



CLUB MANUAL

2024
2025





Welcome to SRC Clubs!

This is your club handbook! This manual includes all of the information you will need to run a successful SRC club, including:

- Conduct
- Banking
- Student Life Funding Requests
- Events
- & much more!

The manual will help to guide you through most club questions and concerns you may have. I am your Club Coordinator, so always feel free to contact me with any additional questions, concerns, ideas and feedback.

As your Club Coordinator, I am looking forward to working with you and supporting your club. I hope to see more clubs established on campus, an abundance of in-person events and collaboration between clubs so that you can get the most out of your co-curricular and club experience.

I'll do my best to accommodate all student inquiries via e-mail, phone call, in person or virtual meetings. Please feel free to reach out at any time and I'll do my best to connect with you!

This manual is designed to assist you in the formation, operation and development of your club. You will get out of your student club experience what you put into it, so stay engaged and look out for all of the opportunities that will be available to you and your club this school year!

Wishing you all the best and a great 2024-2025 academic year!

- *Katie Treanor, Clubs & Volunteer Coordinator*



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To set up a meeting time that works for you, please email srcclubs@stclaircollege.ca

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR CLUBS

The SRC will not be responsible for any club that fails to adhere to these deadlines. Club ratification information can be obtained from both SRC Inc. offices and www.stclair-src.org/student-life/clubs



ORIENTATION

Orientation is held via Zoom.

It is mandatory that at least one member of the club's executive team attends this training.

We will discuss banking, booking, planning/hosting club events, and more.

This meeting is an opportunity to meet the Club Coordinator and ask any questions you may have. Contact the Club Coordinator to schedule a time that works for you!

CLUB PROMOTION & RECRUITMENT

All clubs are invited to set up a table in the alcoves at South Campus OR the SCCA lobby downtown to showcase their efforts and what they aim to accomplish for the upcoming school year at any time (subject to availability).

This is also an opportunity to attract new members and engage with the student body as a whole.

This is not mandatory, but highly encouraged so be sure to sign up for a date with your Club Coordinator.

As always, we encourage you to collaborate with other club leaders and work together on tabling or other future projects!



STUDENT CLUBS



The SRC ratifies clubs who are predominantly academic based.



All clubs are student driven and volunteer run and operate on a non-profit basis. All SCC students should have the opportunity to connect with other students and share similar interests; starting or joining a club is the perfect opportunity to do so. Running a club has proven to be a wonderful learning opportunity!



It is extremely important that all club executives familiarize themselves with this manual and SRC club policies and procedures. It is the Club Coordinator's expectation that the executives uphold these guidelines. Any questions or concerns regarding this document can be directed to the Club Coordinator.

STUDENT CLUBS: CLUB CONDUCT

1 Clubs cannot restrict membership. Every St. Clair College student must be welcome to join each club regardless of race, religion, ability, gender, sexual orientation, social status and/or program of study.

2 Students can be a member of as many clubs as they like, however may only hold an executive position within a maximum of two clubs.

3 Clubs need a minimum of 10 students in order to be ratified by the SRC.

4 All executive members must be full time, current students. General membership is open to all fee-paying students.

5 Each club must elect 4 executive members; President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Their duties can be found in the 'constitution' within the ratification package. Any additional member positions must be added and job descriptions detailed within the constitution.

6 A list of members must be given to the Club Coordinator via email or in person. Each club is responsible for keeping track of membership throughout the year as members join and leave.

7 Clubs must be unique in their mission and not be an extension of an already established external organization.

8 All equipment purchased with club funds becomes the property of the SRC. Clubs must report all purchases of equipment to the Club Coordinator.

9 If a club ceases to be active, all equipment must be surrendered to the SRC to be kept in trust.

11 Clubs must promote inclusion and serve a purpose to enhance student life on campus.

10 The SRC does not ratify any hobby and/or athletic, religious belief/cultural based or any political party based club.

12 All clubs must conduct their banking through the SRC, no off-site banking operations are permitted.

STUDENT CLUBS

RATIFICATION

All clubs must submit a ratification package each active semester to ratify

STARTING A NEW CLUB

If you're interested in starting a new club on campus that fits within the policy and guidelines approved by SRC Inc., your first step is to read the club manual and fill out the ratification paperwork and submit it to the Club Coordinator for approval.

If you're unsure if your club would be approved, feel free to email the Club Coordinator first to seek approval before paperwork is completed.

JOINING AN EXISTING CLUB

If you are interested in joining a club that already exists please email the club president of that club to find out about meeting times, etc. A list of existing clubs and contact information can be found at www.stclair-src.org/clubs

MEMBERSHIP FEES

It is mandatory that clubs charge a membership fee to all of its members. This is a great way to gain funds to start planning events and initiatives. Membership fees can be as low as \$5 and must be agreed upon by the club membership if a larger amount is decided upon.

FACULTY ADVISOR

All clubs are required to have a faculty advisor. The faculty advisor serves the roll of advisor, to over-see club meetings, club decisions and be a liaison for the club within the College.

Your faculty advisor should be available to help you calculate risk and support your club. Faculty advisors are there to assist, they are in no way to have full control over the club.

A faculty advisor can be selected each academic year and can change based on the incoming executive team of the club. The faculty advisor has the right to accept or turn down this position.

SRC RESOURCES CENTRE

ROOM RENTALS

The Club Coordinator can book meeting space for club meetings. Whether it be a classroom or event space, we can help accommodate you. Please provide two business days' notice and please include date, time, whether multimedia is needed, and approximately how many attendees with your inquiry.

POSTERS

Each SRC club is entitled to 25—8.5 X 11, 10—11X17 per event, and 2—24 X 36 posters for large scale events. All posters designed by a student club must include the SRC Club logo which can be found on our website and must be approved by the Club Coordinator prior to printing/posting. Posters should be emailed to the Club Coordinator for printing and approval.

No club printing through the print shop.

EQUIPMENT RENTALS

All equipment that the club borrows from the SRC can be picked up in the SRC office.

The following equipment is available for clubs to use at no charge, subject to availability. Please keep in mind that if equipment isn't returned promptly to the SRC office, in exactly the way your club received it, the expenses incurred, if any, will be the sole responsibility of the student club. A list of rental supply costs can be found on our website or in office.

SOUTH CAMPUS EQUIPMENT/OFFERINGS

- Microphone
- Speakers
- Cash Box
- Square payment
- Popcorn machine
- Cotton candy machine
- Snow cone machine
- Hot dog roller

Request for the following equipment and quantity of supplies needed should be specified 2 weeks before the event.

- Wireless speaker
- Cricut (machine only)
- Classroom bookings for meetings
- Event space in Student Life Centre, Cafeteria alcoves or Griffs

DOWNTOWN EQUIPMENT/OFFERINGS

- Cash Box
- Square payment system
- Popcorn machine
- Table & chair rental in the TD Centre, SCCA or 333 Riverside
- Classroom bookings

VIRTUAL OFFERINGS

Use your Microsoft Teams access to engage with your fellow classmates and club members to have online virtual meetings to stay connected.

Ask us how you can utilize www.studentlifesrc.com to get access to pop-up tables to provide our student body with information and resources.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk management is defined as “the process of analyzing exposure to risk and determining how to best handle such exposure”

Risk Assessment forms accompany all event request forms to assist clubs in identifying potential risks both on and off campus.

WAIVER FORMS

SRC provides waiver forms to any student club that will be hosting events for its membership that will fit into one of the categories below:



Transportation of people



Events & activities funded by the SRC



Sporting / physical activity



Alcohol event

The waivers SRC provides to student clubs dictates that upon signing the form the student is ‘releasing liability, waiving all possible claims and assumptions of risk’.

A club is not an agent or representative of SRC and therefore has no authority to act on behalf of SRC and its views and actions in no way represent SRC.





CLUB BANKING

All club banking is to be administered through SRC, no off-site bank accounts are allowed.

Cheques being made out to your club for sponsorship, etc. need to be made out to St. Clair SRC or for issuing tax receipts, 'St. Clair College.' Please include club name in cheque memo.

A club can request an account balance from the SRC at any time. The form can be found on our website or in office.

WITHDRAWALS

Each time a club member wants to withdraw funds from their bank account they must fill out a **cheque request form**. To complete a cheque request form you will need two executives with signing authority and the faculty advisor to sign off as well as, proof of purchase (invoice or receipt) in order to be processed. This form is submitted to the Club Coordinator to sign & process. Cheques are issued on Wednesdays. Members who wish to receive their reimbursement via e transfer will be subject to a \$1.50 charge deducted from the reimbursement amount.

DEPOSITS

To deposit cash or cheques into your club account, please have a **Deposit form** filled out by two executives with signing authority and the faculty advisor. The SRC provides coin rolls for any change deposits. This form can also be used for any sponsorships that the club receives. Please note the SRC cannot provide tax receipts in exchange for club sponsorships.

CLUB RATIFICATION & STUDENT LIFE FUNDING

SRC WANTS TO GIVE YOU MONEY!

SRC allots a certain amount of funding each year to assist clubs with their events and initiatives. Clubs can apply for ratification funding three times a year but must remain active in order to receive these funds. The following dates are ratification deadlines:

2024 Fall Semester

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| OCT 4 | OCT 11 | OCT 18 |
| \$500 | \$300 | \$250 |

2025 Winter Semester

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| FEB 7 | FEB 14 | FEB 21 |
| \$500 | \$300 | \$250 |

2025 Spring Semester

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| MAY 30 | JUNE 6 | JUNE 13 |
| \$500 | \$300 | \$250 |

RATIFICATION FUNDING

Clubs must ratify each semester to show the SRC that the club intends to be active. Submitting your **ratification package** on or before the three deadlines listed above will determine your funding amount. To retain this funding, the club must host a minimum of 1 event and 2 all member meetings before the last day of the semester it is awarded. If the club does not fulfill these requirements by submitting **event form(s)** prior to their events and **meeting minutes** attached to their end of **semester activity report** to the Club Coordinator, the ratification funding will be removed from the club's account. SRC reserves this right.

STUDENT LIFE FUNDING

A **Special Event Funding request form** can be completed on our website <https://www.stclair-src.org/student-life/clubs>. The purpose of special event funding is to help subsidize large-scale events, educational travel, training for club members, conference attendance, professional speakers etc.

The SRC has specific stipulations on student life funding, as it's to be utilized by clubs to put toward delivery of events, tournaments or some form of campus activity. These events **MUST** promote St. Clair College and the club itself or provide a benefit to the majority of club members. The initiative must not be a function (for example; semi-formal, gala, awards night and/or yearbook) for which clubs should fundraise for on a regular basis.

These requests are completed online through our website, reviewed & approved or denied by the SRC Board of Directors, which can take 2-3 weeks. A club may be asked to attend a board meeting to present their proposal and answer any questions that may arise. If the club chooses not to utilize the funds for the approved purpose, these funds are to be returned to the SRC.

EVENTS

1

Each club must hold at least one club event per semester to maintain their active status each semester.

2

An event application + risk assessment form must be submitted to the SRC prior to every club event/activity/initiative, regardless if this event takes place on or off campus. All club forms can be downloaded from our website, requested by e-mail to srcclubs@stclaircollege.ca or hard copies can be found in our office.

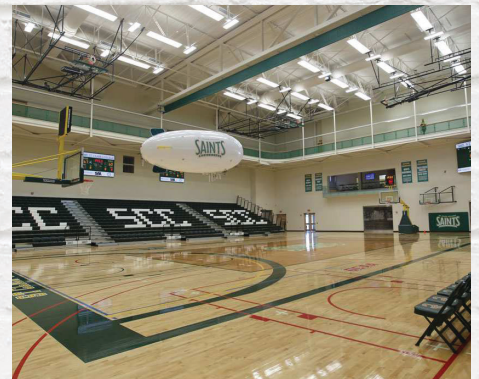
BOOKING A SPACE

The SRC encourages all student clubs to first consider SRC locations for your events. SRC covers the room rental fee for student clubs that book our spaces for events.



THE STUDENT LIFE CENTRE

We also encourage the use of college spaces. Some of these are; Eatery 101, St. Clair Centre for the Arts, classic gymnasium and the SportsPlex.



All SRC spaces must be booked by the Club Coordinator, no exceptions. The Club Coordinator acts as a liaison between your student club and all other departments on campus.

EVENTS: POSTER POLICIES

1

All posters must be approved by the Club Coordinator and will be stamped after printing. Please email your poster to the Club Coordinator in .PDF format with the size & amount for print. The club will be charged for prints that exceed the size/quantities listed on page 7 of this manual.

2

All clubs must follow St. Clair College & Student Representative Council Inc. poster policies.

3

All posters must include the SRC Club logo.

The logo can be obtained from the Club Coordinator and must remain unaltered.

4

Club posters may only be placed on SRC posting boards or where given permission to post. Failure to do so will result in posters being torn down.

6

Offensive material and images promoting alcohol and/or illegal substances are not permitted.

5

Please note; SRC Street Team are in charge of hanging posters once per week.

CONTRACTS

Club executives and/or general members may not sign contracts of any kind, no one other than the Manager of Student Experience in the SRC can sign them. If a club member does sign a contract, they are to understand that they will be held personally liable for any and all claims that may arise as a result and may put their club status in jeopardy.

INSURANCE

SRC ratified clubs fall under SRC's insurance when on campus. Please speak to your Clubs Coordinator when planning events off campus or involving any form of travel.

GOOD CLUB STANDING

In order to be considered in good club standing, all clubs must comply with the following:

- Submit a ratification package & semester activity report each semester
- Schedule a minimum of 2 meetings per semester and submit meeting minutes (75% of members must be in attendance)
- Hold at least 1 event per semester that benefits and/or includes the majority of members
- Maintain an updated list of club members & accurate tracking/collection of membership fees
- Executive members must attend all mandatory meetings scheduled by the SRC & respond to any communications sent by the SRC within 1 business day.

Failure to comply with good club standing will result in the following measures.

1. Written warning via email from the Club Coordinator to the club President and Faculty Advisor.
2. A meeting request to discuss the issue with the Club Coordinator. Failure to attend this meeting will immediately place the club into step 3.
3. Club activity suspended for a two week period. This includes room bookings, club funding and any other club related activities.
4. Club activity suspended for a full semester. This includes room bookings, club funding and removal of club recognition from the SRC.
5. Club activity suspended for a full year. Club recognition from the SRC will be removed for the remainder of the academic year, with the option of continued suspension for the next academic year.

FUNDRAISING

All funds raised by a club will be submitted to the SRC's Club Coordinator, and will be processed and deposited by the Manager of Finance and Administration into the clubs account. All funds must be legally and willfully obtained, and mustn't be obtained through sale of alcohol or gambling.

Clubs may only fundraise for classroom equipment purchases if the funds raised flow through the St. Clair College Equipment Renewal Fund. The contact for the equipment renewal fund is Mike Sorrell in the office of the Vice President of Community Relations. He can be reached at msorrell@stclaircollege.ca.

SPONSORSHIP

The SRC understands the financial opportunity that sponsorships can afford a club, and as such we support the solicitation of sponsorships, if it is within guidelines. It is imperative that clubs abide by the sponsorship guidelines detailed below; failure to do so will result in de-certification.

1. Approval from the SRC must be obtained prior to seeking sponsorship in any capacity.
2. All clubs must submit the sponsorship letter they are using to solicit sponsors to be reviewed and edited by the Club Coordinator.
3. Clubs must submit the following information prior to soliciting a sponsor:
 - i. Name of the desired sponsor
 - ii. Sponsor's relationship to the club, if any
 - iii. The name and details of the event they will be sponsoring
 - iv. The agreement being required of the sponsor and;
 - v. What the sponsor will receive in return
4. If the sponsor is providing money to the club, the cheque is to be made out to SRC Clubs with the club's name on the memo line.

In the event that the SRC does not support the sponsorship agreement, the SRC reserves the right to terminate the possible sponsorship.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Clubs are encouraged to utilize various social media platforms to promote their club among the College and community alike.

The SRC has the right to monitor and regulate conduct and expectations of individuals associated with the SRC when expressing their personal opinions through social media and other online communications. This guideline serves to protect and maintain the reputation of the SRC.

Social media posts and websites must not negatively affect the reputation of the SRC or the college as a whole. Published materials that are insulting, demeaning or offensive to the SRC, St. Clair College, its students, club members, employees or affiliates will not be tolerated.

