



CLUB SPORTS COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The official name of this organization shall be the Club Sports Council of Wayne State University, here after referred to as the Club Sports Council.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Club Sports Council shall be to provide an additional vehicle for administration of the Club Sports Program according to its Constitution and Bylaws and according to the rules and regulations of Wayne State University, Athletic Department, and Campus Recreation. It exists to promote participation in the Club Sports programs and has as its primary objective to provide a forum for the exchange of club sports information.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

The Club Sports Council shall be comprised of the elected member (Club Presidents) or team representative from each of the Club Sports formally sponsored by the Department of Campus Recreation. Any member of a Club Sport shall be eligible to be a representative to the Club Sports Council.

The Club Sports Program shall not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, color, sex or sexual preference, handicap, national origin, or religious affiliation or belief. Only registered undergraduate or graduate students at Wayne State University shall be eligible to represent the club as a member of the club Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

The Club Sports Council shall have regularly scheduled meetings in September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, and May. At least one week's advance notice of all meetings will be made in writing (email) to the membership. The President of the Club Sports Council, or university official may call special meetings. Any member of the council may petition the President of the Club Sports Council to convene for a special meeting.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

The Club Sports Council will have the following officers. This entity will be known as the Council Executive Board:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary
5. Fund-Raising Chair
6. By-Laws/Disciplinary Chair
7. Events Coordinator

The Assistant Director of Campus Recreation will serve as the advisor and as ex-officio member in a non-voting capacity. The Director of Campus Recreation also shall serve as an advisor and as ex-officio member in a non-voting capacity.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

The standing committees shall be the Ad Hoc Appeals Committee. The membership shall elect members of the standing committees (additional volunteers accepted). The Assistant Director of Campus Recreation or the Club Sports President may appoint additional committees as the need arises.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS

Election of Club Sports Officers shall take place annually at the last scheduled meeting in April. All members must be sent a written list of the slate of officers at least two weeks in advance of the April meeting. Election of Club Sports Executive Board shall take place annually at the regularly scheduled meeting in August. In the event that no one is nominated to serve on a committee, the Assistant Director of Campus Recreation will appoint him or her.

ARTICLE VIII - FUNDS

Club Sports at Wayne State University are financially self-sufficient. Each club team is financially responsible for their own budget as well as mandatory fees paid to the Director of Campus Recreation. Additional money to support the goals of the club may be raised through fundraising and/or individual expenses that have been first approved through Campus Recreation and Club Sports. Each club in conjunction with the Assistant Director of Campus Recreation Services administers all budget matters separately.

ARTICLE IX - RATIFICATION

The Constitution will be approved at the first regularly scheduled Club Sports Council meeting by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the membership. Note: Since Club Sports fall under the auspices of Campus Recreation, the Department of Campus Recreation reserves the right to review, agree and/or modify decisions made by the voting members within a given year.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

All amendments to the Constitution shall be by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the membership. The amendments shall be proposed at a regularly scheduled meeting and debated and voted upon at the next regularly scheduled Club Sports Council meeting.

ARTICLE XI - PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

All parliamentary questions not determined by the Constitution or Robert's Rules of Order shall decide Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII - BYLAWS

Bylaws changes for the Club Sports Council must be passed by a majority vote of members present at any regularly scheduled meeting. Every member must be mailed a written copy of proposed Bylaw changes at least one week prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XIII – REVOCATION OF CONSTITUTION/CHARTER

Wayne State University and the Department of Recreation reserve the right to make the constitution null and void and/or disband any team or teams.

BYLAWS

First Amendment

Club Sports Meeting Fines

There must be at least one (1) representative from each ACTIVE sport attending the club sports council meeting. If a team has no representatives, then the following procedures will happen:

1st Offense: \$10 Fine

2nd Offense: Game Suspension/Meeting with Director or Assistant Director \$30 Fine

3rd Offense: \$100 Fine

Second Amendment

Sanction Procedures

If any active team has committed an action that violates the Student Code of Conduct, Mort Harris RFC Handbook, Club Sports Contract, or any law that governs Wayne State University and its interest or the State of Michigan, the individual or team will be subject to a hearing. Any inactive team or teams attempting to form that commits any of the above actions is not eligible to the hearing procedure. Disciplinary action for inactive teams will be determined by the Director of Campus Recreation.

Appropriate sanction(s) will be recommended by the Club Sports Council and written sanctions will be emailed to the team/individuals after a hearing is performed. The Director of Campus Recreation will give consent or modify the sanctions. IN all cases, Wayne State University Code of Conduct changes will be applicable.

Third Amendment

Appeal Process

The appeal process exists to ensure that all disciplinary actions taken against Club Sport teams continue to be fair and reasonable. An appeal is an attempt to overturn a delivered sanction, based on new evidence. Any person and/or team wishing to appeal a ruling may do so in writing no less than 10 business days after the original sanction. **A Club Sport team initiating an appeal is advised that the Club Sports Council hearing the appeal may at their discretion, levy a stiffer penalty than the disciplinary penalty being appealed.**

Appeal Eligibility

1. Appeals may be eligible within 10 business days after a person and/or team has been sanctioned. A team must present the Club Sports President proper documentation (via email/mail/meeting) requesting an appeal. Appeal hearings will be held if the Ad Hoc Appeals Committee feels there is NEW evidence to the case. New evidence is proof/data/information that was not accessible in the original hearing.
 - a. *Example: A hockey player is banned from participation for being found guilty of stealing a hockey stick. In the original trial the player made claims he purchased the stick, but could not prove it, therefore is found guilty. Six business days after the original sanction is delivered, the player finds the receipt from when he purchased the stick.*
2. The request for an appeal will be forwarded to the Bylaws/Disciplinary Chair to determine if the person/team is eligible for an appeal, based on the presentation of new evidence.

3. The Bylaws/Disciplinary Chair will form an Ad Hoc Committee (outlined later) to determine if sufficient evidence is available to grant an Appeal Hearing or if the original sanction will stand without a second hearing.
4. If an Appeal Hearing is granted, the Ad Hoc Appeal Committee will hear all new evidence and will recommend if the original sanction stands, is reverse or adjusted. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Director of Campus Recreation for approval and/or revision.

Fourth Amendment

Parole Process

The parole process exists to ensure that any lifetime bans against Club Sport teams or individual players continues to be fair and reasonable. Parole is an opportunity to reduce a lifetime ban, based on demonstrated rehabilitation. Early parole does not change the original responsible/not-responsible ruling, it simply allows for the possibility of shortening a lifetime ban. Any person and/or team wishing to apply for early parole must serve at least 4 months of the original sanction prior to applying for parole. **If during the parole hearing process new evidence is uncovered implicating additional members of the team; additional sanctions may be given to other members.**

Parole Eligibility:

1. Parole may be eligible no less than 4 months after a person and/or team has been sanctioned with a lifetime ban. A team must present the Club Sports President proper documentation (via email/mail/meeting) requesting early parole. Parole hearings will be held if the Ad Hoc Parole Committee feels there is evidence demonstrating complete rehabilitation.
2. The request for parole will be forwarded to the Bylaws/Disciplinary Chair to determine if the person/team is eligible for a parole hearing, based on the presentation rehabilitation.
3. The Bylaws/Disciplinary Chair will form an Ad Hoc Parole Committee will hear all evidence and will recommend if the lifetime ban stands or if the ban could be shortened. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Director of Campus Recreation for approval and/or revisions.
4. If a Parole Hearing is granted, the Ad Hoc Parole Committee will hear all evidence and will recommend if the lifetime ban stands or if the ban could be shortened. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Director of Campus Recreation for approval and/or revision.