



THE GAMECOCK CLUB

2005 Membership Information

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Our Mission

Thousands of student-athletes have received their education at the University of South Carolina through the generous contributions of the Gamecock Club, the University's official athletic booster and fundraising organization.

Hosts of alumni and loyal fans of Gamecock teams have joined themselves in a "Commitment to Excellence" through their financial support in educating the young men and women who proudly wear the Garnet and Black and represent the University of South Carolina. The members of the Gamecock Club can be proud of their achievements and take pride in knowing the University of South Carolina Gamecock Club is one of the leading fundraising organizations in Division I of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

The charter of the Gamecock Club is approved by the NCAA, the Southeastern Conference, the University of South Carolina and the Athletics Director of the University of South Carolina, main campus. Its sole purpose is to provide the financial aid to student-athletes in twenty (20) varsity sports. This aid is in the form of recruitment, tuition fees and charges, meal cost, housing cost, injury insurance and rehabilitation expense, as well as special education needs and tutorial sessions.

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2005 Gamecock Club Timetable

3rd week in January	Membership renewal packets are mailed to current members
February 15	Membership application deadline
May 31	Requests for parking change deadline
June 30	Gamecock Club dues deadline
3rd week in July	Membership cards are mailed
3rd week in August	Football parking passes are mailed
2nd week in November	Basketball parking passes are mailed
3rd week in December	Calendars are mailed to current members

Priority

- Season tickets are assigned by giving level beginning with Golden Spurs. Priority within giving levels is issued to determine season ticket seating assignments as well as parking assignments.
- Priority is determined by the total dollars contributed to the Gamecock Club divided by your current annual donation. For example, a member has given \$4,000 over the life of his membership. If the member is currently donating as a Half Scholarship, then his priority is a Half Scholarship 6.15 since the donation is divided by \$650. ($\$4,000/\$650 = 6.15$)
- If the same member decides to donate as a Roundhouse, then his priority is an 11.43 Roundhouse since the total donation is now divided by \$350. ($\$4,000/\$350 = 11.43$)

The Point System

- The point system will apply to all contribution levels with the exception of Golden Spur, Lifetime Silver Spur, Silver Spur and Lifetime Full. All ticket assignments other than season football, basketball and baseball will be done by the point system.
- Under the point system, members receive three points for each year of consecutive membership and receive one point for each \$100 of cumulative contributions.
- A member has donated \$9,000 over the life of his seven-year membership. The member receives 90 points for the dollars donated. (One point for each \$100 donated.) He will also receive 21 points for the years of consecutive membership. (Three points for each consecutive year of contribution). Therefore, this member has 111 points which will be considered when assigning away tickets, bowl tickets.

Matching Gift Information

- The Gamecock Club is happy to accept matching gifts as a part of your donation to the program. You may wish to ask your benefits administrator if your company offers a matching gift program.
- If your company agrees to match money donated towards athletic scholarships, you will complete your form indicating the University of South Carolina Gamecock Club as the institution receiving your gift.
- ***If your company will not match athletic scholarships but has agreed to allow money you donate to the Gamecock Club to be matched to the University of South Carolina Educational Foundation, then complete the form as follows:***
 - University of South Carolina Educational Foundation
1600 Hampton St., Room 736
Columbia, S.C. 29208
- Members will receive full Gamecock Club credit for both their donation and the matching gift payment unless your company has requested that you not receive credit for their matching gift. As a reminder, it is the company's discretion as to whether or not they match the member's funds. ***If the company does not match, it will be the member's responsibility to pay the pledge in full.***
- If you choose to make multiple payments on your pledge, ***a separate matching gift form or copy of your online confirmation must accompany each payment*** or you will be billed for the full amount of your pledge.

2005 Ticket Office Timetable

March 7 – May 2	Football season ticket applications mailed
May 6	Football season ticket application deadline
2nd week in August	Football season tickets mailed
3rd week in August	Away and individual game tickets mailed
3rd week in September	Basketball season ticket applications mailed
2nd week in October	Basketball season ticket application deadline
2nd week of November	Basketball season tickets mailed

Important Payment Information

- ***The Gamecock Club Board voted in 2003 that we would no longer accept money orders or cashier's checks for Gamecock Club payment.***

Ticket Information

- The Gamecock Club was founded to provide a means for funding scholarships and related costs of scholarships for the student-athletes at the University of South Carolina. Participation in the Gamecock Club entitles its members the opportunity to purchase tickets at Williams-Brice Stadium, Colonial Center and Sarge Frye Field in sections provided for Gamecock Club members as long as available. The ticket office can be reached at **(803) 777-4274** or **1-800-4SC-FANS**.

Seating Assignment Policy

- Football, basketball and baseball season tickets are assigned by giving levels and priority within your giving level based upon years of giving and continuous years of season ticket purchases. ***Season tickets are generally assigned for all home games; however, if demand for season tickets exceeds the number available, season books will be comprised of tickets for games which are available and a refund will be issued for any tickets you do not receive.***
- Individual game and away game tickets for football are assigned by the point system. Individual home game ticket orders will be filled if tickets remain after satisfying all season ticket requests. Individual away game ticket orders will be filled if tickets remain available after satisfying all requests from season ticket purchasers (away game tickets are unavailable for basketball).

Order of Assignment for Season Tickets

- Previous Season Tickets Holders are assigned seats from previous year
- Golden Spur seat change requests by priority
- New Golden Spur tickets are assigned
- Lifetime Scholarship seat change requests by priority
- Silver Spur seat change requests by priority
- New Silver Spur tickets are assigned
- Full Scholarship seat change requests by priority
- New Full Scholarship tickets assigned
- Half Scholarship seat change requests by priority
- New Half Scholarship tickets assigned
- Roundhouse seat change requests by priority
- New Roundhouse tickets assigned
- Century seat change requests by priority
- New Century tickets assigned
- Individual tickets assigned if available

Refund Policy

- In the event ticket orders exceed ticket supply, a refund will be forthcoming for the tickets not available. Full season ticket books have not been available for three years at some giving levels. Refunds will be mailed from the ticket office six to eight weeks after tickets have been mailed.

Benefits for Donors

All members except Roost Level donors receive car decals, membership cards, subscription to Spurs and Feathers newspapers and desk and pocket calendars. With the exception of Golden Spur level, tickets are not included in the donation to the Gamecock Club.

Century Club (\$150)

- First priority on two season football tickets (if available).
- Priority on two away and bowl game tickets based on point system and availability
- Priority on two season basketball tickets
- Priority on tournament game tickets based on point system
- Spouse only may inherit membership
- First year USC graduates receive one year complimentary membership

Roundhouse (\$350)

- First priority on four season football tickets (if available)
- Parking pass for football season in designated areas (**first come, first serve**) with season ticket order
- Priority on two away and bowl game tickets based on point system and availability
- Priority on two season basketball tickets
- Priority on tournament game tickets based on point system
- Spouse only may inherit membership

Half Scholarship (\$650)

- First priority on four season football tickets (if available)
 - Second priority on two season football tickets (total of six)
 - Parking pass for football season in designated areas (**first-come, first-serve**) with season ticket order
 - Priority on two away and bowl game tickets based on point system and availability
 - Priority on four season basketball tickets
 - Priority on tournament game tickets based on point system
 - Elevator access at Williams-Brice Stadium
 - Access to the East and West side Scholarship Donors' lounges located at Williams-Brice Stadium* **beginning 20 minutes prior to kickoff unless holding buffet tickets**
 - Complimentary football and basketball media guides
 - Spouse only may inherit membership
 - Membership listing in football program
- * **Dutch Buffet opens 2 1/2 hours before kickoff. Reservations are required.**

Full Scholarship (\$1,350)

- First priority on four season football tickets (best based on availability)
- Second priority on four season football tickets (total of eight)
- Assigned reserved parking for football season with season ticket order (**except those assigned in Fairgrounds area during S.C. State Fair – first-come, first-serve**)
- Priority on two away and bowl game tickets based on point system (if available)
- Priority on four season basketball tickets
- Basketball parking pass to designated first-come, first-served lots with season ticket order
- Priority on tournament game tickets based on point system
- Elevator access at Williams-Brice Stadium
- Access to the East and West side Scholarship

Donors' lounges located at Williams-Brice Stadium* **beginning 20 minutes prior to kickoff unless holding buffet tickets**

- Complimentary football and basketball media guides
- Spouse only may inherit membership
- Membership listing in football program

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Silver Spur (\$3,000)

- First priority on four season football tickets (best based on availability)
- Second priority on four season football tickets (total of eight)
- Assigned reserved parking for football season with season ticket order (**except those assigned in Fairgrounds area during S.C. State Fair – first-come, first-serve**)
- Priority on four away and bowl game tickets (not applicable to point system)
- Priority on four season basketball tickets
- Priority on tournament game tickets (not applicable to point system)
- Elevator access at Williams-Brice Stadium
- Access to the East and West side Scholarship Donors' lounges located at Williams-Brice Stadium* **beginning 20 minutes prior to kickoff unless holding buffet tickets**
- Basketball parking pass to designated first-come, first-served lots with season ticket order
- Complimentary football and basketball media guides

- Designated heir
- Membership listing in football program

* **Dutch Buffet opens 2 1/2 hours before kickoff. Reservations are required.**

Golden Spur (\$15,000)

- Six season football tickets in the best seats available with priority on purchasing two additional upper deck tickets
- Assigned preferred parking for football season
- Access to premium dining before football and basketball games
- First priority on six away and bowl game tickets
- Charter travel accommodations for two with the football or basketball teams to one away game (based on availability)
- Two season basketball tickets with priority on purchasing two additional lower bowl tickets and two additional upper deck tickets
- First priority on tournament game tickets
- Basketball parking pass in designated parking lot
- Two admissions for all Olympic sports (as requested)
- Elevator access at Williams-Brice Stadium
- Complimentary football and basketball media guides
- Designated heir
- Membership listing in football program

Planned Giving

- The successful future of the Gamecock athletics program will in no small measure be ensured by the support it receives through planned giving vehicles. The athletics department makes available various alternatives for supporting Gamecock athletics. The alternatives may provide considerable tax benefits to you and your family, while in addition, assist the Gamecock Athletics Department.
- Contributions provided through gifts of securities, real estate, gift annuities, pooled income funds, charitable remainder trusts and bequests are several of the options that are available.
- For more information, please contact the University of South Carolina Athletics Department at (803) 777-4202.

Football

- To receive a season football ticket application in time for priority seating deadlines, Gamecock Club pledge forms must arrive at the Gamecock Club office no later than February 13, 2005.
- **Full payment for tickets must accompany your ticket application.** All ticket applications arriving after the deadline will not be included in the priority assignment but will be filled from any remaining tickets.
- Members will retain priority provided they contribute at the same level or higher. **Members choosing to contribute at a lower level will have their tickets and parking reassigned.**
- The ticket office does not automatically relocate a member's seats if they increase their donation. Relocation of seats must be requested by the member in writing on the ticket application. Each request is reviewed, but personal follow-up is not always possible due to the volume of relocation requests and orders. These requests are not carried forward on a yearly basis.
- All away and bowl tickets will be assigned based on availability.
- Premium seating is assigned by giving level and is currently at capacity.
- **Tickets will not be mailed until pledge is paid in full.**

Basketball

- Season ticket applications for basketball will be mailed to all Gamecock Club members.
- **Full payment for tickets must accompany your ticket application.** All ticket applications arriving after the deadline will not be included in the priority assignment but will be filled from any remaining tickets.
- Members will retain priority provided they contribute at the same level or higher. Members choosing to contribute at a lower level will have their tickets reassigned.
- **Tickets will not be mailed until pledge is paid in full.**

Frequently Asked Questions

Are joint memberships permitted?

Joint memberships are **not** permitted. Memberships will be recorded under one name and one social security number or federal identification number. Payment must come from the donor listed.

Will membership guarantee me tickets?

Tickets will be assigned on the basis of availability. If full season books are not available, then season tickets will be offered for those games that are available. Since the 2000 season, full season football tickets have not been available.

Will my ticket assignment be affected if I lower my contribution?

Yes. Members choosing to contribute at a lower level will have their tickets and parking reassigned.

Are memberships and/or tickets transferable?

Golden Spur, Lifetime and Silver Spur members can name one individual as a designated heir. All other contribution levels can pass their membership onto a spouse only.

Is my contribution tax deductible?

Since 1988, contributions to booster groups have been governed by a specific IRS tax rule that says 80% of the value of such gifts is deductible. Consult your tax advisor to accurately determine the deductibility of your contribution.

If I turn down tickets, am I able to repurchase them at a later time?

Regardless of seniority, if you have given up tickets, then try to repurchase them at a later date, you will be assigned seats based on your current giving level and priority.

Why does the Gamecock Club need my email address?

The Gamecock Club has an increasing need to contact members quickly. Email is another means of sending information to members especially on time sensitive issues. The Gamecock Club respects your privacy as a member and will not share this information with any other individual, group or organization.

May someone else pay my membership dues?

No payments will be accepted from anyone other than the member himself. The name on the check must match the name on the membership in order for us to accept the payment. A valid photo identification may be requested in order to pay by cash.

Can my credit/debit card be automatically drafted each month?

No, you will receive a monthly billing which should be returned with card information.

Can I pay my membership using a money order or a cashier's check?

No. In 2003, the Gamecock Club Board voted that all payments must be made with a personal check or credit card with the member's name listed.

Junior Gamecock Club

- Are you a serious Gamecock fan? Do you dream in Garnet & Black?
- If you are the ultimate Gamecock fan, you've got to join the official kids club of the University of South Carolina Athletics Department. Cockey is calling all kids, 13 and under (ninth graders are ineligible if 13 years old), to join the Junior Gamecock Club! Any current Junior Gamecock will tell you why it's great to be a member and here are just a few of the reasons.

- *Official T-Shirt*
- *Membership Card*
- *Membership Sticker*
- *Special keepsake souvenir*
- *Exclusive Junior Gamecock Club parties and events*
 - *Meet players and coaches*
- *Chance to be named Junior Gamecock Club fan of the game at home football and basketball games*
 - *Years of membership will apply to future Gamecock Club memberships*

Student Gamecock Club

- The Student Gamecock Club is a collegiate student-run organization that supports all facets of Gamecock athletics. The club aims to promote greater interest in student members with a level of involvement in the athletic program not available to other students and translate each student member's interest and involvement into a lifetime of support of USC through continued membership in the Gamecock Club.

Past events include:

- *Blackout*
- *Garnet Gameday*
- *On campus Dave Odom call in show*
 - *Facility tours*
 - *Team cookouts*
- *Football "Rally" rags*
- *Student Gamecock Club basketball section*

Junior Gamecock Club Application

Child's Name _____

New Member (\$20) _____

Social Security Number _____ Boy or Girl? _____

Renewal (\$10) _____

Date of Birth (Must be under the age of 13) _____

T-shirt Size

_____ Toddler (2-4)

_____ Youth S (6-8)

_____ Youth M (10-12)

_____ Youth L (14-16)

_____ Adult S (34-36)

_____ Adult M (38-40)

_____ Adult L (42-44)

Street Address _____

City & State _____

Sip _____

County _____ Telephone _____

Parent's Name _____

Visa/MC/Discover _____ Expire _____

Parent's E-mail
Address _____



Signature _____

Sign and return to:
1300 Rosewood Drive
Columbia, S.C., 29208

2005 GAMECOCK CLUB PLEDGE FORM

M NEW DONOR M RENEWAL - ACCT. # _____

Mr. M

Mrs. M Name _____ Social Security/Fed. I.D. _____

Ms. M

(Required)

Address _____

City & State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____

E-mail Address _____ Date of Birth (Required) _____

Spouse Name _____ Spouse SS# _____

May we list your contribution in USC Publications? M Yes M No _____

Name to be listed in publication

Pledges Must Be Paid In Full Prior To Mailing of Season Football & Basketball Tickets.

Signature (Required) _____ Date _____

PAYMENT FOR THE MEMBERSHIP MUST COME FROM THE DONOR LISTED.

We no longer accept Cashiers Checks or Money Orders for payment.

NAME OF MATCHING GIFT COMPANY _____

A Matching Gift form or confirmation of online filing. Must accompany each payment

Please see the brochure for instructions on completing your matching gift form

MC/Visa/Discover Card # _____

Exp. Date _____

****Include your credit card number and the amount you wish to be debited at this time only.**

You will receive a billing statement for the balance of your pledge in the months you indicated above.**

Amount Enclosed with Your Pledge \$ _____

Select Billing Amounts & Months

If Not Paying In Full At This Time.

Mar \$ _____ Apr \$ _____

May \$ _____ June \$ _____

CREDIT CARDS WILL NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY DEBITED FOR MONTHLY PAYMENTS. A STATEMENT WILL BE SENT IN THE MONTHS INDICATED ABOVE.

Check Membership Level Desired:

Roost \$ 50.00 M

Century \$ 150.00 M

Roundhouse \$ 350.00 M

Half Scholarship \$ 650.00 M

Full Scholarship \$ 1,350.00 M

Silver Spur \$ 3,000.00 M

Golden Spur \$15,000.00 M

Pledge Form Due By February 15th.

Pledges Must Be Paid In Full By June 30th.

Amount to charge now: \$ _____

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