



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER  
**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
GOVERNMENT

## **Muay Thai Beats**

### **ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT**

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish Muay Thai Beats (MTB) 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**

Our vision is to make Muay Thai more accessible and engaging to all students interested in the sport of Muay Thai. By integrating music into the training process, we believe it provides a fun way for beginners to get into a flow. Our club aims to provide a unique way for seasoned practitioners to experience Muay Thai as well as guidance for inexperienced members to learn in a safe and controlled space. We believe music can provide a structured and fun way to learn and practice Muay Thai.

### **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 CCC 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 must attend at least 33% sessions per semester.
- 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 half of the active membership plus two officer(s).

### **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. Must have experience (at least 1 year) in Muay Thai and understand producing and mixing.
- B. Vice President: Must have been an active member for at least one semester.
- C. Business Manager: Must have been an active member for at least one semester.
- D. Captain: must have been an active member for at least one semester.
- E. Social Media Head: Must have been an active member for at least one semester.
- F. Instructor(s): Must be an active member for at least one semester. Have at least 1 year of Muay Thai experience outside of the club.
- G. Music Chair(s): Must be an active member of at least one semester. Have to be pursuing a Major in Audio and Music Engineering, or have taken related courses.
- H. For all positions above, the qualifications for positions remain in place unless no one else is qualified.

### **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 bi-weekly Executive Board meetings and maintain organization within the club. The President will also maintain communication with the Students' Association and seek opportunities for club growth. Additionally, the President will meet bi-weekly with the club's faculty advisor and work closely with the Captain to ensure the practice schedules align with the club's overall goals.
- F. The Business Manager is responsible for managing all club finances, keeping detailed records of transactions, creating and maintaining the budget, and ensuring the club's equipment is properly maintained. The Business Manager will also oversee necessary purchases to support club activities.
- G. The Vice President 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.

- H. The Captain is responsible for creating and overseeing the workout and practice schedules, ensuring practices align with the club's focus on non-competitive training. The Captain will lead practice sessions in a safe and supervised manner and determine the physical eligibility of prospective members. Additionally, the Captain will collaborate with the President and maintain communication with the Student's Association.
- I. The Social Media Head manages the club's social media presence, promoting events and fostering member engagement. This officer will collaborate with the Business Manager and Vice President to oversee fundraising efforts and promote the club's events online.
- J. The Business Manager and Vice President will collaboratively oversee all fundraising efforts, ensuring the financial goals are met and that these efforts align with the club's mission.
- K. The Instructors and President will take responsibility for training active club members during sessions. Instructors will report back to the President and Captain the skill level and commitment level of each active member that they taught.
- L. Music Chairs are required to meet regularly with the President to develop the end-of-semester event's Muay Thai Beats Competition. From semester to semester, the Combos used in this Competition should vary, and creative liberty for the musical direction can be taken.

### **SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure – A meeting will be held with a quorum of active members, at which time any active member will be able to nominate any other member to any of the above E-board positions. Nominees will be interviewed by relevant E-board members (for example, the nominee for Business Manager would be interviewed by the business manager and President). An election will then take place in the meeting following the week of nomination for each position. Before the election procedure begins, active members and E-board members will deliberate about the qualifications of each nominee. Nominees should not be present during the deliberation process. The nominee who receives the majority of votes from active members will assume office for the next term. There will be no restriction to the number of offices a member can be nominated to.
- B. Term of Office – E-board positions will be held for the academic year following the election of that academic year. During the month of April, the shadowing of newly elected E-board members will take place. There shall be no term limits to any eboard positions. E-board members can only switch positions after they have served a full term in their current position.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections will be held sometime in late March, and at least two weeks before the end of 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 Muay Thai Beats 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 Muay Thai Beats. 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 Muay Thai Beats abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.



Signature of Confirmation  
Michael Ding  
President, Muay Thai Beats

03/07/25

Date



Signature of Approval  
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Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee

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Date