

Eastern Connecticut State University

Rugby Club Constitution

Mission Statement: To inform and educate students about the game of Rugby. As a student club of the Eastern community, the Rugby Club will teach Eastern students how to be gentlemen on and off of the rugby field. The club will also be examples of respect, community service, and brotherhood to the rest of the Eastern community.

- Section 3 The Executive Board shall have the power to establish all standing and ad hoc committees of the organization. The President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board, shall have the power to appoint the chairpersons of all standing and ad hoc committees.
- Section 4 The Executive Board shall meet weekly during the academic year. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be called by the President of the organization.
- Section 5 A majority of the membership of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum. All decisions made by the Executive Board shall be by a majority vote of the members present and voting.
- Section 6 Along with the Executive board there will also be two unofficial positions, Match Secretary and Community Service Coordinator. These positions will not be considered part of the Executive board and the members will still be considered General Members.

ARTICLE V - ENUMERATION OF POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by this constitution and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization. Duties shall include but shall not be limited to the following.

- Section 1 The President shall:
- a. prepare the meeting agendas;
 - b. have the power to call executive board meetings and all regular and special meetings of the organization;
 - c. sign all official papers related to the club (including financial paperwork in the absence of the treasurer);
 - d. have the power, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board, to appoint the chairpersons of all standing and ad hoc committees;
 - e. appoint a temporary secretary to take minutes when the secretary is absent;
 - f. act as the spokesperson for the organization;
 - g. be an ex-officio member of all standing and ad hoc committees except the nominating committee.
 - h. have the power to distribute other duties that arise to whomever he deems responsible.
- Section 2 The Vice-President shall:
- a. assist the president with responsibilities as needed;
 - b. carry out the duties of the president in the absence of the president;

- c. automatically assume the powers and duties of the President if the President resigns, if the office of President becomes vacant, or if the President is impeached;
- d. coordinate all social functions of the organization;
- e. serve as coordinator of all standing and ad hoc committees;
- f. be an ex-officio member of all standing and ad hoc committees.

Section 3 Treasurer shall:

- a. expend funds as authorized by the membership of the organization as indicated in the organization's minutes;
- b. keep an accurate account of all receipts, membership dues, and expenditures of the organization;
- c. complete, sign, and submit all financial paperwork;
- d. submit a financial report;
- e. keep track of the club's accounts, income, and expenditures;
- f. give a Treasurer statement of balance at every meeting;
- g. request financial assistance from the Student Government Association and Budget and Management Committee if needed;
- h. be responsible for the organization complying with the policies and procedures set forth by the Student Activities office.

Section 4 The Secretary shall:

- a. keep a proper record of all activities of the club, including the minutes of every meeting;
- b. take attendance at all business meetings of the organization;
- c. prepare a roll call of members and call it when necessary;
- d. authenticate by his/her signature all records and documents of the organization;
- e. carry on the official correspondence of the club; which will be signed by the president;
- f. give 72 hours of notice of all meetings;
- g. distribute minutes within 48 hours of the meeting in accordance with the procedure set by the Student Activities Office.

ARTICLE VI - ADVISOR(S)

Section 1 The advisor shall be chosen by the membership at a duly constituted meeting of the organization by majority vote.

Section 2 The faculty advisor shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Executive Board.

- Section 3 The advisors shall give advice for the better performance of the organization.
- Section 4 The advisor shall meet his/her responsibilities to the organization as stated in written directives issued by the Student Activities Office and in the Club Advisor's Operating Manual located on the Student Activities Website.
- Section 5 The advisor shall serve at the discretion of the University.

ARTICLE VII - NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Section 1 Elections shall be held for all offices, including those that are filled temporarily.
- Section 2 Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year or until their successors are elected. They shall hold office until the end of the fall semester when their successors shall assume office.
- Section 3 Elections shall be held at the end of the fall semester after the final game of the season.
- Section 4 Only active members shall be allowed to vote. Voting shall be by secret ballot unless there is only one candidate for an office in which case election may be by voice vote.
- Section 5 Officers shall be elected by a majority of those members voting in the election. If no candidate receives a majority vote on the first ballot, a revote will occur with the President casting a vote.
- Section 6 Notification of elections must be given a week's notice prior to voting.
- Section 7 Voting for non-Executive board positions will also be done by club majority vote, but can be voted out of office by a majority Executive board vote.

ARTICLE VIII - VACANCIES

- Section 1 In the event of the vacancy of the office of President, the duties will be carried out by the Vice-President. The office of Vice-President will be offered to the Secretary and/or Treasurer. If neither officer wish to fill the Vice Presidency and election for the position will be held. If an existing officer does accept the Vice Presidency an election will be held for the vacant position.

Section 2 In the event of the vacancy of any other offices, the President will appoint a temporary officer and an election will be held as per the provision of Article VI Section 1.

ARTICLE IX - IMPEACHMENT AND/OR RECALL

Section 1 Any officer is subject to impeachment and /or recall and removal from the office for failing to fulfill his/her constitutional responsibilities.

Section 2 An impeachment request must be given at least prior to the day of the actual impeachment voting. Both the request and the voting must take place during regular meetings.

Section 3 Upon conclusion of the discussion and arguments for and against impeaching the officer, a vote shall be taken. No officer shall be impeached except by a majority vote. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

Section 4 An officer who is impeached shall immediately relinquish his/her office but shall be allowed to maintain active membership in the organization unless his/her actions have brought discredit to the organization.

Section 5 If an officer is impeached, the organization shall fill the position following the procedures outlined under Vacancies.

Article X - Meetings

Section 1 Meetings of the organization shall be held when needed during the academic year.

Section 2 Quorum... a quorum shall be defined as 50% + 1 member of the club's total voting membership. A quorum must be present for any action to take place by membership.

Section 3 A quorum shall be required to conduct any official business of the organization except to adjourn. Executive board may vote in the case of an emergency.

Section 4 If voting results in a tie a re-vote will take place with the President casting a vote.

Article XI - Amendments

Section 1 Amendments to this constitution must be approved by the majority of the voting membership present.

- Section 2 Proposed amendments to the constitution shall be automatically tabled until the next scheduled meeting of the organization.
- Section 3 Prior written notice of the proposed change(s) and the date of the meeting at which the proposed change(s) shall be voted on shall be provided to all members of the organization.
- Section 4 The constitution may be amended at a duly constituted meeting of the organization by a two-thirds (2/3) vote provided that prior notice has been given.

Article XII - Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rule of Order, Newly Revised shall act as the Parliamentary authority for all meetings of the club.

Article XIII - Ratification

This constitution must be ratified by a majority vote at a regular meeting and approved by the Student Government Association Budget and Management Committee.