

# LAFAYETTE CLUB RACQUETBALL

## CONSTITUTION

### **Article I - Name**

This student organization shall be referred to officially as “Lafayette Club Racquetball” or “Lafayette Racquetball Club”. The two are interchangeable. In casual conversation “Lafayette Racquetball” or similar simplifications are acceptable. The official abbreviation shall be “LCR”

If at a time the members of LCR seek to give the club a nickname it can be approved as an alternative official name by a simple majority vote and approval of at least two officers.

### **Article II – Purpose**

The primary purpose of LCR is to provide a group of individuals a label under which they can play the sport of racquetball (with no bias on skill level). The members shall play for fun or for improving their skill set. Opportunities to teach each other various skills both in racquetball and outside of the sport shall be fostered.

The Club shall provide opportunities for more advanced members to participate in ECRC tournaments. Older members will invite newer members to tournaments once a basic skill level and commitment is shown.

The club also is in existence to generate interest in the sport and provide the student body with knowledgeable racquetball players.

### **Article III – Membership**

Membership is open to any member of the Lafayette community who loves playing the game and wishes to be an ambassador of the sport. Membership is to consist of students, however College Staff and Alumni are welcome to attend weekly meetings.

Official membership will be given to students upon their arrival at a second practice or upon defeating an officer in a 3 game set on their first day.

Membership can be revoked in circumstances where an individual has been deemed destructive to the cohesion of the club or the environment the club is attempting to create. Officers will discuss the matter in private and decide how best to handle such a situation. All officers must agree to revoke membership if needed.

Members must register online at <http://dosportseasy.com/lafayetteclubs>.

### **Article IV – Officers**

The Officers of LCR shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Additional positions can be created by the core four officers, with executive voting rights given at the discretion of said four. Elections shall be held on an annual basis in the month of April. Email notification of the impending vote can be sent out at the discretion of the officers. Outgoing officers have the power to appoint replacements with a simple majority. The will of the members shall be taken into consideration when appointing new officers. The new officers must be willing to accept office, understanding that it signals they are in a leadership position which brings new responsibilities.

The officers must act cooperatively to handle to various tasks, suggested division of tasks are as follows. The President and Vice President are in charge of scheduling meetings, seeking outside competition, and communicating with officials from the ECRC.

The Treasurer shall be in charge of assembling the budget and distributing the appropriated funds. At a time which dues are needed he/she will collect them. He/she will complete all transactions limited to purchasing team equipment (balls, racquets, restringing, goggles) as well as paying tournament fees, hotel bills and car rentals.

The Secretary shall be in charge of maintaining the club roster, the ladder, sending emails, and can assist the other officers in various tasks. Club inventory (locker) is the secretary's task although the locker will remain in the name of the youngest officer at his/her time of election until his/her departure from the club.

Other positions can include but are not limited to public relations chair, safety officer and videographer (for analysis of swing mechanics). If at any time more officers are needed a simple majority of current officers will decide.

Upon a semester abroad the officer shall relinquish his title to a member of his/her choosing. Impeachment for failure to do executive duties shall be recognized with five-eighths vote of club members.

#### **Article V – Competition**

The club shall at all times maintain a ladder, ranking the members for reference during ECRC play. This shall also serve as a motivator for development of skills.

Ladder "challenge" matches shall occur to change the order of the ladder with the winner taking the spot of the loser if said loser was ranked higher upon the issuing of the challenge.

A ladder match shall consist of two games to fifteen and a tiebreaker to eleven.

The club shall participate in the ECRC (Eastern Collegiate Racquetball Conference) during the various meets throughout the year, at the discretion of the President and Treasurer.

The club is welcome to seek alternative competition, ranging from but not limited to local tournaments, invitations to other schools, or tournaments held in KSC where LCR hosts other collegiate teams.

#### **Article VI – Coach**

Rich Gallagher shall be the instructor of the club, providing helpful information to the members of the club. He shall adhere to his contract which is in effect as long as he desires to spread his knowledge of the sport. Lessons shall be provided on a biweekly basis in the fall semester, or at the discretion of the officers and or Rich.

Upon a unanimous vote by officers Rich can be dismissed for failure to adhere to his contract or for bringing avoidable and substantial harm to any of the clubs members.

#### **Article VII – Dues**

At a time which the Treasure deems additional funds are needed the officers may ask members to pay a reasonable amount (no more than fifty dollars) to bolster funds.

The USAR which is the parent organization of the ECRC requires yearly membership of around twenty-five dollars. This is the responsibility of any member seeking to go to a tournament.

#### **Article VIII – Materials**

The clubs inventory shall be kept in the locker room in KSC. The combination to the locks will be given to members at the discretion of the officers. All equipment is property of LCR and shall remain so. The secretary shall be in charge of maintaining the equipment.

The locker will be renewed each year, and given to the youngest officer at the graduation of the last “owner.”

#### **Article IX – Risk Management**

##### Section 1 - Injuries

The club should maintain a safe environment for all members. Protective equipment is highly suggested, and common sense is to be employed. Members shall inform the Safety officer of any underlying medical conditions that could endanger them prior to going to any tournaments.

The proper number of certified officers shall attend all practices and games. All members shall use proper technique while playing to remain safe.

New members will be taught safe playing techniques and will be given tips on how to avoid injury by the older players.

The President shall work with KSC staff to ensure the courts remain in safe playing condition (occasionally get dusted)

##### Section 2- Finances

In the event that finances are running low tournament play will cease until such a time that student government provides funding, or if players are willing the officers will decide upon a fair amount for dues to be paid until a time that funding resumes.

### Section 3 – Hazing

Hazing is not tolerated in LCR. If an Officer feels that hazing is occurring an emergency executive meeting will be scheduled, and the individuals involved will be dealt with accordingly. Attendance at anti hazing meetings will be advised but not mandatory.

It is the belief that LCR can foster a competitive, enjoyable experience in which all skill levels will equally enjoy their time.

To prevent the best players from continually defeating newer members tips will be given, and older players will play in a manner that attempts to encourage newer players, and fosters growth of skill, rather than emotional distress.

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