

This policy is intended to uphold the interests of club members, the campus community, and IGNITE by establishing the principles and guidelines to be followed and the context within which all activities of IGNITE sanctioned clubs will take place. This policy outlines the formation, operation, and development of clubs and to make clear the obligations a club has to IGNITE and to its Members. For simplicity, the term “club” will serve to mean both clubs and associations.

Clubs recognized by IGNITE shall represent Members with similar interests, backgrounds, ambitions to gather for educational, informational, and social purposes. Students interested in creating a club must submit a *Clubs Application* form for verification and approval.

CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

Club responsibilities to IGNITE and to their membership include:

1. All club practices and activities must adhere to the Clubs Handbook and all IGNITE and Institutional policies and procedures.
2. No club activity or event shall include the sale or consumption of alcohol.
3. All club meetings and events must be held on campus.
4. Deadlines outlined by IGNITE are met.
5. Mandatory training sessions are completed by specified deadlines.
6. Adherence to the club’s mandate.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Club Executives must have paid the IGNITE Student Leadership & Development.

IGNITE adheres to the Ontario Human Rights Code; clubs must demonstrate that its membership is open and non-discriminative to all students. No membership fee may be charged to any student.

CLUB STRUCTURE

Clubs shall be approved on a probationary or approved club status, into one of the tiered systems as outlined in the Clubs Handbook. No club shall be sanctioned where club activity is associated with course grades or course credits. Clubs must re-apply for approval annually. IGNITE must approve any club activity during May to August.

CHANGE OF STATUS

IGNITE reserves the authority to change a club’s status based on the club’s adherence to this policy, the Clubs Handbook, IGNITE and Institutional policies and procedures and the responsible use of IGNITE services and privileges.

TRADEMARK USE

Clubs must be granted IGNITE approval for the use of the IGNITE name and logo and/or the IGNITE Clubs name and logo.

Clubs must be granted approval from the Institution and any third party for the use of their respective names and logos.

CLUB FUNDING

IGNITE, through the Leadership Initiatives Coordinator, has the discretionary authority to approve funding for clubs wishing to promote and run activities that enhance student life on campus. Access to funding is completed only by club executives using the appropriate forms and submitted by deadlines outlined by IGNITE. Club finances must be maintained within IGNITE's control therefore, external bank accounts are prohibited. Club funding does not carry over semester to semester and club executives are liable for any unapproved expenses.

CLUB EVENTS & RISK MANAGEMENT

All club events require approval by IGNITE. IGNITE has the authority and discretion to cancel any event based on unforeseen risks or liability. Clubs are responsible for completing and submitting the appropriate forms and budgets to IGNITE by specified deadlines. Unapproved events held by clubs will be subject to penalty at the discretion of the Leadership Initiatives Coordinator and/or the Clubs Committee.

IGNITE acknowledges that club events and activities may involve physical actions that are recreational in nature (ex. dancing). Club members who willingly and knowingly participate in such club activities do so at their own risk and must take personal responsibility when deciding to engage in club activities. Club members agree to indemnify IGNITE and the Institution from and against all actions, suits, claims, and demands in connection with club events and activities. This includes any use of IGNITE premises, which may be brought against or made upon any or all of Humber ITAL or University of Guelph-Humber, and against all injuries, loss, costs, damages, charges, and expenses whatsoever which may be incurred, sustained or paid by any or all of the individuals associated with the club.

SUSPENSIONS AND DE-RATIFICATION

IGNITE has the authority to suspend and/or de-ratify any club that is in breach of the Clubs Policy, Clubs Handbook or any IGNITE or Institutional policies and procedures, at its own discretion. Clubs may be subject to penalty for misuse of IGNITE services and/or privileges.

Clubs should be cognizant of the penalty process IGNITE uses. Written warning may be given to clubs whom are in violation of the Clubs Policy, Clubs Handbook, or any IGNITE or Institutional policies and procedures. Should the violation be severe in nature, the Leadership Initiatives Coordinator and/or Clubs Committee shall determine immediate suspension or de-ratification of a club.

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