

# SPORT CLUBS NEWSLETTER

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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A COMPETITIVE SPORTS SUPERVISOR?

- Now hiring! Supervisors are responsible for supervision at both Intramural Sports Events and Sport Club Special Events. This is a great opportunity to become a leader in the Competitive Sports Program. If you are interested, please submit an application [here](#). The application deadline is Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm!

### Check out these fantastic Badger wins from March!

<b>WRESTLING</b>	<b>TAE KWON DO</b>	<b>MEN'S VOLLEYBALL</b>
Purple Pummel: 2 <sup>ND</sup> Place- Ted Hawley, Caynen Klessig, Sam Walton & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place- Lucas Finnel	Won 19 individual medals including 6 gold at their tournament in Ames, Iowa	Tied for third in this year's Big Ten Championship!
<b>TENNIS</b>	<b>GYMNASTICS</b>	<b>WOMEN'S ULTIMATE FRISBEE</b>
3 tournament wins over UW-Milwaukee, Whitewater and Platteville	Women's team 3 <sup>rd</sup> overall Alli Tran- 1 <sup>st</sup> place all-around Zach Lehman- 3 <sup>rd</sup> all-around	Played in the championship bracket and placed 5 <sup>th</sup> at the Music City Mashup Tournament



### DATES AND DEADLINES:

DATE: 4/2	DATE: 4/4	DATE: 4/11	DATE: 4/25
Sport Clubs Council Meeting	Spring Exam Week Practice Facility Request	Summer Practice Facility Request	Equipment Inventory

# TRANSITIONING LEADERSHIP

The spring semester is beginning to wind down, with only a month and a half left of the academic year. Many clubs utilize this time to elect new positions and re-write handbooks and by-laws. This transitioning process can be overwhelming, but we have some tips and things to avoid to be successful!

## **5 IMPORTANT TIPS:**

- 1. Evaluate the year.** It is very important before beginning an election process to evaluate the year and ask yourselves questions like these:
  - Which officer positions did we have/not have?
  - What position seemed to be the most critical?
  - Were there any positions that we were unsuccessful at fulfilling?
  - Where can we improve?
- 2. List the necessary positions.** Make a list of which positions you feel are the most important for your club- keeping in mind you will need a president and treasurer.
- 3. Write down the specifics of EVERY position.** Include every responsibility that a member would have if holding a specific position- and don't forget to list the WIN forms and Rec Sports policies!
- 4. Hold elections at an ALL CLUB meeting.** It is important for these positions to be voted on by everyone, or at least a majority.
- 5. Set up transitioning meetings.** With the positions and specifications of each written down, this process will be smooth. Meet with the former officer and go over details of what the position entails, and utilize what you have written down.

## **THINGS TO AVOID:**

- 1. Making assumptions.** Even if a newly elected officer has been a part of the club already, do not assume they know the position already. Make sure to set up a meeting to transition the officer.
- 2. Lack of communication.** Often times the biggest problem with transitioning is a lack of communication. This happens even more with officers who graduate. Make sure there is a way for new officers to communicate with old officers.
- 3. Hasty decisions.** The election and transitioning process is important. Don't put it off and make last minute decisions on what positions to have and which members to elect. This should be well thought out! The success of your club can be attributed to the success of your officers.

# SPRING BREAK TRAVEL:

Spring Break is always a busy time for our clubs, as many take advantage of the time off to travel to new tournaments or warmer places to train. Here are just a few of the trips taken by clubs during Spring Break!



## Baseball:

During the week, Baseball escaped the cold and took a trip to Tampa, FL for the Spring Training Showcase. Teams from all over came down. D1 went 4-3 overall and D2 went 4-2 overall!

## Tae Kwon Do:

Tae Kwon Do competed in a tournament for forms and sparring in Ames, IA. Eleven members competed and earned 19 individual medals overall! The final medal count: 6 gold, 5 silver, and 8 bronze. Congratulations to the members of TKD!

## Triathlon:

During the week, Triathlon took advantage of the time to improve by taking a training trip down to Salem, South Carolina.



## Men's Volleyball:

The A and B teams made the trip to West Lafayette, IN to play in a tournament at Purdue University. The B team went 5 and 1 and took 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 3 and the A team went 5 and 2 and took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Division 1. Congrats to both teams!

## Women's Ice Hockey:

The C team didn't travel far, but they had a very successful weekend in Sun Prairie! They won their first 3 games, making it to the championship game for the WCHL League Tournament. They took second overall, losing by just one goal in a close final game.



## Men's Ultimate Frisbee:

Over spring break, the Men's Ultimate Frisbee A team went down to the University of Texas to play in a tournament. The B team headed to Marion, IN to play in a tournament to improve as a team before post season begins. Both teams experienced success!

# SPORT CLUBS BANQUET

Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
6:00-9:00pm  
Varsity Hall, Union South

This year's Sport Clubs Awards Banquet will be one to remember. You will not want to miss out on this opportunity to recognize fellow clubs and club members. Where else can you get a photo with Bucky, eat a great meal with friends, and receive awards? Your ticket will include a pasta buffet with assorted drinks and desserts. We encourage everyone to attend as we celebrate the successes of our clubs and reflect back on a great year.

Your nominations have been made! The final nominees for each category will be announced at the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting. Check out the list of awards this year:

#### Individual Awards

Coach of the Year  
Female Athlete of the Year  
Male Athlete of the Year  
Outstanding Individual Leadership  
Outstanding Graduating Senior (Male or Female)

#### Team Awards

Best New Club  
Best Traveler  
Best Fundraiser  
Outstanding Service  
Club of the Year



Pictured here: Last year's Club of the Year- Triathlon

Tickets are on sale now, make sure to purchase one before they sell out!  
[Purchase your ticket here!](#)

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