



Kendo

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish Kendo of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its governance. Failure to follow this constitution could result in penalties or revocation of Students' Association recognition of this organization.

ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of the Kendo is to provide University of Rochester students and members of the Rochester community with the opportunity to practice the arts of kendo. We further aim to develop our minds and bodies through rigorous training that emphasizes discipline and respect, enabling us to better serve our campus community. Furthermore, we aim to uphold the concept of kendo as put forward by the All Japan Kendo Federation, which is as follows:

The concept of Kendo is to discipline the human character through the application of the principles of the katana (sword).

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION ONE - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Eligibility - All Students' Association (SA) 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 members and associate members shall be listed on the organization's Campus Community Connection site. Membership is automatically renewed yearly unless the member graduates, requests to cancel their membership, or fails to meet membership requirements.
- B. Definition of active member - An active member is a member who attends a minimum of $\frac{1}{3}$ of all club meetings and whose name is on the club roster.
- C. Definition of associate member - All University of Rochester faculty, staff, graduate students and Eastman students shall be eligible for associate membership but not eligible to hold an officer position. Graduate students, faculty, and staff are not eligible to perform, compete, nor travel as part of a college student organization.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION ONE - QUORUM

- A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as ½ of the active membership plus one officer.

SECTION TWO - VOTING

- A. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
- B. All members shall have equal voting power.
- C. 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 V - OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATIONS

SECTION ONE - OFFICER POSITIONS

- A. President - Must have been an active member for at least one semester, unless no one else is qualified.
- B. Business Manager - Must have been an active member for at least one semester, unless no one else is qualified.
- C. Secretary
- D. Social Chair

SECTION TWO - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. All officers shall be members of the Students' Association.
- B. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
- C. All officers shall enforce this constitution.
- D. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this organization.
- E. The President 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. The president in particular must demonstrate a vested interest in club activities and the well-being of the club. This will be evident in their attendance at practice and social events.
- F. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keeping detailed records of all transactions.
- G. 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. They shall also be responsible for taking roll call at meetings, tallying votes, logging minutes, and keeping an accurate list of organization members.
- H. The Social Chair shall be responsible for managing, publicizing, and documenting club social events as brainstormed by the executive board as a whole

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Any undergraduate member of Kendo can be considered a nominee for an officer position if they are nominated by another member and/or self-nominated. The nominee must be an active member for at least one semester and show active participation in the club. A vote shall be held to determine which of the nominees for a given officer position will hold that position.
- B. Term of Office - All officers shall serve for one full academic year.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections will take place at least two weeks before the end of classes during the spring semester.

SECTION FOUR - VACANCIES, RESIGNATIONS, AND REMOVALS

- A. At the first valid meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled by the same manner described in *Article V, Section Three*.
- B. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove an officer. Such a vote shall require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the entire active membership to pass. Any member of the organization may call for a vote of no confidence.
- C. If a vote of no confidence on any officer is to take place, they must be notified one week in advance.
- D. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

ARTICLE VI - RESOURCES

SECTION ONE - RESOURCES

- A. The Kendo of the University of Rochester will abide by their Resource Agreement.

ARTICLE VII - HAZING POLICY

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by the Kendo. 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 VIII - NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Kendo abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.



Signature of Confirmation

Jonathan Fan

President, Kendo



Date



Signature of Approval

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Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee

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Date