

Club Baseball
Lafayette College
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization shall be Club Baseball

ARTICLE II: Purpose and Scope

Section 1: Purpose Statement

The purpose of this club is to allow students to play baseball with friends for fun.

Section 2: Goals/Objectives

In pursuit of this general purpose, Club Baseball will aim to:

- A. Allow students to play baseball with other Lafayette students.
- B. Allow students to play baseball against other schools.
- C. Give students an activity to relax with after class.

Section 3: Relationship & Policy Agreement

As a recognized Lafayette College student organization, Club Baseball will have access to advising and resources through the Division of Student Life and the Lafayette College Student Government, however, Club Baseball activities are not supervised by Lafayette College staff or Student Government Representatives. The members of the organization itself are responsible for following all College policies and state laws and for ensuring the safety, security, and appropriate and lawful behavior of the membership as well as any students involved in activities sponsored by the organization.

Section 4: Affiliation

Club Baseball is associated with the NCBA Division II baseball league, we play against other teams in this same league and in the area around Lafayette College.

ARTICLE III: Membership

Section 1: Nondiscrimination

In keeping with Lafayette College's policy of nondiscrimination, membership in Club Baseball is open to all students at Lafayette College, regardless of race, color, national or ethnic origin, disability, religion, age, military or veteran status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital or familial status, pregnancy, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Section 2: Active Members

Active membership in Club Baseball shall be limited to students who are currently enrolled at Lafayette College. Active members need to be registered with the NCBA and on [DSE](#), and should, but are not required to, show up to practices and games. Active members are eligible to vote and hold office. Other members of Lafayette College such as faculty, staff, and alumni may participate but only as non-voting associate or honorary members.

Section 3: Selection of New Members

To obtain active member status, students must notify a Club Baseball officer that they are interested in participating. Students must also register themselves on DSE and with the NCBA.

Section 4: Hazing

Lafayette College requires that no student participate in and that no student organization allow any of its prospective members, new members, members, or others to participate in any 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. Hazing, whether it occurs on or off campus, is prohibited and will be subject to sanctioning through the conduct process.

Section 5: Voluntary Member Withdrawal

Any member can, at any time, voluntarily withdraw their membership from the organization.

Section 6: Non-Voluntary Member Withdrawal

A member can be removed from the organization by...

- A. Not paying dues during the current semester
- B. Not showing up to any games or practices
- C. Hazing another member of the club
- D. Vandalizing the any of the fields we play on

The process for removing a member is as follows:

1. Member preforms one of the actions listed in section 6
2. Club officers review the action and take a vote
3. Majority vote between the current/remaining officers decides if the member remains in the club or if they will be removed

Section 7: Dues

- A. \$100 for new members the semester they join, must be paid within the first month after the first practice of the semester.
- B. \$50 for returning members in all other semesters, must be paid within the first month after the first practice of the semester.

ARTICLE IV: Organizational Leadership

Section 1: Officers

The officers of Club Baseball shall be the President, the Vice President, the Team Captain, and the Treasurer, which will serve as the Executive Committee.

Section 2: The President shall:

- A. Final say in all important game, practice and scheduling decisions.
- B. Scheduling practices and games.
- C. Determines lineup with Team Captain for league games.

Section 3: The Vice-President shall:

- A. Primary Safety officer
- B. Aids current President in all decisions.

Section 4: The Team Captain shall:

- A. Manage current and potential players.
- B. Determines lineup with President for league games

Section 5: The Treasurer shall:

- A. Manage all purchases for the club

ARTICLE V: Advisor

Section 1: Club Baseball will be advised by a Lafayette College faculty, staff, or a full-time employee.

Section 2: The organization is free to select any eligible employee to serve as the advisor to the organization. Upon selection, the advisor must be approved by the Director of Student Involvement.

Section 3: The Advisor shall:

- a. Provide guidance and support.
- b. Advise the group on college policies and procedures and risk management.
- c. Attend meetings and major functions of Club Baseball.

ARTICLE VI: Officer Terms and Election Procedures

Section 1: Term

The term of all officers of Club Baseball shall be one calendar year. Officers may serve multiple consecutive terms.

Section 2: Election Timeline

All officers shall be elected on or before the last day of the fall semester of each year, with their term effective beginning with the first game of the next spring semester. The club will then follow a president-elect, past president system to ensure the reliable and accurate transfer of information needed to run the club. A representative from the Office of Recreation Services can be made available to audit the election process and count votes, upon request.

Section 3: Officer Criteria

All officers shall be elected from the active members. Any student seeking to hold office must have and maintain good academic and judicial standing. This includes a GPA requirement of 2.0 in the previous semester.

Section 4: Election Process

- a. The President will announce that elections will be occurring and communicate the process and timeline to the active members.
- b. Members will notify President that they want to run for certain positions.
- c. Any member may nominate any active member for a position, including themselves. All nominations must be accepted by the nominee in order to be considered.
- d. Nominations will be closed by the President after all nominations are accepted for each office.
- e. In the event that only one individual accepts a nomination for a position, they will assume the position for the coming year. If two or more individuals accept the nomination, it will be put to a vote.
- f. Voting shall occur by a secret ballot distributed to each active member in attendance at the meeting. The ballots shall be tabulated by any officer not on the ballot and/or the Advisor. A majority is required to elect Executive Officers.

Section 5: Officer Resignation

Any officer can, at any time, voluntarily resign from their position with proper notice given to the other officers and Advisor.

Section 6: Officer Impeachment

- A. Officers can be impeached if they violate any part of Article III, Section 6
- B. When violations occur for any member of the Executive Officers, including Team Captain and Coaches, they will be immediately removed from the club with no option to rejoin.
- C. If officers fail to complete their responsibilities listed in Article IV, they will be removed from office and will become a regular member of the club

Section 7: Officer Succession

If an officer is impeached or resigns, their responsibilities will be given to the next officer in line. The order of succession is as follows: President, Vice President, Team Captain, Treasurer. If all 4 members resign, the responsibilities will fall on the student that has been a member the longest.

ARTICLE VII: Meetings and Programs

Section 1: The first meeting of the fall semester shall be within two weeks after classes start.

Section 2: At least one business meeting should be held per month. A business meeting is defined as an official publicly advertised meeting with quorum present and minutes recorded.

Section 3: Quorum: A simple majority of the membership is required to conduct business (half plus one).

Section 4: Robert's Rules of Order shall govern meetings in all cases except when in conflict with this constitution and with general College regulations.

ARTICLE VIII: Constitutional Amendments

Section 1: Amendments to the Constitution must be proposed in writing by an active member of Club Baseball at any regular meeting at which two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the active members are present.

Section 2: Proposed amendments shall be voted upon only after two regular meetings following the introduction of the proposal and discussion period.

Section 3: Proposed amendments will become effective following a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) affirmative vote of the active members.

ARTICLE IX: Risk Management

Section 1: Injuries

- A. No equipment will be used without supervision of either the President, Vice President, Team Captain, or Coach to mitigate injuries.

Section 2: Finances

- A. Treasurer must consult the President and Coach on all purchasing information.

Section 3: Hazing

- A. Hazing will not be tolerated; any violation will cause the immediate removal of the member responsible for hazing.

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