

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Constitution of the Lafayette Men's Rugby Club

Article I --- Organization Name

The name of this organization shall be "Lafayette Men's Rugby Club".

Article II --- Purpose

The Lafayette Men's Rugby Club is concerned with:

- Building an inclusive community for anyone who wants to learn about and enjoy the sport of rugby.
- Grow and develop members sense of community on campus and responsibility within the Lafayette Community.
- To promote the sport of rugby as a great method of stress relief and exercise for all members of the Lafayette community

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 an involuntary separation, they are not permitted to participate in the organization.
- 4) Members must register via the <http://dosportseasy.com/lafayetteclubs/> web site.
- 5) The Rugby Club participates as member of the MARC (Mid Atlantic Rugby Conference) League, under the national governing body of USA Rugby.

Article IV ---- Officers

- 1) The officers of this group shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Social Media Chair, and Co-Recruiting Chairs.
- 2) All officers shall be registered undergraduates in Lafayette College who are in good academic standing
- 3) The acting Vice President will serve as the primary safety officer and/or risk manager.
- 4) The Coach shall be a part of the executive board and will have the ability to vote, power of roster selection, and will be an acting safety officer.
- 5) Team Captains will be a part of the executive board and will have a say in roster selection.

Article V ---- Elections

- 1) Officers shall be elected annually by the members of the group. Elections shall be held during the month of March.
- 2) The term of office shall start June following the commencement and severing of the previous members ties to Lafayette and thus the team as official members.
- 3) Officer elections shall take place through a majority rule vote, in which all members of the team will be able to participate.

Article VI ---- Meetings

- 1) Meetings of the groups shall be held on a regular basis for the purpose of determining policy, practices, games, and any other business that needs to be attended to. Special meetings of the group may be called by the President, the Secretary, 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 shall chair.
- 4) Notice of regular and special meetings shall be communicated to all members of the group by the Secretary.

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

Article VII ---- Amendments

- 1) The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the group.
- 2) 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

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

Article IX ---- Risk Management

- 1) This club will follow these guidelines when coming into situations dealing with Risk Management. The Lafayette Men's rugby club stands firmly on the belief that rugby can be a dangerous sport. In order to mitigate the risks associated with playing, at every practice we will have at least two players who are CPR and AED certified, as well as a designated player and back up player to go get help from the appropriate authorities should the need arise (i.e. broken bones, concussions and other serious injuries.) In order to mitigate the risks of injuries themselves we will minimize hard contact practices, especially early in the semester, and attempt to utilize our practice time to teach slow through the motions tackling practices as to allow players especially newer members to begin to learn how to safely tackle. During games we will always have both AED and CPR certified persons present at the games as well as an ambulance on standby in case of any serious injuries.
- 2) In order to avoid running a deficit during the year the club will work to ensure maximum frugality in our clubs spending, only purchasing items as absolutely necessary, as well trying to raise money from our alumni during our annual spring alumni match. We will try to purchase smaller items ourselves when necessary. We will stick as close to our proposed budget in our spending process as possible, and where possible minimize costs if we find that we will not be in need of a certain item in our budget.
- 3) 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.*

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