



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
GOVERNMENT

## Water Polo

### ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish Water Polo 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 purpose of Water Polo is to promote the sport of Water Polo among the students at the University of Rochester. The club aims to provide an opportunity for all students to learn the fundamentals of the game. Simultaneously, the team endeavors to foster the growth of a competitive Water Polo team, competing in local scrimmages, invitational tournaments as well as the Collegiate Water Polo Association's New York Division. In doing so, UR Water Polo, a student-run club, promotes physical fitness, intercollegiate competition, and team spirit.

### 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 – A member of the Water Polo team must attend at least 25% of practices each semester and attend competitions when they are able. They must participate in fundraising events for the team. In order to be a member, one must sign a liability form and submit a membership fee once 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 50% of the active membership plus two officers.

### **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 - Requires at least one year of active participation, unless no one else is qualified.
- B. Business Manager
- C. Captain
- D. Publicity Chair
- E. Programming 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 shall also 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. Finally, the President shall also take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.
- F. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keeping detailed records of all transactions. The Business Manager is also in charge of creating and submitting the budget for the upcoming year.
- G. The Captain shall run practices and make executive decisions with respect to strategy during games.
- H. The Publicity Chair shall be in charge of promoting the club as well as communicating the club's upcoming tournaments and their results.
- I. The Programming Chair shall be responsible for organization fundraisers to help support the club, and they will also work with the Publicity Chair in order to do so.

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

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure -Nominations will be sent through email. At the next practice, each nominee will give a short speech, then the members will vote by raising hands and closing eyes (or writing names on paper). The current President will count the raised hands (or paper) and announce the winners.
- B. Term of Office - Officer positions shall last one academic year.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections shall occur 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. Water Polo 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 Water Polo. 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 Water Polo Team of the University of Rochester abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.

  
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 Signature of Confirmation 10/26/22  
 Kyle Roethlin Date  
**President, Water Polo**

  
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 Signature of Approval 11/21/2022  
 Evan Zhang Date  
**Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee**