

Constitution of Women's Club Lacrosse

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be Lafayette Women's Club Lacrosse

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this organization is meant to create a way for interested female Lafayette College students to participate in women's lacrosse at the non-varsity level. The organization shall strive to create a positive environment for those interested in playing to have the opportunity to play other college organizations at a less competitive level than that of varsity.

The main purpose is to have fun and enjoy the sport of women's lacrosse.

Article III: Membership

1. Membership in this organization complies with Lafayette College's non-discrimination policy.

2. Membership in this organization shall be open to the Lafayette college student female community.

3. All members must register via the <http://dosportseasy.com/lafayetteclubs/> website.

4. Members must attend meetings held once a month. If for some reason a member is unable to attend a meeting one of the officers must be contacted regarding their absence. If there is no way for a member to make the meeting, officers are to make certain those members who were absent are given the information missed. It will be highly suggested that each member attend at least one practice per week of the possible two to three that will be scheduled and held.

It is also highly suggested of each member to, at the very minimum, attend one half of the scheduled games per season.

Members must also be willing and able to, when necessary, travel to other colleges located near Lafayette to compete against other Women's Lacrosse organizations.

Article IV: Officers

1. The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Social Chair. We do not have a coach or team captains.

2. All officers shall be registered students at Lafayette College who are in good academic standing.

3. The organization is open to the addition of other possible positions. New officer positions will be discussed during meetings and instituted if necessary. Current positions are also subject to structural changes, if necessary and agreed upon by the majority of members. Impeachment process: If any officer is not fulfilling the responsibilities of her position she is eligible for impeachment. The issue can be called to the attention of other officers through email. If impeachment of one officer is

suggested by at least five members of the organization then the issue will be up for discussion at the following meeting. If necessary the impeachment will be put to a vote. Majority rules.

4. The Vice President will serve as the primary risk manager and safety officer even if there are other members or designated risk and safety members with first aid training and certifications.

Article V: Elections

1. Officers shall be elected annually by the members of the group. Elections shall be held during the month of September or anytime before November.

2. The term of office shall start on the first day of the following month.

3. To elect new officers members must first vote to nominate possible candidates for the officer positions. Once members are nominated the other members of the organization must vote for one of the nominees for each position. Individuals nominated must accept nomination. Members must vote according to which nominee is best suited for the responsibilities required by each officer position. The nominee that receives the most votes from the other members will take on the responsibilities the position entails.

Elections will be held during one of the first few meetings each year.

Article VI: Meetings

1. This organization shall meet at least once a month during the months that classes are in session at Lafayette College. Practices will be held at least once a week starting sometime in September. Therefore, this organization shall have at least eight meetings per year and around fourteen practices a semester.

2. For each meeting and practice to be successfully held, this organization requires at least eight members in attendance per meeting or practice.

3. This organization shall meet once a month ordinarily in the late afternoon during the week, however according to the members' schedules meeting times and dates can be subject to change.

4. This organization's officers will also be responsible for holding an Executive Board (officers only) meeting previous to each of the eight plus meetings per year. Officers must also provide an agenda for each meeting in order to keep members informed and on top of the responsibilities required of the organization.

5. The President shall chair all meetings. In the President's absence, the Vice President shall chair.

Article VII: Amendments

In order to amend this organization's constitution a proposal must be drafted by a member of the organization. Then the proposal must be presented to all the members of the organization during a meeting. After the proposal is presented members must vote for or against the amendment. If 2/3 of the organization's members vote for the

amendment it will be added to the constitution. This same process will be used for the ratification of pre existing amendments.

Article VIII: Procedure

1. The meetings of this organization shall be conducted according to parliamentary Law, as defined in Roberts' Rules of Order.
2. Attendance must be taken at the beginning of each meeting.
3. The minutes of each meeting must be recorded and submitted to the student government. The topics discussed at each meeting must be recorded and distributed to each member of the organization (agenda).

Article IX – Risk Management

Section I: Injuries – Use proper lacrosse safety equipment (including mouthpieces, goggles and cleats) is mandatory for all players. The safety officer shall be CPR and First-Aid certified and shall be present at all practices/games.

Section II: Finances – The treasurer must approve all purchases using the team funds. All purchases must benefit the Women’s lacrosse club.

Section III: Hazing – Lafayette College and Pennsylvania State Law requires that no student participates in and that no student organization allows any of its new members, members, or others to participate in any pre-membership ceremony or practice that involves mental or physical exhaustion or abuse, or in any way interferes with the students’ mental or physical ability to perform their work at Lafayette College. These rites must not reflect unfavorably upon either the group or the College or be of a dangerous, rude, or demeaning nature. The President is responsible for ensuring that members understand this policy and that (1) members will be held responsible for violations of this policy and (2) the student organization itself may face charges for violating this policy. For a more comprehensive list of examples of hazing, refer to the Student Handbook.

All practices and team meetings shall be run in the presence of the officers. Hazing in any form is not tolerated. The Lafayette Hazing Policy states that hazing, whether it occurs on or off campus, is prohibited and will be subject to sanctioning through the conduct process.

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