

# Eastern Connecticut State University

# Battle Games Constitution

**Mission statement:** To provide Eastern students with an inclusive community devoted to the experience of safe fantasy/medieval combat. Members will also further their abilities in the athletic activities of Dagorhir and Live Action Role Playing. We will also provide opportunities for noncombatants to participate with member activities.

## Article I – Name

The name of this club shall be Eastern Connecticut State University Battle Games Club.

## Article II – Purpose

It shall be the purpose of this club to provide members of the ECSU community with a safe and rewarding battle experience.

## Article III – Membership

- Section I      This club open only to student, alumni, and faculty members of Eastern Connecticut State University.
- Section III     To attain voting member status, one must attend two (2) regular club meetings and one 1) club function (practice or event).
- Section III     To maintain voting member status, one must attend at least half of the regular meetings in a month and at least two thirds of all regular meetings in a semester. They must also adhere to the conduct policy or face immediate expulsion from the club.
- Section IV      Membership shall not be denied to any student because of race, religion, gender, color, ancestry, national origin, age, sexual orientation, disability, or veteran status except as sanctioned by federal or state law.

## **Article IV – Executive Board & Officers**

- Section I: The membership of the Executive Board shall consist of one President, one Vice-President, one Secretary, and one Treasurer. The Faculty Advisor shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Executive Board. The non-executive officers shall include two conduct officers who must be unanimously appointed by the executive board.
- Section II: The Executive Board will have supervision over club affairs between regular meetings and additional club functions. All Executive Board decisions will not violate the club's interests or constitution. The Executive Board will have weekly meetings throughout the academic year. A majority of the Executive Board must be present to vote on club affairs for an Executive Board meeting.
- Section III: The Executive Board will have power to establish practice officers to better run club events in the absence of the Executive Officers. The Executive Board will also establish Conduct offers that will oversee club behavior and misconduct.

## **Article V – Enumeration of the Duties of Executive Board & Officers**

### Section I: 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) Have the power to sign all official papers related to the club

### Section II – The Vice President Shall:

- a) Assist the president with responsibilities as needed
- b) Have the power to call Executive Board meetings and all regular and special meetings of the organization only in the absence of the president
- c) Coordinate practice times
- d) Notify the president at least 24 hours in advance if they will not be able to attend a meeting with an explanation

### Section III – The Treasurer Shall

- a) Expend funds as authorized by membership of the organization as indicated in the minutes
- b) Keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures of the organization
- c) Complete, sign, and submit all financial paperwork
- d) Submit semi-annual FRP

- e) Notify the president at least 24 hours in advance if they will not be able to attend a meeting with an explanation

#### Section IV – The Secretary Shall

- a) Keep a proper record of all the activities of the club including the minutes of every meeting
- b) Take attendance of all meetings and club functions
- c) Authenticate their signature on all records and documents of the organization
- d) Send minutes to the club e-mail, member e-mail, and student activities office within 96 hours of the meeting
- e) Notify the president at least 24 hours in advance if they will not be able to attend a meeting with an explanation

#### Section V – The Conduct Officer(s) Shall:

- a) File incident reports when any necessitating incident occurs in the club
- b) Keep an accurate record of all filed incident reports
- c) Notify the Executive Officers when a report is filed and discuss said forms at weekly Executive Board meetings
- d) Be appointed by the elected Executive Board with a unanimous vote
- e) Not hold Executive Board voting power
- f) Not disclose the confidential information in incident reports with anyone outside of the Executive Board and other necessary authorities including campus police
- g) Notify the president at least 24 hours in advance if they will not be able to attend an executive board meeting

#### Section VI – Practice Officers Shall

- a) Be appointed by the elected Executive Board
- b) Be only appointed for designated practices on a case by case basis
- c) Not hold any executive power
- d) Notify the president at least 24 hours in advance if they will not be able to attend a practice they were designated to hold.

Section II: In order to run for a position, you must have voting member status. The election for Executive Board members will be held in April for the following school year. There must be a majority of voting members present during the election. The election will be ballot based, and anonymous. Candidates can vote in the election. In order to win a candidate must obtained a majority of the casted votes.

Section III: If an executive board member is believed to not be fulfilling their duties than a member of the club with voting status can motion to hold a vote of no confidence. The remaining executives will hold a vote at the next executive

meeting. If it is unanimous than the impeachment passes and the executive board member is removed from their position but retains club voting member status. If there is no unanimous decision the vote will be opened to the club to be decided by two thirds majority

Subsection I A conduct officer may motion for a vote of no confidence on grounds of misconduct. The executive board will then meet without the accused executive to discuss and vote on their possible removal of executive, and if misconduct is harmful or dangerous, removal from club. If there is no unanimous decision evidence will be brought to the regular meeting for a vote to be decided by a two thirds majority.

### **Article V- Club Meetings**

Section I: Meetings are to be held Wednesday nights at 7pm in the designated meeting room. If the University there will be no meeting. The next meeting will be the following Wednesday; there will be no makeup meeting. Members can be ejected to meetings due to conduct. They will receive two verbal warnings. A third will result in ejection. Two ejections in a semester will result in their voting status is still removed and must be reobtained.

### **Article VI- Practices**

Section I: There must be a first aid kit included in the club's equipment. For an official practice, there must be at least either two executive board members present or an executive board member and a practice officer. If any of the previous conditions are not met there will be no practice due to safety concerns. Practices will be scheduled during regular meetings.

### **Article VII- Policies and Conduct**

Section I: Any change that occurs to club policies must have a majority of voting members present for the vote which needs to receive a two thirds majority. The conduct officers monitor behavior and will give a verbal warning for unsafe or unproductive.

Section II: Conduct policies that are deemed as harmful include but are not limited to

- a) Harassment (verbal, physical, or sexual)

- b) Unsafe use of equipment
- c) Unsafe behavior
- d) Overly aggressive behavior
- e) Failure to listen to conduct officer
- f) Anything that could physical, emotional, or mental harm to another student
- g) Allowing non-eastern students, alumni, or faculty to involve themselves with practices (they must take on non-combatant rolls)