Cannabis collectives or cooperatives must:

- Only acquire and provide cannabis to members and assure that no cannabis transactions occur with nonmembers.
- Only receive monetary reimbursement from members in an amount necessary to cover overhead costs and operating expenses (e.g., not operate on a for-profit basis).
- Possess, cultivate, and transport amounts of cannabis that are consistent with the aggregate limits provided for member patients and may be required to produce documentation to support the amounts of cannabis possessed, cultivated, or transported. Specifically, they may possess:
  - 8 ounces of dried cannabis per patient
  - 6 mature plants per patient
  - 12 immature plants per patient
  - An amount of cannabis consistent with the patient’s needs as recommended by a physician
- Satisfy fire, safety, and building code requirements.
- Obtain a seller’s permit from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.
- Comply with all applicable local rules and ordinances for operating a cannabis collective or cooperative in that local jurisdiction.