

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Constitution of "Women's Club Soccer"

Article I --- Organization Name

The name of this organization shall be "Lafayette Women's Club Soccer."

Article II --- Purpose

Women's Club Soccer is concerned with

- 1) Promoting a team bond among girls through all levels of play
- 2) To foster a team/athleticism

Article III ---- Membership

Membership in this organization complies with Lafayette College's non-discrimination policy. The club is open to any interested woman and gender-queer/nonbinary actively-enrolled students of Lafayette College. 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 or an involuntary separation, they are not permitted to participate in the organization. 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 <http://dosportseasy.com/lafayetteclubs/>.

Article IV ---- Officers

Section I: Officers The officers of this group shall consist of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The President will serve as the official representative of the team off the field and oversees that all members of the board are fulfilling their positions. The Vice President will serve as the primary safety officer or risk manager. The Treasurer's duties include managing the allocated amount of money the school has set aside for the team, reserving vehicles for off campus expeditions, depositing donations and any fundraiser money. The Secretary is responsible for delegating such that all requirements mandated by the college to act as an active club are met and maintaining all primary contact information for members and opposing teams. The Secretary also arranges the game schedule. All officers shall be registered undergraduates in Lafayette College who are in good academic standing. The executive board is solely made up of students; only members may vote, even if they are up for election. Therefore, the captains (the current President and Vice President) may vote.

Section II: Impeachment Process If an officer is not performing the duties, the team may vote on their impeachment. A two-thirds vote by members will result in immediate impeachment. If an officer is impeached the team will then elect a new officer as soon as possible. Once elected the new officer's inauguration is effective immediately.

Article V ---- Elections

Officers shall be elected annually by the members of the group, majority wins based off a poll. Elections shall be held during the month of November, following the end of the fall season. The term of office for board members shall start on the first day of the Spring season. Newly-elected captains will begin their role the following fall. All active members are eligible for any board position.

Article VI ---- 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.

Meetings of the groups shall be held on a regular basis for the purpose of determining policy, activities, programs, and other business. Special meetings of the group may be called by the President, the Secretary, or any five members of the group. A simple majority of the group shall constitute a quorum. The President shall chair all meetings. In the President's absence, the Vice President shall chair. Notice of regular and special meetings shall be communicated to all members of the group by the Secretary. All members shall have one vote with respect to any resolutions put forward during a meeting.

Article VII ---- Amendments

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the group. Any five members of the group 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

The meetings of this organization will be conducted according to Parliamentary Law, as defined in Roberts' Rules of Order.

Article IX ---- Risk Management

This club will follow these guidelines when coming into situations dealing with Risk Management:

Section I: Injuries At least 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 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.* 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).
- 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.

Print Co-Founder Name

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Signature of Co-Founder

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