

Gold Tier Action Plan

Benchmark	Benchmark	Description
1. Collaborate with other NIU Clubs		Clubs work collaboratively with a min. of 1 other club. Must be a <i>club initiated</i> activity, MAJORITY (51%) of the club must be present for the event to count toward Gold participation. Each team must sign off on the Club Support Form. IE: recruitment events, tournaments, friendly matches, charity events, etc. Club Support Forms can be found in the Documents tab of Campus Recreation's Huskie Link page.
2. Host home tournament		Clubs are to host at least 1 home tournament per year. Tournaments can be as large or small as the club can support. Must be a minimum of 2 guest teams present for the event.
3. Participate in Competitions (home or away)		Min of 5 total competitions (home & away) per year. MUST be sanctioned & approved by the university. Clubs will submit the scores, location, and opponent for each game in their submission.
4. Community Service		min 20 hours per year volunteering for the community. majority (51%) of club members must be involved. The activity be validated and signed off by a reputable member of the volunteer organization via the Community Service Form. Community Service Form can be found in the Documents tab of Campus Recreation's Huskie Link page.
5. Grade Point Average		min 3.0 for the year. This is an average of the entire club and the GPA is cumulative.
6. Participate in NIU Campus Recreation Events		Min. 2 <i>separate</i> events per SEMESTER. If interested, clubs can even present new campus recreation event ideas and work with staff to accomplish the event. Clubs are to submit a Club Support Form for these events. Club Support Forms can be found in the Documents tab of Campus Recreation's Huskie Link page.
7. Compete at State or above level		Must be invited to compete in state level competition or above. Clubs do not <i>have</i> to participate in the actual event if they cannot secure funding etc.– however clubs must submit the official invitation (and contact information) to compete at State level
8. Exceeded fundraising goal by 10%		Exceed this min fundraising goal by 10%. Submit: total amount raised and means by which the funds were raised (ex: car wash, cookout, etc.)
9. Representation on Sport Club Council		Needs to have an individual elected to serve on the Sport Club Council. Does not need to be the same individual from year to year; must maintain an active and participatory position
10. Present on approved topic at monthly meeting		Representative(s) are to complete a 5-10 minute presentation at the monthly meeting on a topic of their choosing (prior approval must be granted). Clubs must communicate their intentions prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the agenda. Presentation topics may include areas such as: budgeting, recruiting, injury prevention, concussion awareness, guest speakers, etc. The content is up to each club but it must be researched and professionally presented.

Submit Final Application for Gold Tier by APRIL 1st. No late submissions will be accepted.

Each benchmark must be documented and provided along with application.

***Remember, tiers build, as such, clubs wishing to pursue Gold Level status must also prove both Bronze and Silver benchmarks have been accomplished.