



Background: How UBC sport teams will be assessed

The sport review will evaluate UBC's varsity teams and interested AMS club teams for consideration in two high-performance strands (categories) of the new UBC competitive sport model. An advisory team will conduct the evaluation and make recommendations for placement. At present, the advisory team is receiving final feedback on criteria, weights and measures for the assessment process. The assessment will then take place in two stages.

Stage 1 – Determining which teams currently meet criteria for varsity status

The Department of Athletics and Recreation (DAR) will help coaches collect data on their teams relevant to the criteria. Coaches can request additional assistance to address any missing figures or inaccuracies and will also be provided independent support from individuals with whom they can share their draft submission for feedback and refinement. Submissions will allow coaches to provide context to the data and other information they deem relevant to the assessment. After careful consideration, the advisory team will make recommendations on which teams most effectively meet the criteria for the varsity strand. Teams which only partially meet the criteria will be given feedback and move to stage two.

Stage 2 – Determining which teams will be considered for varsity status with a revised plan

In stage two, teams not confirmed in the first stage will be given an opportunity to provide a framework for a plan for meeting the criteria, potentially with a revised funding model. This might include, for example, additional information to that which was provided in the initial template, a framework for a new approach to the team that would better deliver against the criteria for varsity standard, and/or a letter of intent from partners around commitment and financing. Coaches will be supported in this process through an independent advisor and will be invited to bring up to two non-student supporters to a face-to-face discussion with the advisory team. The advisory team will confirm which teams have proposed plans which enable them to more completely meet the criteria for the varsity strand. At this point, the advisory team will either confirm a team is varsity based on the strength of the proposal, or provide feedback on the potential of the proposal, but ask for more development of the plan. Those teams that still do not appear to have sufficiently met the criteria will be offered a place in the competitive club strand with the 2014-15 season to prepare for the transition.

Appeals – Teams will be provided with an opportunity to appeal final decisions.

The Advisory Team

UBC Athletics representatives -- 2 members
UBC alumni -- 3 members (including two new positions)
Coach representative - 1 member
Student representatives -- 3 members
External sport expert -- 1 member
Faculty representative -- 1 member

Estimated project timeline:

Announcement of final criteria: Early December
Stage 1 assessments: January
Stage 2 team assessments: February/March
Final decisions: Spring 2014