



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its government. Failure to follow this constitution could result in revocation of Students' Association recognition of this organization.

Article I. Purpose of Organization/Mission Statement

The purpose of the University of Rochester Fellowship of Christian Athletes is to promote the teachings of Christianity through the platform of sports, as well as serving the University of Rochester and Greater Rochester Community. We will provide a positive environment for both student-athletes and students alike to bond over the shared fondness of sports and learn about Christianity, as well as building a community based upon neighborly love. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is not exclusive to only Varsity Athletes, but rather anyone who enjoys sports in any capacity, wants to learn about Christianity, or both.

Article II. Membership ***Section A. Membership***

1. Eligibility – All Students' Association members shall be eligible for membership. An SA Member is a University of Rochester undergraduate of the College who has paid their SA activities fee. All University of Rochester faculty, staff, graduate students and Eastman students shall be eligible for associate membership. All members and associate members shall be listed on the organization's Campus Club Connection site.
2. Definition of active member – The only special requirement for gaining membership to Fellowship of Christian Athletes is that a member must always uphold our code of conduct, which states one must be open to all beliefs, avoid passing judgment, and respect all cultures, beliefs, and customs of other individuals.
To maintain active membership, a member must attend 25% of all FCA monthly events, at the minimum. There will be no dues charged to any active member.
3. Definition of associate member – Associate members are defined as those who attend 10% of all events throughout the semester but not more than 25%. Associate members do not have the right to run for the leadership board or vote in executive elections. Associate members do not have to pay dues as well.

Article III. Meetings and Voting

Section A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum, plus one officer is present. Quorum is defined as at least half of the active membership being present at a meeting.

Section B. Voting

1. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
2. All members shall have equal voting power.
3. Procedure – All decisions shall be arrived at by simple majority using a hand vote unless otherwise specified by the presiding officer. The President shall only vote to break a tie.

Article IV. Officers and Qualifications

Section A. Officer Positions

1. Head Captain – Qualification to hold the position of Head Captain is that an individual must have at least one year on the leadership board. The Head Captain will have a term limit of one academic year as well.
2. Vice President – The position of Vice President will be a hybrid position given to an individual on the Leadership Board who is elected by the Leadership Board to serve as a President-In-Training. This position is to serve as a spiritual platform for an individual in the Leadership Board to truly grow in his/her faith to potentially handle the rigors of being Head Captain. To qualify to be Vice President, an individual must be elected to a Leadership Board position in a fair election and be elected to the Vice President election by majority vote. The Vice President Position will have a term limit of one academic year.
3. Captain of Community Service and Outreach – The Captain of Community Service and Outreach is a position on the Leadership Board that is open for any individual classified as an active member to run for. This position has a term limit of one academic year.
4. Captain of Campus Affairs – The Captain of Campus Affairs is a position on the Leadership Board that is open for any individual classified as an active member to run for. This position has a term limit of one academic year.
5. Treasurer – The Treasurer is a position on the Leadership Board that is open for any individual classified as an active member to run for. This position has a term limit of one academic year.
6. Secretary – The Secretary is a position on the Leadership Board that is open for any individual classified as an active member to run for. This position has a term limit of one academic year.

Section B. Duties of Officers

1. All officers shall be members of the Students' Association.
2. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
3. All officers shall enforce this constitution.
4. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this organization.
5. The Head Captain shall preside over the meetings and shall maintain organization within the club, communicate with other officers and delegate duties to maintain a functioning club that fulfills the purposes set forth above.
6. The Treasurer will be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions.
7. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining a current copy of this constitution open to inspection by all members of this organization, Senators, and all members of the Students' Association. Also, the Vice-President shall take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.

8. The Captain of Community Service and Outreach will be in charge of organizing all community service events, arranging for any social outings off campus, and interaction with other clubs at other Universities in the Rochester Community.
9. The Captain of Campus Affairs is in charge of arranging meeting dates and locations, service project and event coordination within the U of R community, relations to the Student Association, and outreach to students within the U of R community.
10. The title of Vice-President will be handed to one of the other branches, who will be the President- In-Training.

Section C. Nominations and Elections

1. Nomination and Elections Procedure – The voting process will consist of two parts – 50% will be determined by the leadership council and the other 50% will be decided by votes of club members. Active members can nominate themselves or other active members.
2. Timing of Elections – Elections will take place at the beginning of March, prior to Spring Break.
3. Term of Office – The term of office is one academic year.

Section D. Vacancies, Resignations, and Removals

1. At the valid meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled by the same manner described in the Nominations and Elections Procedure.
2. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove an officer. Such a vote shall require a 2/3 majority of the active membership to pass the motion.
3. If a vote of no confidence on any officer is to take place, it must be given an official meeting's notice. Any member of an organization can call for a vote of no confidence.
4. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

Section E. Provisions of Advisor(s)

Article V. Committees Not Applicable

Section A. Purpose of Committees

1. A committee shall be an organized group within Fellowship of Christian Athletes whose mission coincides and facilitates the overall mission statement of Athletes in Action.
2. The goals of every committee must be in accordance and working towards the same goals as Athletes in Action.
3. Fellowship of Christian Athletes shall ultimately be responsible for the actions of their committees.

Section B. Committees

Section C. Chairperson

1. A committee chairperson shall preside over a committee.
2. A committee chairperson shall report directly to the organization during regular meetings regarding current business of the committee.
3. A committee chairperson shall be responsible for maintaining the committee's Campus Club Connection webpage.

Section D. Membership

1. All members of a committee shall be members of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
2. All members of Fellowship of Christian Athletes shall be eligible for committee membership.

Section E. Meetings

1. Meetings shall be presided over by the committee chairperson.
2. Meetings shall be determined by the committee chairperson and committee members as needed.
3. A valid meeting shall follow the same meeting and voting rules as mentioned above in Article III.

Section F. Budget

1. Committee budgets shall be determined and allocated by the organization's executive board.
2. Committee budgets shall be managed by the committee chairperson in consultation with the organization's business manager.
3. All financial requests shall be processed by the organization's business manager.

Section G. Promotion and Publication

1. When promoting a committee, it shall be advertised as "X is a committee of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
2. When advertising an event sponsored by a committee, it shall be advertised as "X event is sponsored by Y, a committee of Athletes in Action.
3. If organization is SA-funded, "Fellowship of Christian Athletes is SA funded" must also be included on all promotions, advertisements, and publications.

Article VI. Finances

Section A. Students' Association members shall receive priority at SA-funded events conducted by this organization.

Section B. Funding

Fellowship of Christian Athletes shall not be eligible for SA funding.

Article VII. Classification

Section A. Fellowship of Christian Athletes shall be classified as Religious. A religious organization shall be any SA-recognized organization that subscribes to and promotes a religious doctrine. All religious organizations shall be an overseen by the Chapel staff.

Article VIII. Adoption of the Constitution

Section A. Two-thirds of the active membership, or more if the organization decides, must approve the constitution.

Section B. This constitution will be ratified upon approval of the Senate and the signature of the Speaker.

Section C. This constitution shall not conflict with the Students' Association constitution or by-laws.

Article IX. Amendments

Section A. Adoption and ratification of amendments to this constitution shall follow the same procedure as adoption of the entire constitution.

Article X. By-laws

Section A. At least a 2/3 majority of the active membership must approve the by-laws and any amendments.

Section B. By-laws should not conflict with this constitution or the SA constitution or by-laws.

Article XI. Hazing Policy

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by the University of Rochester Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Behavior prohibited under this rule includes actions threatening substantial risk of physical or mental injury; actions exposing the individual to distressing, repulsive, or alarming situations or sensations; forced consumption of alcohol or drugs; actions in the form of social pressure which might cause harm to an individual.

Article XII. Discrimination Policy

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter of the University of Rochester does not discriminate against any individual or organization of individuals on the basis of age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, or political affiliation.

Gabriela Hernandez

8/7/14

Signature of Officer
Submitting Constitution

Date

[Handwritten Signature]

2/13/15

Signature of SA Speaker
Granting Recognition

Date

10-10-10

