Constitution of the Women’s Club Soccer Team

Article I—Name

The name of this organization shall be “Women’s Club Soccer.”

Article II—Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote a team bond among girls through all levels of play and to foster a team/athleticism.

Article III—Membership

Membership in this organization shall be open to the Lafayette Community. Playing time is based upon ability and attendance at practices. In order to be an active member of the club each member must register each semester at dosportseasy.com, or what may be the current policy of the college.

Article IV—Officers

The officers of this organization shall be the president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, fundraising chair, and social/activities chair. The club members nominate candidates and a team vote is taken via email. Elections occur once a year and officers serve a two-semester term that runs from the spring to fall semester.

Article V—Meetings

This organization shall two to three times per week for practices, games, and meetings. The officers shall meet twice a month to discuss issues as well as upcoming practices and games.

Article VI—Procedure

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

Article VIII—Amendments

The officers of the organization may amend the constitution by a 2/3 approval of the board.

Article VIII—Risk Management

Section I: Injuries. Two members of the board will take the CPR/first aid training classes to become certified by the college. These members will be responsible for responding to any injuries during practice or games.
Section II: Finances. This organization has a designated Treasurer who is responsible for all of the financial decisions that are made including collecting dues. The Treasurer is the only member with control over the organization’s finances.

Section III: Hazing. The board of this club will enforce a zero-tolerance hazing policy, per the College’s policies (see student handbook). According to the recreation services website, common examples of hazing among club sports include, but are not limited to:

- Pressuring, urging, or encouraging anyone to consume alcohol or drugs.
- Physical activity (e.g., middle-of-the-night calisthenics) that is not a part of organized Sports Clubs Teams practices or competitions.
- Paddling, shoving, or striking in any manner.
- Force-feeding.
- Disrupting sleep.
- Individual interrogations such as “rat-court” or “kangaroo-court”.
- Throwing or pouring substances on anyone.
- Any activity that interferes with students’ attending class or studying.
- Any form of restriction of a person’s freedom of movement.
- Nudity as part of an initiation activity.
- “Line-ups” of any type.
- Any activity that tends to or actually degrades, humiliates, ridicules, embarrasses, or intimidates another person.
- Personal errands run by new members for the initiated members (servitude).
- Calling new members “scum” or similar names.
- New members vs. active members in sports clubs contests or other competitions which are purposefully unfair and do not promote friendly competition.
- Any other activity or situation that puts the new member at risk or in jeopardy or may associate the organization with hazing.

The club fully understands that any hazing endorsed by the club will result in having the remainder of the year’s practices and competitions cancelled, remaining funding will be cancelled for the remainder of the year, and disciplinary action may be pursued against individuals involved in the hazing activities per the Recreation Services Policy. Additionally, the individual or individuals responsible for the hazing event(s) will not be eligible for active membership following the revelation of hazing events.

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