

# Constitution of "Lafayette College Club Baseball"

## **Article I ---- Name**

The name of this organization shall be "Lafayette College Club Baseball".

## **Article II ---- Purpose**

The purpose of this organization shall be to participate in competitive baseball games against teams from other schools. The team is a member of the National Club Baseball Association (NCBA) Division II and will compete in NCBA games with the goal of winning the NCBA World Series.

## **Article III ---- Membership**

Membership in this organization shall be open to any interested student based upon their ability. NCBA rules dictate a maximum of 33 players on the active roster, and there can be no changes to that roster once it is submitted. This may require some students to be 'cut' from the active roster, although they will still be encouraged to attend practices and try out again the following year. As per the NCBA rules, students will be required to be full-time, maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher and not be on academic probation or warning. Dues will be collected at the beginning of each season to help cover the costs involved. Travel to special events (e.g. tournaments and the NCBA Spring Showcase) will not be mandatory and will be paid for by the participants.

## **Article IV ---- Officers**

The officers for the next season shall be elected by popular vote during the week before final exams. The offices of President, Vice President and Treasurer will be appointed by the outcome of this election. The coach can appoint a Field Captain ("New Shive" in honor of Bryan Shive '07) and Safety Officer. Officers will be required to actively participate in all of the required safety and CPR training.

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

This organization shall meet during games and practices, although formal meetings may occur as warranted. Important issues will be addressed at this time by any member of the organization.

## **Article VI ---- Procedure**

The formal meetings of this organization shall be conducted according to parliamentary law as defined in *Robert's Rules of Order*. During informal meetings (*i.e.* practices and games), situations will be addressed as needed.

#### **Article VII ---- Amendments**

This constitution may be amended by the unanimous decision of the officers, and/or 2/3 vote of the organization.

#### **Article VIII ---- Risk Management**

##### Section 1: Injuries

As required by Recreation Services, two of the club's officers shall be CPR and First Aid certified. Additionally, the club's Safety Officer will maintain and carry a First Aid Kit to every practice and game, including away games, to include items such as Band-Aids, antibiotic creams, wraps, and other first aid necessities as the Safety Officer feels are needed.

##### Section 2: Finances

At the beginning of each season (both fall and spring), the club shall require each member pay "dues." The dues will be higher for those in their first year of participation and be lower in subsequent years. As a result, the club maintains its own financial "baseload" and will not risk running a deficit as well as function properly in the event that the College inherits a financial audit.

##### Section 3: Hazing

Hazing is an unacceptable form of social behavior and, as such, will not be tolerated by members of this club. Club officers will attend hazing information sessions, as mandated by Recreation Services, and shall monitor the behavior of the club's members to spot inappropriate social behavior. Hazing shall be punishable by "sitting the bench" or, at worst, expulsion from the club if the situation reaches such a level.