can imagine, due to the varying nature of our 31 clubs, there is no one answer to this question.

After reviewing our research and sharing it with the experts on Campus, Campus Recreation has decided to make the difficult decision to suspend all Sport Club activities for the Fall 2020 semester. We know this will not be a popular decision however we feel that it is the most prudent decision as to help meet the University's goal ensuring safe conditions in University spaces. Brandon, Pete and I have been working throughout the summer to create programming for club officers and participants for the fall semester. This will include officer training, the continuation of the fitness training we have been offering this summer and additional programs to help to fill the void. Overall our focus of the Fall will be to prepare for the anticipated return of activities in the spring semester starting January 1, 2021.

Brandon, Pete and I will be in constant contact with you as we head to the start of the fall semester with updates and information on next steps. Making this decision is heartbreaking for all of us in Campus Recreation, we exist to offer programming to the students at Temple University. Remember as much as the activity defines your club, ultimately it is the people in the club that decide how the club is presented to those outside of the group. Those people are still members of your club, together you can all overcome this adversity!

We know that this announcement will raise a lot of questions. Just as before please work with your club leadership to compile all of your questions. We will be adding a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page to our Sport Club website in the coming days. If at any point you have a question that we are not answering, please feel free to reach out to me and I will work to get you an answer.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. Know that we tried to do everything to avoid this path.

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