

Constitution of “Men’s Rugby”

Article I ---- Name

The name of this organization shall be “Men’s Rugby”.

Article II --- Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to introduce the game of Rugby to Lafayette students and participate in local collegiate rugby leagues.

Article III ---- Membership

Membership in the club shall be open to any male Lafayette student. Members will be required to attend practices, games, and tournaments, unless a valid excuse is given. The club officers will determine the validity of any excuses. All members are required to register with Lafayette club sports at <http://dosportseasy.com/lafayetteclubs/>, as well as with USA Rugby at <https://webpoint.usarugby.org/>. Only registered members will be allowed to participate in games or tournaments.

Article VI ---- Officers

The officers of this club shall be “President, Match Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety Officer”. These positions shall be the Executive Board. Officer elections will be held during the first week of the spring semester. Voting procedure will be as follows. The president will open the floor to nominations for the president position. Nominees who receive a second nomination will be allowed to accept their nomination. A majority vote by show of hands will determine the outcome of the vote. All active members will be allowed to vote. Coaches will not have a vote. The newly elected president will take over and continue with the remaining positions. Each position will hold a term of one calendar year. Active members may only hold one officer position per year. Impeachment of any officer will be achieved by a 2/3-majority vote. Quorum for a vote must be 80% of active members. Captain will be determined by majority team vote. The captain position will not be considered an officer position and therefore have no executive voting rights.

Article V ---- Meetings

The club shall meet once within the first week of each semester. Practices and games will occur at the discretion of the captain and coaches.

Article VI ---- Procedure

The meetings of this organization shall be conducted according to parliamentary law as defined in *Roberts’ Rules of Order*.

Article VII --- Amendments

This constitution may be amended by executive board vote, which shall be initiated by a 2/3 majority vote of all active members.

Article VIII– Risk Management

Section I: Injuries – Use of proper rugby equipment (including but not limited to; mouthpieces, rugby cleats, and rugby shorts) is mandatory for all players. The safety officer shall be CPR and First-Aid certified and shall be present at all games/tournaments.

Section II: Finances – All purchases using team funds shall be approved by and made by the Treasurer. The current treasurer shall keep an up-to-date budget and maintain a knowledge of all incoming and outgoing funds during his term.

Section III: Hazing – All practices and team meetings shall be run in the presence of the coaches and/or the executive board. Any incidents that may be considered hazing shall be investigated internally, with the offending parties being placed on suspension until the conclusion of the internal investigation. If it is determined that a hazing event has taken place, the offending parties shall be removed from the team and the incident shall be reported to the proper authority.

Print Co-Founder Name

Print 2nd Co-Founder Name

Signature of Co-Founder

Signature of 2nd Co-Founder