



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Club Field Hockey

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

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

ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT

The University of Rochester Club Field Hockey team aims to provide an inclusive and fun environment in which students can improve their skills and play competitively against other teams. The Club Field Hockey team welcomes members of all genders, races, ages, skill levels, experiences, and abilities. We aim to benefit members of the University of Rochester community by providing an avenue through which to improve fitness, build relationships between teammates and peers, and maintain involvement in the Rochester community.

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 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 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 - In order to maintain active membership, an individual must pay dues and attend the majority of scheduled practices unless otherwise excused by an officer. Active members are eligible to compete in league and tournament games.
- C. Definition of associate member - In order to maintain associate membership, an individual must pay dues and maintain active interest in participation in the club. This could include participation in fundraising efforts, holding an officer or committee position, and recruiting new members. Students studying abroad or who have other extenuating circumstances may be exempt from participation but still be

able to maintain associate membership. Whether or not an extenuating circumstance will be considered as an exemption to active interest in participation is up to the discretion of the officers.

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 or more 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
- B. Business Manager
- C. Secretary
- D. Captain(s)
- E. Social Chair
- F. In order to be eligible for any of the previous positions, a candidate must be an active member in good standing during the semester of the election.

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. Additionally, the 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.
- F. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions as well as overseeing any fundraisers. Additionally, they will be responsible for ordering and obtaining equipment as well as coordinating the logistics surrounding attending tournaments and games.
- G. The Secretary shall take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members, and take and maintain meeting minutes. They will also be responsible for sending out relevant emails to the club and managing the calendar and schedule for games, practices, and other events.
- H. The Captain(s) shall be responsible for planning practices, reaching out to potential new members, managing equipment use and storage, and communication with the University of Rochester Varsity Field Hockey team coach and any other coaches,

referees, team captains, or other relevant individuals. Additionally, captains will be in charge of organizing and coordinating any and all league and tournament participation.

- I. The Social Chair shall manage the club social media and public relations presence, as well as hosting and presiding over team bonding events.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - The Club Field Hockey team shall nominate officers by open nominations. The Secretary will take nominations by email for at least 5 days so as to provide an opportunity for every member to nominate any potential officers they may choose. Every member who chooses will then vote for the officers via a confidential email survey or comparable method that allows time for all members to cast their vote if they so desire.
- B. Term of Office - Officers will hold office for one academic year. Officers will be elected during the second half of the Spring semester. The newly elected officers will work in tandem with the presiding officers for at least three weeks so as to ensure a clean transition of power. Officers must be prepared to attend at least 75% of team events (practices, games, team bonding, E-Board meetings, etc.) unless a valid excuse is given, or else they are at risk of losing their position.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections will occur during the second half 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.

SECTION FIVE - PROVISIONS OF ADVISOR

- A. The role of the advisor is to support and advise the President and officers if needed.

ARTICLE VI - FINANCES

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

SECTION TWO - FUNDING

- A. Club Field Hockey shall be eligible for SA funding.
- B. Club Field Hockey shall be eligible to request Supplemental Funding.

ARTICLE VII - CLASSIFICATION

SECTION ONE - Club Field Hockey shall be classified as a Club Sport.

ARTICLE VIII - ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION

SECTION ONE - Two-thirds of the entire active membership must approve the constitution.

SECTION TWO - This constitution will be ratified upon the signature of the Student Organization Administration & Review Committee and approval of the Senate.

SECTION THREE - This constitution shall not conflict with the Students' Association Constitution or Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

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

ARTICLE X - BYLAWS

SECTION ONE - At least a 2/3 majority of the active membership must approve the bylaws and any amendments.

SECTION TWO - Bylaws should not conflict with this constitution or the SA Constitution or Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI - HAZING POLICY

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

Club Field Hockey of the University of Rochester does not discriminate against any individual or organization of individuals on the basis of age, color, disability, domestic violence status, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, genetic information, marital status, military/veteran status, national origin, race, religion/creed, sex, sexual orientation or any other status protected by law.


Signature of Confirmation

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Date

2/11/18


Signature of Approval

Criswell Lavery
Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee

Date

4/12/19