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VMI Extracurricular Activities and Clubs Policy

1. Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for establishing, operating, and suspending extracurricular activities and clubs, to include club sports, at Virginia Military Institute.
2. Overview: Extracurricular activities and clubs serve to enhance the academic, athletic, military, and intellectual experiences that are integral to the VMI education. These opportunities enhance cadet professional development and offer leadership opportunities to practice academic, athletic, military, and personal skills. The goal is to offer a variety of clubs for which there is sufficient interest among members of the Corps of Cadets and sufficient resources to support approved activities. Proposals for new activities, clubs, organizations, or sports, herein referred to as “clubs,” must support these goals as well as have sufficient Cadet interest to ensure viability. Funding for club activities comes from various sources and are accountable within governing regulations and statutes.
3. Responsible Officials:
 - a. The Commandant is the office primarily responsible for extracurricular activities and clubs at VMI. The Commandant coordinates and synchronizes activities with the Office of the Superintendent and laterally across all VMI departments and agencies. The Commandant is responsible for the administration and oversight of extracurricular activities and clubs, except for specified academic, religious clubs/activities and CLE co-curricular programs which are administered by the sponsoring department’s respective official. Further procedural guidance and information is contained in the Club and Extracurricular Activities Standard Operating Procedures, also known as the “Green Book.”
 - b. The Dean or designated representative is responsible for the administration and oversight of academic clubs and societies at VMI and serves as a member of the Cadet Extracurricular Activities Board.
 - c. The Institute Chaplain office has oversight of religious clubs and extracurricular activities and serves as a member of the Cadet Extracurricular Activities Board.
 - d. The Director, Center for Leadership and Ethics or representative has administration and oversight of the CLE-sponsored co-curricular programs and serves as a member of the Cadet Extracurricular Activities Board.

- e. The Chief Diversity Officer has oversight of cultural and community service clubs and serves as a member of the Cadet Extracurricular Activities Board. “Cultural and service clubs” are Cadet organizations whose primary purpose is (1) fostering belonging and mutual understanding across the Corps through the celebration and education of ethnic, national, or heritage traditions, or (2) sustained community engagement, outreach, or volunteer service within Lexington or the greater Rockbridge community. Clubs whose primary purpose is athletic competition, academic pursuits, or religious practice are excluded from this category even where elements of heritage, service, or community are present in their programming.
- f. The Office of the Superintendent provides policy guidance and direction on extracurricular activities and clubs, leads coordination with organizations external to VMI and serves as a member of the Cadet Extracurricular Activities Board.
- g. Cadet Extracurricular Activities Board (CEAB): The CEAB or “Board” is the governing body that reviews all organized Cadet activities that pertain to clubs formed under this General Order. The CEAB has the authority to approve or disapprove new club formation proposals as well as to suspend or terminate existing clubs. The CEAB may make modifications, changes, additions, or deletions to a proposed club charter to make it fully compliant with the Regulations, Orders and direction of the Superintendent. CEAB determinations will be by majority vote. If a vote ends in deadlock, the President of the Board is the final determination. The CEAB meets at the beginning of each academic term and/or the direction of the Commandant of Cadets. The board is composed of the following members:

Designated Members of the Board and Roles

- Commandant of Cadets serves as the President of the Board and is a voting member.
- Commandant’s Director of Operations chairs the Board and is a voting member.
- The Institute’s Chief of Staff or designee serves as a voting member, and provides representation from the Office of the Superintendent.
- Associate Dean for Academic Affairs is a voting member and provides representation from the Dean’s office for academic clubs and societies at VMI.
- Deputy Director, CLE is a voting member and provides representation from the Center for Leadership and Ethics for CLE-sponsored co-curricular programs.
- Institute Chaplain is a voting member and provides representation for religious clubs and extracurricular activities.
- The Chief Diversity Officer is a voting member and provides representation for cultural and service clubs.
- The Director of Activities/Cadet Life serves as the secretary of the board.
- The VMI Alumni Agencies provides a non-voting member to support the connection between the alumni and cadet sports and activities.

4. Establishment: Clubs are established or continued in the following manner:

a. Requirements to establish and operate a new club:

- 1) Proposals for new clubs shall be submitted to the Commandant's Office. For an academic club or society, the Dean's office must approve the proposal prior to it being submitted. Likewise, for a religious club/activity, the proposal must be approved by the Institute Chaplain prior to submission. Proposals for cultural and service clubs must be approved by the Chief Diversity Officer before submission to the Office of the Commandant. Each proposal must include, at a minimum, a charter which outlines the purpose of the club and how it enhances the athletic, military, academic, and/or intellectual tenets addressed above (see Paragraph 2); a list of names of cadets interested in being a part of this club; a list and description of proposed activities that the club will undertake; a four year budget for each academic year; and the name of the advisor or coach(es); name of Cadet-in-Charge (CIC) and Assistant Cadet-in-Charge (ACIC), as well as the CIC/ACIC email addresses and contact information.
- 2) Advisors or coaches are approved by the Commandant's office, or the Dean's office or the Institute Chaplain, or the Center for Leadership and Ethics, as applicable. Department officials can aid in securing qualified and interested faculty/staff members to serve in these positions.
- 3) Clubs must have a minimum of 8 active members who want to participate in the proposed club and its activities. Club sports teams must have the minimum number of athletes needed to field a team in the proposed sport, but no less than 8 members. "Active members" must attend meetings/practices and participate in club activities/competitions. Faculty, staff, and/or members of the community/alumni cannot join cadet clubs unless authorized by the Commandant. Clubs must be open to all members of the Corps with the exceptions noted below.

a) New Cadets (Rats).

- (1) During Rat Line. Rats may participate in **ONE club or ONE club sport** beginning in mid-September during the first semester of their rat year. To remain an "active member" within that club/club sport, the rat must maintain a 2.0 or higher GPA each grading period during the Rat Line. "Active" Rat club/club sport members will, however, attend all rat Challenge events.
***Exception: Tier 1 Club Sports only attend Tuesday Rat Challenge events.
See Annex A for listing of Tier 1 Club Sports.***
- (2) Post-Rat Line. Following completion of the Rat Line, there is no minimum GPA requirement for 4thClass cadets to remain an "active member" of a club or club sport. Fourth Class cadets shall follow the guidance outlined in the *Blue Book (Chapters 16 – 18)* as to their eligibility to participate in clubs or club sports following completion of the Rat Line.

- b) Upper-class cadets may participate in club and club sport activities as prescribed in the Blue Book (*Chapter 16 – Conduct Probation, Chapter 17 – Academic Probation, and Chapter 18 – Fitness Probation*). While there is NO minimum GPA requirement for upper-class cadets, cadets on Academic Probation should consider minimizing extracurricular activity commitments until such time as they return to good standing academically.
- c) Academic societies wherein membership eligibility is based upon specified criteria, such as grade point averages, are not subject to the 8-member requirement.
- d) NCAA cadet-athletes are prohibited from participating in the same or like club sport as their NCAA sport. Any NCAA cadet-athlete seeking to participate in a club sport unlike their NCAA sport must have written permission from the current coach of the cadet-athlete's NCAA sport. If an NCAA cadet-athlete is removed from or quits an NCAA sport, he or she must receive approval from the VMI NCAA compliance office before joining the club sports program. If an NCAA cadet-athlete is removed from or quits an NCAA sport and joins the same or like club sport as the NCAA sport, the athlete has forfeited eligibility to return to that NCAA sport for that same competition season only.
- e) New club proposals must be submitted by 1 May of the academic year preceding the start of the club for the next academic year. Proposals for academic, CLE or religious extracurricular activities and clubs must be approved by the respective officials from the Office of the Dean, CLE, and Institute Chaplain first, then be submitted to the Office of the Commandant for final coordination and implementation. New clubs are not authorized to begin until approved by the CEAB.
- f) Out-of-cycle new club/club sport proposal requests should be submitted to the Director of Activities/Cadet Life once the new club has met the minimum requirements outlined in paragraph 4.a.(1) above. Out-of-cycle requests will be evaluated at the next scheduled semi-annual CEAB meeting.
- g) A listing of new cadet leaders/officers, along with any changes or updates to the club/club sport charter, should be submitted by 1 May each year to continue an existing club/club sport into the next academic year. The CEAB retains the authority to review the number of clubs as well as club activities and can suspend or terminate a club as detailed in paragraph 5 below.
- h) Club Fairs: To assist in educating members of the Corps on extracurricular and club activities, Club Fairs will be conducted during the academic year. Times and dates will be announced to the Corps.

- i) Club/Club Sport Budget Allocation Requests. Club Advisors, Club Sport Coaches, CICs, and ACICs are responsible for ensuring club/club sport next academic year budget requests are submitted to the Director of Activities/Cadet Life by 1 May each year. To avoid suspension, clubs must have 8 active members listed on a roster by 12 September for the fall semester and 12 February for the spring semester.

5. Suspension or Termination of Clubs: The continued operation of a club at VMI is dependent upon such factors as sufficient cadet interest, adequate funding and support, and adherence to both the club's approved charter as well as the rules of the Institute. A club may have its charter either suspended for a specified period or terminated by a majority vote of the CEAB. Any member of the CEAB or any VMI official may propose a club be evaluated for suspension or termination. Such proposals and the reasons for suspension/termination must be submitted to the CEAB in writing. The club officers will be advised of the proposal and given the opportunity to respond in writing to the CEAB. Decisions of the CEAB are final.

6. Operational Activities: Clubs meet in accordance with General Order 1 and the Cadet Daily Schedule. Strict adherence to the time constraints outlined in GO 1 must be followed. Any request for exception to policy shall be coordinated with the department or agencies who control that period of the duty day prior to any request being sent to the Commandant's Office.

- a. The following club sports have standing exceptions to the General Order 1 club sport activity period due to playing field conflicts with NCAA athletic teams during the military duty period and/or off-post practice venue: **Club Hockey, Club Lacrosse, and Club Soccer**. These three clubs conduct practice during the Evening Activity Time and Evening Study Period hours outlined in General Order 1.
- b. On days of scheduled practice activity, members of these club sports shall utilize the GO 1 club activity period as an academic study period.
- c. Clubs and Club Sports shall be designated either Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3 activities. The tier level of the club/club sport specifies the amount of time it is authorized under General Order 1.

7. Applicable Rules and Restrictions: Clubs and VMI organizations hosting events are prohibited from offering childcare services to participants attending the event. It is the responsibility of club members and their advisor/coaches to ensure that all club activities and operations meet all applicable federal, state, local, and Institute rules and regulations. Included among those are the following Institute regulations and rules:

- The Regulation for the Good Order and Discipline of the VMI Corps of Cadets or the Blue Book
- The Operating Procedures for the Recreational Activities of Cadet Life or the Green Book
- General Order 2, Alcohol Policy
- General Order 13, Superintendent's Statement on Equity
- General Order 16, Discrimination, Harassment, & Sexual Misconduct, General Order 23, VMI Driver Qualification and Vehicle Use Policy
- General Order 44, Solicitation Policy; and
- General Order 72, Event Scheduling Policy
- General Order 90, Retaliation Policy

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Annex A – Designated Club/Club Sports Tiers

Tier 1 designated clubs/club sports are authorized up to 19 hours practice time (6 hours in morning on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays / 13 hours during military duty period Monday - Friday) in accordance with General Order 1.

- Boxing
- Hockey
- Rugby
- Ranger Challenge
- Naval Special Warfare
- USAF Special Warfare

Tier 2 designated club sports are authorized up to 12 hours practice time (4 hours in morning Wednesday and Friday / 8 hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday during military duty period) in accordance with General Order 1.

- Glee Club
- Pistol
- Triathlon

Tier 3 designated club sports are authorized up to 7.5 hours practice time (2.5 hours in morning Wednesday and Friday / 5 hours Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday during military duty period) in accordance with General Order 1.

- All Clubs other than Glee Club
- Basketball
- Golf
- Jiu-Jitsu
- Lacrosse
- Powerlifting
- Soccer