Colorado School of Mines
Physical Education

Proposal to Grant Physical Education Credit for Student Participation in Qualifying Club Sports
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1) Accreditation
a) Colorado School of Mines Physical Education will grant the credit under the direction of Director of Physical Education.
   i) Maximum credit attainable is one (1) credit towards the two (2) credit PA graduation requirement.
   ii) Participation per qualifying semester is worth one-half (½) credit. Thus, it is attainable to receive PA Credit both Fall and Spring in an academic year.
b) All credit is subject to the discretion of the Director of Physical Education and the Director of Intramural and Club Sports, who is a member of the athletic faculty, with regard to the following criteria listed in Section II.
c) A Club Sport athlete is eligible to receive Club Sport PA Credit concurrently with PAGN 101 or PAGN 102. However, if taken concurrently, it does not count towards the 2 credit PA graduation requirement.

2) Criteria for Club Sport Accreditation
a) Club must be sanctioned by the Colorado School of Mines Club Sports Council (CSC) meeting all requirements listed in the Club Sport Handbook under the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) governing by-laws.
b) Club activities must be rigorous in nature consistent with the level of play in the majority of varsity athletic sports on campus (i.e. varsity basketball, football, track).
c) Club must have demonstrated history of accountability, organization, and professionalism with the Director of Intramural and Club Sports. This includes upholding the Athlete Code of Conduct that is required for all club members.
d) Club must have a contracted coach approved by the Director of Intramural and Club Sports.
   i) Coach must have a demonstrated relationship with the Director of Intramural and Club Sports with regard to standards of honesty and integrity. This is consistent with the Coach’s Player Conduct Agreement signed at the start of each academic year.
   ii) Coach must be willing and able to keep an accurate attendance log available for review by the Director of Intramural and Club Sports at random times.
iii) Coach must be willing and able to recommend the grade for participation to the Director of Intramural and Club Sports.

iv) If certain circumstances do not allow for the Coach to be present at every practice throughout the season, the Club Executive Board must meet with the CSC and the Director of Intramural and Club Sports to discuss a system for appropriate record keeping and grading. The approval of this system is the discretion of the CSC and the Director of Intramural and Club Sports.

e) Club must meet a minimum of two hours per week for scheduled practice time.

f) Contracted coach must be present for the countable practice hours.

g) Competitions may only be counted for practice/participation hours if prior approval is obtained by the Club from the CSC and Director of Intramural and Club Sports.

h) Grading based on performance will be at the discretion of the coach and shall include attendance for training session. In no cases shall the attendance be more lenient than the following policy in effect for all PA classes.

i) A drop in 1 letter grade for every two absences.

ii) Excused absences must be made up or they are unexcused.

iii) Six or more absences results in an automatic failing grade.

i) Club Accreditation must be renewed each year in the spring prior to the Registrar’s Deadlines for adding classes to the Fall Schedule and reviewed during the first week of fall classes.

i) Club status and organization changes with coaches and staff. Such changes in the summer could potentially alter whether a sport meets the criteria for accreditation.

ii) If a club sport fails to meet the criteria during the first week of school the club members will be required to drop the course.

iii) The Director of Intramural and Club Sports will not drop anyone from the course. It is up to the student to withdraw.

3) Criteria for Individual Credit for the Club Sport Athlete

a) Club Sport athlete may receive a maximum of ½ credit for Club Sports per semester. However, the student may concurrently take PAGN 101, PAGN 102, or any other PAGN class. It is understood by the student that only ½ credit per semester applies to the 2 credit PA graduation requirement.

b) Club sport athletes must remain in Good Academic Standing as outlined by the CSM Bulletin.

c) Club Sport athletes must hold to standards of conduct consistent with Colorado School of Mines policies and those of the Student and Club Sports Handbook when representing
the school at an event. This conduct is outlined and agreed upon in the Athlete Code of Conduct. Violations of the Athlete Code of Conduct may result in automatic forfeiture/withdrawal of PA credit.

d) Club sport athletes must uphold the institution’s no tobacco policy during practices and on-campus club-sponsored activities, as outlined in the Athlete Code of Conduct.
e) Failure to meet these criteria will result in the student’s withdrawal from the credit or a failing grade at the discretion of the Physical Education Director, Director of Intramural and Club Sports, and Club Coach.

4) Supervision

a) Club sport coach is responsible for supervising and recording practice activities, as noted in the Coach’s Player Conduct Agreement.
b) The Director of Intramural and Club Sports will be responsible for the overall academic integrity of the grading by ensuring through continual monitoring and oversight that the criteria for club sport grade accreditation as outlined in section II are met.
c) The Director of Intramural and Club Sports and the Physical Education Director will meet regularly to discuss progress and issues relating to the integrity of the spirit of the accreditation.
d) The Director Intramural & Club Sports and the Physical Education Director will meet twice yearly (March and August) to review the status of the program.