



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Women's Club Soccer

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish Women's Club Soccer 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 purpose of establishing Women's Club Soccer at the University of Rochester is to allow students the opportunity to play at a competitive level, while still having time to pursue other activities on campus. One of the main objectives of this club is to challenge members to excel on and off the field. For instance, by playing a season with Women's Club Soccer, one can guarantee that the overall discipline of the individual will improve. It is required that all members attend practice, unless they have a valid excuse, or they will not be included in the game rosters. Lastly, Women's Club Soccer is a student-run organization so the members have the benefit of consulting one of the captains about various academic or athletic concerns. The executive board hopes that this will allow members the chance to make friends on the team and have a fun time whilst playing.

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 - To become an active member of Women's Club Soccer, each individual must pay their membership fee (dues) prior to playing with the team. Those who attend practices regularly but haven't paid their dues will

not be considered for the game roster. Active members have the ability to vote on important issues within the club and run for the executive board come the time of elections.

- C. Definition of associate member - Associate members are those who attend practices but have not paid the required membership fee. They do not have the ability to run for or serve on the executive board, nor can they vote on important club issues.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION ONE - QUORUM

- A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as $\frac{3}{5}$ of the Women's Club Soccer active membership.

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. (Co-)President(s) – requires minimum 1-year term. Any individual who is running for this position must have served for at least 1 year on the Club Soccer executive board in a year prior to running for this position so that the individual can fully understand how this organization is run. In the event that this would result in members running for the (Co-)President position unopposed, members who have not served on the Club Soccer executive board for a year can be approved by the current (Co-)President(s) to run for the position. This individual is responsible for the smooth operation of the club as well as delegating certain tasks to the other executive board members. This person is not only in charge of the club off the pitch, but they are also one of the captains of the team and decide the game rosters before each match. In the event that the team hires a coach, the (Co-)President(s) is responsible for dividing these responsibilities with the coach to effectively run the team.
- B. Business Manager(s) – requires minimum 1-year term. This individual is responsible for keeping track of all club funds and making sure that the club spends its money responsibly. The business manager also consults with the club's business adviser to request a budget each spring semester as well as to organize fundraising activities.
- C. Fundraising Chair(s) – requires minimum 1-year term. This individual is responsible for setting up fundraising events to supplement the Club Soccer allocation.
- D. Publicity Chair(s)- requires minimum 1-year term. This individual is responsible for maintaining the recruiting aspects of the organization (including social media).

The publicity chair also publicizes Club Soccer events, including but not limited to: general interest meetings, games, and fundraisers.

- E. Social Chair(s)- requires minimum 1-year term. This individual is responsible for creating events that foster team unity and bonding. They are also the liaison to other clubs and organizations on campus.

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 Club (Co-)President(s) 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.
- F. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions.
- G. The Club (Co-)President(s) 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 Club (Co-)President(s) or another member of the executive board, if instructed to do so by the (Co-)President(s), shall also take attendance at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.
- I. New executive board positions can be created by the (Co-)President(s) based on the current needs of the club

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - After the term of a certain officer has been completed, all of the active members of the club will be notified. Then, those active members who would like to run for a particular position volunteer themselves and write a platform for the position. After a few weeks, all of the members will vote on their desired candidate.
- B. Term of Office – (Co-)President (1 year), Fundraising Chair (1 year), Business Manager (1 year), Publicity Chair (1 year), and Social Chair (1 year)
- C. Timing of Elections – Every academic year at 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 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 - FINANCES

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

SECTION TWO - FUNDING

- A. Women's Club Soccer shall be eligible for SA funding.
- B. Women's Club Soccer shall be eligible to request Supplemental Funding.

ARTICLE VII - CLASSIFICATION

SECTION ONE - Women's Club Soccer 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 Women's Club Soccer. 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

Women's Club Soccer 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.

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Signature of Confirmation

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Signature of Approval

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Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee

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4/11/17

