

# Constitution of “*Lafayette College Squash Club*”

## **Article I – Name**

The name of this organization shall be “*Lafayette College Squash Club*”.

## **Article II – Purpose**

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide the students of Lafayette with an opportunity to play squash on a competitive level. As members of the College Squash Association and US Squash, players will receive ample opportunities to represent Lafayette in collegiate matches and tournaments.

## **Article III – Membership**

- 1) Membership in this organization complies with Lafayette College’s non-discrimination policy.
- 2) Members must be students of Lafayette College.
- 3) 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 involuntary separation, they are not permitted to participate in the organization.
- 4) Members will need to register for the club via the <http://dosportseasy.com/lafayetteclubs/> website.
- 5) Members will become affiliated with US Squash, which will permit them to be officially recognized in competitive matches and tournaments.

## **Article IV – Officers**

- 1) The officers of this organization shall consist of President, Vice President, Captain, and Treasurer. Should any officer resign or leave office, succession shall be decided by the current officers.
- 2) All officers shall be registered undergraduates in Lafayette College who are in good academic standing.
- 3) In accordance with our club’s risk level, we shall have at least two safety officers trained in first-aid and CPR. The Vice President will serve as the primary safety officer or risk manager.
- 4) Officers may be removed from office by a two thirds majority vote of all registered members of the club. In order to start the removal procedure a written proposal must be signed by at least three members and presented to the president of the club (or the vice president if removal proceedings are being filed against the president).

## **Article V - Elections**

- 1) Officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of members of the group (not including the coach). Elections shall be held during the month of April. Officers shall assume their offices until the end of the following Spring Semester.
- 2) The term of office shall start on the first day of May.

## **Article VI – Meetings**

- 1) The club will meet twice a week for regular practices with our coach. 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 Vice President, or any five members of the group.
- 2) A simple majority of the group shall constitute a quorum.
- 3) The President shall chair all meetings. In the President’s absence, the Vice President, Treasurer, or Captain shall chair.
- 4) Notice of regular and special meetings shall be communicated to all members of the group by an

officer.

5) All members shall have one vote with respect to any resolutions put forward during a meeting.

### **Article VII – Procedure**

The meetings of this organization shall be conducted according to the parliamentary law as defined in Robert's Rules of Order.

### **Article VIII – Amendments**

- 1) The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the group.
- 2) At least three members of the group must be in agreement to propose an amendment. Proposals shall be filed in writing prior to the meeting so that the group may debate the proposal.

### **Article IX – Risk Management**

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

**Section I:** To prevent injuries, Club Squash will have a first aid kit in hand for all matches. In the event of any further physical discomfort, the member will be highly encouraged to make an appointment with the health center. Squash goggles must be used for play in all matches and competitive practices.

**Section II:** Dues will be required at the beginning of each year, subject to change based on the amount of funding that is allocated by the Student Government. To avoid a deficit, funding must be approved by the Treasurer for all purchases. The Treasurer must have an active list of purchases to keep track of so as to not go over budget.

**Section III:** Hazing of all kinds will not be tolerated at Club Squash. If any hazing is reported, the four officers will meet to discuss punishment, likely to include suspension from the club.

- 2) Hazing policy: Lafayette College and Pennsylvania State Law require 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.\*

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