



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER  
**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
GOVERNMENT

## **Women's Ultimate Frisbee**

### **ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT**

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club 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 Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club of the University of Rochester will develop their ultimate frisbee skills as a team and will teach others about ultimate frisbee. This organization will function as an intercollegiate ultimate frisbee team representing the University of Rochester, therefore promoting school spirit both on campus and at other schools. Also since ultimate frisbee requires running, jumping, disc throwing skills, timing, and coordination, it promotes athleticism. Most importantly ultimate frisbee, at all levels of play, from intramural to world championships, never has referees, but instead requires all players to uphold the "Spirit of the Game" as written by the United States of America Ultimate (USAU) in the Rules of Ultimate. This requires all ultimate frisbee players to uphold the highest levels of good sportsmanship and respect for one another, both on and off the field. Therefore the Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club will also teach and spread school spirit, athleticism, and respect for others.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION ONE - MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Eligibility – All Students' Association 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 Club Connection site.
- B. Definition of an active member - An SA member who regularly attends events, which include both practices and games.

- C. Definition of an associate member - A non-SA member who fulfills all other requirements for active membership, but may not vote in elections or serve on the executive board.
- D. Any further membership decisions shall be conducted via majority vote under the leadership 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 half of the organization's active membership plus one officer.

### **SECTION TWO - MEETINGS**

- A. Meetings will primarily consist of practices and games as scheduled by the Captains of the team. They will be held consistently, but may vary depending on the season.
- B. Non-practice meetings will occasionally be called in order to discuss and/or vote on an issue relevant to the team's functioning.
- C. Practice & game meetings will be conducted by a Captain or another experienced member of the team.
- D. Non-practice meetings will be conducted by a Captain or other Officer.

### **SECTION THREE - VOTING**

- A. Voting shall be official only if a quorum participates.
- B. All members shall have equal voting power.
- C. Voting shall be conducted only at an official meeting or specified time.
- D. Eligible voting members may contact an Officer prior to the voting to arrange for a proxy on any given issue, if they cannot be present at the time of voting. These proxies count towards reaching a quorum.
- E. All eligible voting members present at the meeting, at which the vote is to be taken, must be given at least one chance to speak on the issue.

## **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATIONS**

### **SECTION ONE - OFFICER POSITIONS**

- A. The following positions require at least one semester of active membership prior to holding the position
  - a. President
  - b. Business Manager
- B. The following position require at least three semesters of active membership prior to holding the position, unless no such member exists, in which case only one semester of active membership is needed
  - a. Captain

### **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 are responsible for maintaining a current copy of the constitution open to inspection by all members of this club, Senators, and all members of the Students' Association.
- E. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this organization.
- F. The Captain or co-Captains shall be responsible for determining which tournaments will be attended, organizing rosters for tournaments, running practices, and providing overall instruction and leadership to the team.
- G. The Business Manager or co-Business Managers shall be responsible for maintaining finances and keep detailed records of all transactions, and performing other essential duties as set forth by SAAC (Student Association Appropriations Committee). They shall also attend all Club Sports Council meetings which they are able to.
- H. The President or co-Presidents 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. They shall keep an accurate list of organization members. They shall also attend all Club Sports Council meetings which they are able to.
- I. The specific Officer running a meeting shall take roll call at that meeting, tally votes, and take and maintain meeting minutes when necessary.

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

#### **A. Nomination and election procedure**

- a. Captains - Any active member of the team is eligible to run for captain. Captains will be nominated by current teammates at the end of the Spring semester. Any nominee can then accept or deny the nomination, with all accepting nominees writing a platform as to why they should be the Captain of the team. Captains are determined by a simple majority of active members where each member has up to two votes. Quorum for voting for elections is 1/2 of the returning active members.
- b. Business Managers and Presidents - Interested eligible parties may submit applications to to the current holder(s) of the position should the current holder(s) be unable or unwilling to maintain the position for the entirety of the next term. Applications will be reviewed by the current position holder(s) and they will make a decision on who should succeed them.
  - i. In the event of a vote of no confidence, the remaining Officers will appoint an eligible member to fill the vacancy.

**B. Term of Office** - Each term of office is one academic year, with transitions taking place once the new Officers are named.

**C. Timing of Elections** - Elections will occur during the Spring Semester

### **SECTION FOUR - VACANCIES, RESIGNATIONS, AND REMOVALS**

- A. At a valid meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled by the same manner described in the Nominations and Elections procedure.
- B. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove a member. Such a vote shall require a 1/2 majority of the active membership to pass the motion.
- C. If a vote of no confidence on any officer is to take place, it must be given an official meetings notice. Any member of the team can call for a vote of no confidence.
- D. An office shall be declared vacant as a result 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 Ultimate Frisbee shall be eligible for SA funding.
- B. Women's Ultimate Frisbee shall be eligible to request Supplemental Funding.

## **ARTICLE VII - CLASSIFICATION**

**SECTION ONE** - Women's Ultimate Frisbee 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 the Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club. 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**

The Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club 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

Claire Kaiser

**President, Women's Ultimate Frisbee**

*3/7/17*

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*Alex Guerrero*

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Signature of Approval

Alex Guerrero

**Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee**

*3/9/17*

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