

## LAFAYETTE COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

### Constitution of the “Club Quidditch Team”

#### **Article I--- Name**

The Name of this organization shall be “Lafayette Club Quidditch Team”.

#### **Article II--- Purpose**

1. To present students with an opportunity for exercise and social interaction through a formerly-fantastical sport.
2. To encourage sportsmanship and further Lafayette’s good name in competitions against other colleges, either at home or away.
3. To support the club Quidditch team in all of their endeavors at competitions and at practices.
4. To maintain and play by the rules laid out in the Intercollegiate Quidditch Rule Book.

#### **Article III--- Membership**

1. Membership is open to the Lafayette student populace, regardless of experience of sports played upon broomsticks.
2. Membership in this organization complies with Lafayette College’s non-discrimination policy
3. Members must be students of Lafayette College.
4. Membership shall be retained until the student severs relations with Lafayette College whether by graduation, leave of absence, voluntary or involuntary separation from the College. Membership will be retained during the vacation and recesses of the College; however, per College policy, if a student is on an official leave from the College due to suspension of an involuntary separation, they are not permitted to participate in the organization.
5. All members of the club must register on the “dosportseasy” website.

#### **Article IV--- Officers**

1. The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Coach, and Assistant Coach.
2. The Vice President will serve as the primary safety officer.
3. Both coaches have the same voting privileges as the rest of the club.
4. The officers will be elected by a vote from the team, which will be held at the close of the year. In the event of poor officers, the team may hold a vote at the end of the semester to change officers. If two thirds of the team votes to change the executive board then an election will be held prior to summer break. The new officers will serve until the end of the year at which point an election will be held again and the team will return to a normal schedule.
5. In the event that an officer must resign or leave for any reason they will get to pick the person who will serve in their place, but only with the majority of the team’s approval.

#### **Article V – Elections**

1. Officers shall be elected annually by the members of the group. Elections shall be held during the month of November, no later than the 20<sup>th</sup>.
2. Every member of the club will have one vote.
3. The term of office shall start on the first day of the following month.
4. We will follow a president-elect, past president system to preserve continuity for the organization.

## **Article VI--- Meetings**

1. This club will meet at least twice a week in some capacity, mostly practices, during the season.
2. For any meeting to determine policy, activities, or other business:
  - a. The President shall chair all meetings. In the President's absence, the Secretary shall chair
  - b. All members shall have one vote with respect to any resolutions put forward during a meeting.
3. Notice of regular and special meetings, practices, and tournaments shall be communicated to all members of the group by the Secretary.

## **Article VII--- Amendments**

1. The constitution may be amended by a two thirds vote by the team.
2. Any member of the club may propose an amendment. Proposals shall be filed in writing with the Secretary prior to the meeting so that the group may debate the proposal.

## **Article VIII--- Procedure**

1. Practices will follow rules set down by the Collegiate Quidditch Rulebook and will consist of drilling and scrimmages. Competitions will be held against other schools at which these rules will be upheld.
2. The meetings of this organization will be conducted according to Parliamentary Law, as defined in Roberts' Rules of Order

## **Article IX--- Risk Management**

### Section I: Injuries:

- a) Among the board there will consist of at least three officers, including the Vice President, at any given event, with adequate training in first aid and CPR.
- b) Practices will be held with the intent to limit contact, unless a trainer, or other medically trained professional, is present, so as to reduce risk of injury.
- c) Proper technique in tackling and other contact related skills will be taught extensively before any practicing of said techniques are performed

### Section II: Finances

- a) The club Quidditch team shall report any dues required of members, any amount from fundraising and any fees required of teams that attend a home tournament.
- b) At the end of each year, we will do a review of our finances and adjust dues and budget requests to meet our needs
- c) If a new treasurer is elected, the former treasurer will have at least one meeting with them to prepare them for the role

### Section II: Hazing

- a) Hazing policy: 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 be face charges for violating this policy. For a more comprehensive list of examples of hazing, refer to the Student Handbook

- b) The club will require the highest-ranking positions on the team, i.e. president, coach, to not be held by a member of the graduating class to reduce any hazing that may occur.
- c) No club event or activity will be mandatory and there will be absolutely no repercussion for missing one