



Local Sports Club Form

- Purpose:** Monitor and approve a USC coach's involvement with a local sports club.
- Action:** Coaches must complete the form and submit to compliance office prior to being involved with a local sports club.
- Administration Date:** To be submitted when wishing to be involved with a local sports club.
- Submit to:** USC Athletics Compliance Office
BKS 402



Local Sports Club Memorandum

To: Coaches / Sport Administrators
From: Compliance
Re: Local Sports Clubs

All USC coaches or sport-specific staff members who wish to serve in any capacity with a local sports club must provide a completed Local Sports Club form to Compliance. Please note that the following guidelines apply when working with a local sports club:

Organizing a Local Sports Club

- Local sports clubs must be established, on-going entities, and must engage in competitions. It is not permissible for a coach to form a club team solely to provide instruction to prospects and/or student-athletes.

Prospects and Student-Athletes Participating in Local Sports Clubs

- Any prospects participating in local sports clubs must legally reside within 50 miles of USC's campus (see map on Local Sports Club form).
- A prospect who legally resides more than 50 miles from USC may not participate in a local sports club, even if they sign a lease in the Los Angeles area for the time during which they participate with the club. The "legal residence" standard was not intended to apply to situations wherein a prospect moves to the locale to attend a collegiate institution. It was only intended to apply to situations wherein the prospect's permanent residence is within a 50-mile radius of campus (e.g. the prospect's family moves to the Los Angeles area and they are no longer residents of their previous location). See January 7, 2007 NCAA official interpretation.
- **During the summer only:** In the following sports, USC student-athletes may participate in local sports clubs with which USC coaching staff members are involved:
Cross-Country, Golf, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Water Polo
- In sports where they are permitted to participate on their collegiate coach's outside club team, USC student-athletes may not be provided any benefit that is not provided to other members of the club. This includes reduced membership fees, additional access to facilities, additional instruction time, etc.

Financial Policies

- Local sports clubs must be established and operated with private funds, separate from the USC athletics budget. The USC athletic department may not sponsor any local sports club that includes prospects. Examples of sponsorship would include reduced-price facility rentals, reimbursement of club-related expenses, or providing supplemental pay to club coaches.
- A local sports club which includes prospects may rent USC facilities, provided those facilities are open to rental by outside entities, and provided the club pays the same rate those outside groups would be charged for use of the facilities.
- Publicity and fundraising activities for local sports clubs must be independent from USC's athletics program and funds may not be commingled (i.e. money raised by the club may not be used by the athletic department and vice versa).



Local Sports Club Form

Coach Name: _____

Sport: _____

Name of Club: _____

Address of Club: _____

Description of Club Team Activities: (e.g. practice, competition – also attach competition schedule)

Description of Coach’s Club Responsibilities: (e.g. coach, administrator)

Will prospects (individuals in 9th grade and above) be participating in this Club?

Yes No

(*Please complete the attached roster information form.)

Do all prospects participating in this club legally reside within 50 miles of USC’s campus?

Yes *No N/A

(*If No, contact the Compliance Office.)

Are any USC student-athletes participating in this club?

*Yes No

(*If Yes, please attach list of student-athletes)

Are all USC student-athletes paying the same fees as other members of the club?

Yes No N/A

Do you employ any USC student-athletes in this club?

*Yes No

(*Countable athletically related activity (Bylaw 17.02.1) may not occur as a result of student-athlete’s employment.)

Coach Signature: _____

Date: _____



USC Local Sports Club Roster

Sport _____

Club _____

Name	Address	Phone #	Year in School



Local Sports Clubs – Additional Information

What the NCAA manual says about local sports clubs:

“In sports other than basketball, an institution’s coach may be involved in any capacity...for a local sports club...located in the institution’s home community, provided all prospects participating in said activities are legal residents of the area (within a 50-mile radius of the institution).”

“A coach may be involved in activities with individuals who are not of prospect age (i.e. before the ninth grade), regardless of where such individuals reside.”

The 50-mile radius surrounding USC looks approximately like the one illustrated below. If you have questions about whether a particular address falls within the permissible radius, or any other questions regarding local sports club activity, please contact the Compliance Office.

