

## Lafayette College Men's Soccer Club Constitution

Article 1. Name This organization shall be known as the Lafayette Soccer club.

### Article 2. Purpose and Function

The purpose of the Lafayette Soccer club is to provide the opportunity for nonvarsity competitive-minded Lafayette College students to participate in the sport of soccer in a team environment. The Soccer club shall:

- A. Schedule practices as necessary
- B. Schedule games with other area colleges and universities
- C. Promote sportsmanship and friendship through competition with other colleges and universities

### Article 3. Organization and Procedure

#### Section 1: Meetings

- A. Regular meetings of the Soccer Club shall be held weekly throughout the College year.
- B. Special meetings may be called by any member of the club at any time.

#### Section 2: Quorum

A majority of the regular membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business of the Soccer Club.

#### Section 3: Parliamentary Procedures

The rules contained on the most recent edition of the Robert's Rules of order shall govern all cases in the action of the Soccer club to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Soccer Club Constitution and By-laws.

#### Section 4: By-laws

The Soccer Club shall have the power to write By-Laws to effect the purposes of the constitution.

#### Section 5: Legislative Functions

A motion involving change in established policy or of significance to the Soccer Club, shall not be voted on until a meeting held at least 24 hours following that meeting at which the motion is presented or unless notice of intent to purpose such a motion is made at least 4 days in advance to each member before the meeting. This rule may be suspended by the unanimous vote of the Soccer Club present and voting.

### Article 4. Membership

The soccer Club must have a minimum of 15 regular members to act officially as the Club. The soccer Club shall also consist of at least one president to oversee all actions by the club. The Club may also elect, if necessary, a vice- President and a treasurer to help the president with official business of the club. Each member of the club shall have the right to vote, including elected officials, and each vote shall carry equal weight.

## Article 5. Election of Officers

### Section 1: Eligibility

All club members who are full-time students and are not on academic or disciplinary probation at Lafayette College may be eligible for an officer position.

### Section 2: Election Process

An election shall be held for any official position when either the preceding Officer has resigned from his/her duties or the regular members call for the removal of the preceding officer. Candidates for a position shall be recognized through an open nomination process, followed by a vote of at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Club members present. A majority vote for one candidate shall determine the winner.

## Article 6: Amendments

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by any regular member at a regular meeting using the following procedure:

- A. At the meeting where the Amendment is proposed a period of discussion shall follow.
- B. After a period of discussion has been completed, a vote on the Amendment shall be held.
- C. An Amendment shall require a  $\frac{3}{4}$  affirmative vote of all the members of the Club in order to enacted.

## Article 7. Ratification

This Constitution shall be adopted by the affirmative vote of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the regular members of the Lafayette Soccer Club.

## Article 8. Risk Management

The board members will take the following precautions to protect the interests of the team.

### Section 1. Injuries

- A. Players are responsible for ensuring that they are not playing while injured. Board members reserve the right to ask any player to sit for his safety if there is an injury concern.
- B. Two members of the board will be First Aid and CPR certified.
- C. Time will be provided for water breaks, warm-ups, and cool-downs.

## Section 2. Finances

The board members will be responsible for obtaining funds from student government upon the basis of necessary expenditures for the following year. To minimize costs, board members are responsible for attempting to find student referees, purchasing soccer balls in bulk, and minimizing the number of vans used to drive to away games.

## Section 3. Hazing

The board members will be responsible for ensuring the safety of players by treating all players equally. First-year players will not be singled out for any activities. For example, at least one officer is always responsible for helping to carry goals at the beginning and end of practice.