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Allocations Club Sports Policy Change

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Whereas, the Allocations Manual provides policies and procedures guiding the Allocations process,

Whereas, the Allocations policy on club sports has not been examined in several years,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 2nd day of December in the year of 2014, the Student Government Board at the University of Pittsburgh partners with the Allocations Committee to modify Section 3 Item 2 of the Allocations Manual. These changes shall be implemented through a transition period, shall be effective immediately upon adoption, and shall read:

Item 2. Competitive Club Sports

A. Effective for all Fiscal Year 2015 Expenses

1. SGB recognizes club sports as valuable on-campus opportunities for students, as well as the financial obstacles facing many club sports. As such, SGB may aid club sports in mitigating the high costs of operating.
2. However, SGB also recognizes a student's decision to participate in a club sport on campus as an acknowledgement of the costs associated with participating. SGB's general funding philosophy is to be a source of financial assistance and not a source of primary funding for student organizations.
3. For the remainder of Fiscal Year 2015, each organization who opts-in to allowing SGB to view deposits into SORC will be eligible to receive a level of funding per fiscal year of up to \$15,000 for all expenses including nationals. Organizations who opt-out to allowing SGB to view deposits into SORC will be eligible for to receive a level of funding per fiscal year of up to \$3,000. During the transition phase, organizations should not assume that they are entitled to the full maximum amount and will only receive up to an amount approximately close to what the organization has received in previous fiscal years.

B. Effective for all Fiscal Year 2016 Expenses

1. SGB recognizes club sports as valuable on-campus opportunities for students, as well as the financial obstacles facing many club sports. As such, SGB may aid club sports in mitigating the high costs of operating.
2. However, SGB also recognizes a student's decision to participate in a club sport on campus as an acknowledgement of the costs associated with participating. Because it is SGB's general funding philosophy to be a source of financial assistance and not a source of primary funding, the level of funding an organization is eligible to receive shall be tied directly to the level of financial contributions put forth by the organization itself through dues, fundraising, and out of pocket expenses towards team expenses.
3. Each organization will be eligible to receive a level of funding per fiscal year of up to the equivalent of a set of ratios of the organization's total financial contributions deposited in its SORC account the prior fiscal year for team expenses. Thus, the maximum level of funding an individual club may receive per fiscal year is determined by a set of ratios of club contributions to SGB funding. Specifically:
 - a. For the first \$15,000 that a student organization contributes towards team expenses, SGB may match up to one half (i.e., a \$1:2 ratio) of the organization's total financial contributions deposited in its SORC account during the prior fiscal year.
 - b. For any additional money that a student organization contributes above \$15,000 towards team expenses, SGB may match up to one-third (i.e., a \$1:3 ratio) of the organization's total financial contribution deposited in its SORC account during the prior fiscal year.
 - c. The overall SGB contribution cap for all expenses shall not exceed \$10,000 for club sports with submitted roster sizes of fewer than 50 students, \$11,000 for club sports with submitted roster sizes of 50-59 students, \$12,000 for club sports with submitted roster sizes of 60-69 students, \$13,000 for club sports with submitted roster sizes of 70-79 students, \$14,000 for club sports with submitted roster sizes of 80-89 students, and \$15,000 for club sports with roster sizes of greater than 90 students.
4. SGB recognizes that some student groups may not generate enough revenue to justify allowing SGB to determine how many deposits were made into the student group's bank account. As such, student groups may opt-out of this policy prior to submitting any funding requests for the fiscal year and have their maximum funding level for each club set at \$2,000. Student organizations may not opt back in until the start of the next fiscal year. Student organizations that have existed for less than one year and therefore do not have deposits for

the previous fiscal year shall have their maximum funding level set at \$3,000.

5. The maximum funding level for each club as determined by the set of ratios constitutes an overall cap. Thus, all expenses are bound by the maximum level of funding that a club is eligible to receive. The Allocations Committee and the Board may not approve more than the maximum funding level. In addition, clubs should not expect to automatically receive funding up to this maximum level. All requests, especially those for individualized costs such as equipment and uniforms, are subject to the scrutiny of the Allocations Committee and the Board. The Committee will not strictly scrutinize competitions that do not go towards nationals, number of players attending competitions, etc., in order to grant clubs greater autonomy in making strategic competitive choices.

C. Transition Policy Effective as of December 3, 2014

1. SGB recognizes that club sports have not been in compliance with the University's policy on outside bank accounts and therefore need time to fully comply with this policy. Beginning on January 1, 2015, all club sports shall be expected to begin depositing all funds into their SORC Account.
2. In preparation for the Fiscal Year 2016 policy changes, the following shall be implemented:
 - a. The Allocations Chair shall set a deadline for each club sport to opt-in or opt-out for Fiscal Year 2016 during the Spring of 2015. Club sports may change their decision in writing to the Allocations Chair until they submit their first request for Fiscal Year 2016 (i.e., budgets in March or supplemental requests in fall). Club sports who do not respond to a request for a decision are assumed to have opted out.
 - b. For each club sport that opts-in, the Allocations Chair shall prior to the fall term
 - i. Ask each club sport that opts-in to estimate the total amount of contributions that it will deposit during the fall term
 - ii. Calculate the total number of deposits going towards team expenses during the Spring 2015 term
 - iii. The total amount of money that will be considered when calculating the Fiscal Year 2016 cap will be based on the sum of (a) and (b).
 - c. During the 2015-2016 Winter Break, the Allocations Chair shall update the Fiscal Year 2016 cap based on deposits made in spring term of the year of 2015 and actual deposits made during the fall term of the year of 2015.