A Competitive Club is a student sports organization open to all students (subject to each team’s selection process), registered with Carleton University Student Association and Department of Recreation and Athletics, formed by individuals motivated by a common interest and desire to participate in a favorite sport activity.

Clubs offer opportunities for practicing and competing at various levels. Club officers develop valuable leadership skills, as the success of any sport club depends on the ability of its leaders to manage the administrative affairs of the club.

**BEING RECOGNIZED:**

By being officially recognized through the Department of Recreation and Athletics, Competitive Clubs are given:

- Support for competitive opportunities where needed.
- An opportunity to compete in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) league where possible.
- Advertising and promotional support (goravens.ca).
- Funding support and opportunities.
- Free Facility Use (time will be determined by length of season and availability).
- Support for hosting of events.
- Risk management.

**CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION (BOX 1)**

- **Potential Risk** – the degree of potential risk associated with club activities and the ability of club members to manage the risk in an acceptable manner.

- **Mission and Goal** – the degree to which the club’s activities reflect the mission and goals of the Athletics Department and Carleton University.

- **Student Interest** – evidence that there is sufficient student interest in participating in the activity (returning players and recruiting expectations) in order to maintain their competitive schedule.

- **Leadership** – evidence of responsible student leadership like the ability to meet deadlines and strong communication skills. The availability of certified/licensed coaches or instructors is preferred. Evidence of succession planning.

- **Competition** – The availability of competition for that sport within the region (Ottawa, Eastern ON/Western QC, all of Ontario, etc).
THE PROCESS (Box 2)

The application should be submitted to the Clubs Commissioner through out the year and will be revised on a rolling basis. The clubs will only be admitted once a year, with decisions being made in March. If the club does not meet the criteria for recognition, the Clubs Commissioner will deny the club’s request.

If the club meets the criteria, the Club officers will be contacted to set up a meeting to decide whether or not the club can be recognized as a Competitive Club. All club officers should attend the meeting. Following the meeting, the Clubs Commissioner meets with the Director of Department of Recreation and Athletics and the club officers will be contacted within 3 business days with the final decision.

EVALUATION (Box 3)

Recognized Competitive Clubs will be evaluated at the end of each academic year (March) to determine their continuation the following academic year. The evaluation process will include:

• **Clubs Membership** – club membership and leadership open to all students on campus (Undergraduate and Graduate Students).

• **Leadership** – evidence of responsible student leadership like the ability to meet deadlines and strong communication skills. The availability of certified/licensed coaches or instructors is another factor.

• **Program** – The club program should provide a series of experiences that meets the needs and interests of people in the club.

• **Clubs Meetings** – number of meetings and percentage attendance of students.

• **Project and Activities** – group ability to host competition, fundraisers and various activities to support the group.

• **Financial Stability**

• **Code of Conduct and Adherence to Policy and Procedures**