



## The Difference Between Clubs, Interest Groups, and Organizations

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### **Clubs/Sports Teams (ST):**

- UWODSS recognized clubs are eligible for access to a number of services and benefits which currently include the following:
  - Recognition as an UWODSS-affiliated Club/ST
  - Use of the UWODSS name in the Club/ST title and in association with your activities.
  - Listing of the Club/ST in official UWODSS publications including the website and Clubs Calendar.
  - Consideration for funding from UWODSS during the academic year.
  - A personalized web page (on UWODSS.com, under 'The Hub') for students to join, collaborate, and share information with fellow interest group members.
  - Access to the resources and services of UWODSS.
- We require Clubs/STs to go through the UWODSS Club Ratification process (more information under the 'Clubs' FAQs on UWODSS.com). As a ratified Club/ST, you:
  - Are expected to exist beyond one calendar year, in a formal and sustainable way.
  - Must have a current constitution that is approved by, and be on file with, UWODSS.
  - Must follow the policies outlined in your Club Constitution, as well as the Clubs Policies and Procedures. Failure to do so may result in revocation of ratification status.
  - Will be held to your respective mandate and purpose.
  - Must have an Executive Committee, consisting of a minimum of four (4) Executive members.
  - Require a faculty advisor.
  - Must submit events/meeting dates on a regular basis to the VP of Information Technology on UWODSS.
- Membership is open to all students and faculty of Schulich Medicine and Dentistry.
  - All non-Schulich Dentistry students, and faculty do not have voting rights;
  - Executive members, voting and non-voting, shall be Schulich Dentistry students.
- Activities must not violate the University's policies and procedures, and municipal, provincial and federal laws.
- **Sports teams:** To be eligible for ratification, a sports team must organize at-least one official match (e.g. that are not intramurals or an adult league) within the school year. For example, the MIghty Dents organize The ODA Cup on a yearly basis.



### **Interest Groups:**

- UWODSS approved interest groups are eligible for access to the following services:
  - A personalized web page (on UWODSS.com, under 'The Hub') for students to join, collaborate, and share information with fellow interest group members.
- Interest groups are not required to undergo the ratification process through UWODSS. Accordingly, they are:
  - Not expected to exist beyond one calendar year.
  - Not required to provide a constitution, have an executive committee, or faculty advisor.
  - Not eligible to receive funding from UWODSS.
- Must have one designated student representative in-charge.
- Membership is open to all students and faculty of Schulich Medicine and Dentistry.
- Activities must not violate the University's policies and procedures, and municipal, provincial and federal laws.

### **Organizations:**

- Organizations at Schulich Medicine and Dentistry are eligible for access to the following services:
  - Listing of the organization on the UWODSS website.
- An organization is a group that is tied to:
  - Schulich Medicine and Dentistry as a department (e.g. The Dental Academic Research Trainees) or;
  - A third-party that operates largely outside of the university; and runs with the oversight of a central body other than UWODSS (e.g. London's Oral Health Total Health chapter which exists under a nationwide group).
- Organizations are not required to undergo the ratification process through UWODSS, but student leaders must notify UWODSS if a chapter at our school exists.