

# SPORT CLUBS NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME BACK BADGERS!

### SPORT CLUBS BANQUET:

Mark your calendars now! The 2013-2014 Sport Clubs Banquet will be on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm in Union South, Varsity Hall.

### ALUMNI RELATIONS:

Our office is happy to announce that at the close of each semester we will be sending out an Alumni Relations newsletter! The fall edition will include semester highlights, an alumni athlete feature, and a club feature. If you are interested in being featured in the spring edition, please contact Katie Sather at [ksather@wisc.edu](mailto:ksather@wisc.edu). Sport club officers - be sure to check your email for the fall edition!



## UPCOMING DEADLINES

	DATE: 2/7	DATE: 2/9	DATE: 2/14	DATE: 2/23
Don't forget to print off a list of dates and deadlines for this spring!	Sport Clubs Membership Consent Forms due	Sport Clubs Executive Board Meeting	Spring Break Practice Facility Requests due	Sport Clubs Executive Board Meeting

# GET CREATIVE: FUNDRAISING

We know that being a member of a sport club can get expensive, so we recommend utilizing fundraisers as a way to help offset some costs. Coming up with creative and effective fundraising ideas can be tough, however. The traditional fundraisers are never fun, and not very beneficial. We want to help your clubs come up with more enjoyable and valuable ways to fundraise- so check out these ideas!

## Gymnastics Club:

What better way to raise money for your club than to give back to the local community, especially when it involves your own sport! The club will be volunteering their time to help run a big gymnastics meet in Wisconsin Dells in exchange for a donation from the company running the meet. They will assist with admission, routine timing, and score flashing. This is a great way for the club to gain exposure to attract new members, give back to the community, and raise funds to support their club.

## Triathlon Club:

With perhaps the most creative way to raise funds, the Triathlon Club hosted a Denim 5K on campus in November that was a huge success. Participants were encouraged to come dressed in the craziest denim outfits they could find. The club charged a registration fee, and provided incentives to sign up. They awarded prizes based on performance for those came for a competitive race, and additional prizes for the most creative denim costumes. There is no doubt that hosting this event was fun and valuable for the club.

## Men's Volleyball Club:

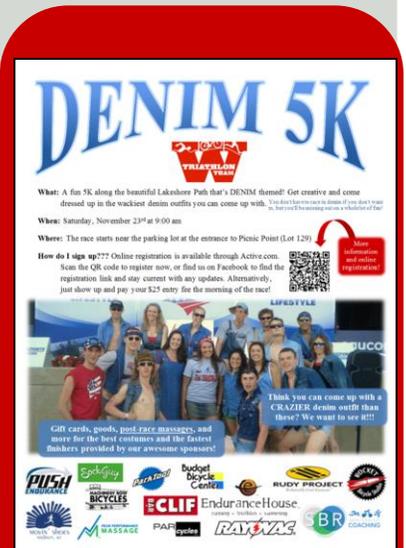
One way clubs often raise funds is by hosting a tournament. The Men's Volleyball Club hosted a Co-ed Reverse 4's Volleyball Tournament. They had 16 teams in attendance, each responsible for paying a registration fee. Each team had a minimum of four matches, and many noted how enjoyable the tournament was and said they were looking forward to one next year. A chance to get extra playing time while making money annually? Sounds like a great way to support your club!

## Additional ideas:

Working with a local restaurant such as Mia Za's or Qdoba for a benefit night- we all love an excuse to go eat!

T-shirt sales at events-also provides some marketing for your club!

We hope these ideas help your club generate some events of your own. **PLEASE REMEMBER!** Use the Sport Clubs Handbook as a reference when creating a fundraiser. There are guidelines to follow!



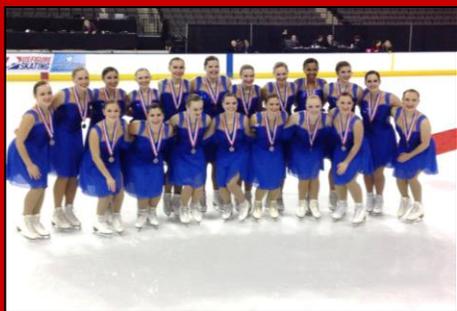
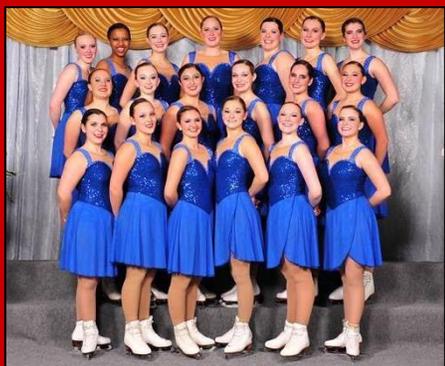
Flyers are a great way to spread the word about your fundraiser. Remember to have your flyer approved by your student coordinator!



# CLUB SPOTLIGHT: FIGURE SKATING



Open Collegiate at Sectionals



Collegiate at Sectionals



Intercollegiate '13-'14

The competitive season for the Figure Skating Club has finally arrived, and all three teams have been hard at work. The synchronized skating teams just returned from a major competition, while the intercollegiate team is busy prepping for their first annual home competition to be held in early March.

For figure skaters on the synchronized skating teams, the first week of the semester meant more than just a new schedule. It meant finishing the second week of intense training in preparation for the 2014 Midwestern and Pacific Sectional competition in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Teams from across the Midwest gathered to compete from January 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. The club's Open Collegiate and Collegiate synchronized teams arrived at the competition with high hopes for solid performances. The Badgers had success that surpassed their expectations. The Open Collegiate team, skating to music from the 90s, wowed the crowd with a vibrant and exciting program. Up against ten other schools, they secured a fifth place tie - a very strong accomplishment for the team. The Collegiate team updated their program from the past two competitions and surprised the spectators, and most importantly, the judges. With a theme of "A Modern Love Story", the girls had a flawless skate, a standing ovation from the crowd and took the pewter medal, with a Wisconsin Skating record-breaking overall score! Additionally, the Collegiate team qualified for the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships which will take place February 27<sup>th</sup>- March 1<sup>st</sup> in Colorado Springs, Colorado. They will be competing against the top collegiate teams in the nation. Congratulations to all of the Badger skaters on a remarkable performance at Sectionals!

The intercollegiate team will host their first ever home competition, Skate on Wisconsin, on March 8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>! The team is hard at work, as hosting a competition of this size is no easy task. Competitors from colleges all around the Midwest will come and represent their school, competing in events like freeskate, dance, and team maneuvers. This will be a great event for the team, and it will help the club raise money and awareness.

Come check out this competition in March, and be on the lookout for performances by the synchronized skating teams at the Shell!

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