

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be “Men’s Club Lacrosse”.

Article II --- Purpose and Scope

Section 1 Purpose Statement

The purpose of this organization shall be to introduce the game of Lacrosse to Lafayette students and participate in local collegiate lacrosse leagues.

Section 2: Goals/Objectives

In pursuit of this general purpose, Men’s Club Lacrosse will aim to:

- A. Spread the game of Lacrosse by promoting our club in hopes to attract new members.
- B. Compete in the NCLL at a high level.
- C. Create a community of Lacrosse players on campus.

Section 3: Relationship & Policy Agreement

As a recognized Lafayette College student organization, Men’s Club Lacrosse will have access to advising and resources through the Division of Student Life and the Lafayette College Student Government, however, Men’s Club Lacrosse 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

Men’s Club Lacrosse will be affiliated with the NCLL (the National College Lacrosse League). Benefits of being in this league include exposure to other high talent club lacrosse teams across the country.

Article III Membership

Section 1: Nondiscrimination

In keeping with Lafayette College’s policy of nondiscrimination, membership in Men’s Club Lacrosse is open to all students of 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 membership in Men’s Club Lacrosse shall be limited to students who are currently enrolled at Lafayette College. Members will be required to attend practices, games, and tournaments, unless a valid excuse is given. The club officers will determine the validity of any excuses. All members are required to register with Lafayette club sports at

<http://dosportseasy.com/lafayetteclubs/> . Only registered members will be allowed to participate in games or tournaments. 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. The benefits of membership will be as follows: a group of men will be able to participate in a team sport and improve their leadership abilities, collegiate men will be able to continue their passion for the sport of lacrosse and a new crew of

people will be able to use the club as a means for exploring a maybe once unknown athletic outlet.

Section 3: Selection of New Members

To obtain active member status, prospective members can join after attending two consecutive organization practices and paying any necessary dues. There is no formal application, interview required, or tryout. To maintain active membership, members must attend practices, games, and tournaments.

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. An active member be removed if their conduct violates the College's Code of Conduct in a manner warranting disciplinary action from the College. The Organization Advisor should serve as a non-voting mediator for these proceedings. The removal of an Executive Officer is described in Article 6, Section 6.
- B. The active member should be given notice of concerns raised by the membership (verbal and in writing) by the Executive Officers with the Advisor present.
- C. A second meeting should be held between the active member, Executive Officers, and Advisor to discuss the concerns and determine the outcome.

Section 7: Dues

The club will institute a 40\$ membership fee (dues) for equipment and ref salary throughout the season. Annual dues will be paid by every active member on the first day of practice.

ARTICLE IV: Organizational Leadership

Section 1: Officers

The officers of Men's Club Lacrosse shall be the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, which will serve as the Executive Committee.

Section 2: The President shall:

- A. The President's duties encompass, but are not limited to: maintaining an accurate roster on DoSportsEasy and Ourcampus, submitting a practice schedule to Recreation Services,

attending mandatory workshops for club sanctioning, etc.

Section 3: The Vice-President shall:

- A. The Vice President shall take on the duties of the President in their absence, and serve as the Primary or Chief Safety Officer (PSO/CSO). They will be responsible for risk management, maintaining and filing incident reports, and making sure that both Safety Officers are present at practices and contests. They will also ensure that there are enough approved drivers to drive cars to contests.

Section 4: The Secretary shall:

- A. The Secretary will help coordinate matches, practices spaces, and times for club events. The Secretary will also update DoSportsEasy and Ourcampus when matches have been decided.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall:

- A. The Treasurer will keep a detailed account of all club transactions and an updated inventory of equipment.
- B. Prepares and submit budget requests

Section 6: Safety Officers:

- A. Must be CPR and First Aid Certified, and the two elected Safety Officers must be present at all practices and competitions.

ARTICLE V: Advisor

Section 1: Men's Club Lacrosse 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 Men's Club Lacrosse

ARTICLE VI: Officer Terms and Election Procedures

Section 1: Term

The terms of all officers of Men's Club Lacrosse 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, with their term beginning

the first day of the spring semester.

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.

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. All active members shall be present for all meetings in which an election or a nomination is occurring
- C. Any member may nominate any active member for a position, including themselves. That member must accept said nomination in order to be considered for the position.
- D. 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. Voting shall occur by a ballot distributed to each active member. The ballots shall be tabulated by 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

Officers may be impeached by

- A. The membership may request that an Executive Officer step down from their duties for failing to complete the duties of their office.
- B. The membership may request that an Executive Officer step down if their conduct violates the College's Code of Conduct in a manner warranting disciplinary action from the College.
- C. The impeachment hearing must occur while classes are in session. The Executive Officer should be given notice of concerns raised by the membership. At the hearing, both sides will be given an opportunity to present their case. After which a vote will incur among the membership. A three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) affirmative vote of all present members is required to remove the Executive officer from office.
- D. Members will also be allowed to bring up any concerns in regards to coaches or team captains, in which the same process will follow.

Section 7: Officer Succession

Should the office of the President be vacant, the Vice President shall become the President and assume all of the responsibilities of that office. Should the office of any of the remaining officers become vacant, a special election will be held at the next meeting.

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.

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 the Men's Club Lacrosse 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 VIII– Risk Management

Section 1: Injuries – Use of proper lacrosse equipment (including but not limited to; mouthpieces, cleats, arm pads, chest pads, gloves, and a helmet) is mandatory for all players. The safety officers shall be CPR and First-Aid certified and shall be present at all games/tournaments.

Section 2: Finances – All purchases using team funds shall be approved by and made by the Treasurer. The current treasurer shall keep an up-to-date budget and maintain a knowledge of all incoming and outgoing funds during his term.

Section III: Hazing – All practices and team meetings shall be run in the presence of the president and/or the rest of the executive board. Any incidents that may be considered hazing shall be investigated internally, with the offending parties being placed on suspension until the conclusion of the internal investigation. If it is determined that a hazing event has taken place, the offending parties shall be removed from the team and the incident shall be reported to the proper authority.

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