

Lafayette Spikeball Roundnet Club
Lafayette College
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Lafayette Spikeball Roundnet Club.

ARTICLE II: Purpose and Scope

Section 1: Purpose Statement

The purpose of this club is to teach new members how to play roundnet while helping experienced players build upon their skills. The primary objective of this club is to bring the sport of roundnet to Lafayette's campus in order to provide a local roundnet community interested in the game and competing at a higher level.

Section 2: Goals/Objectives

In pursuit of this general purpose, the Lafayette Spikeball Roundnet Club will aim to:

- A. Consistently hold at least 2 practices a week
- B. Foster a growing sense of companionship among teammates
- C. Diversify members
- D. Reach out to the Spikeball community beyond Lafayette College

Section 3: Relationship & Policy Agreement

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

Section 4: Affiliation

Our sports club will be participating in tournaments that are hosted and sponsored by USA Roundnet and Spikeball.

ARTICLE III: Membership

Section 1: Nondiscrimination

In keeping with Lafayette College's policy of nondiscrimination, membership in Lafayette Spikeball Roundnet Club 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 Members

Active membership in the Lafayette Spikeball Roundnet Club shall be limited to students who are currently enrolled at Lafayette College. 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 4.1. The number of active members in the club must be one more than 50% of the total number of members in the board.

Section 4.2. To obtain active member status, prospective members can join after attending two consecutive club meetings and paying any necessary dues. There is no formal application or interview required.

Section 4.3 All members must register on DSE via <https://recreation.lafayette.edu/join-a-sports-club/>

Section 3: Selection of New Members

To obtain active member status, prospective members can join after attending two consecutive organization meetings and paying any necessary dues. There is no formal application or interview required. To maintain active membership, members must attend at least two meetings each month.

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. The membership may request that 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.

ARTICLE IV: Organizational Leadership

Section 1: Officers

The officers of the Lafayette Spikeball Roundnet Club 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. Will serve as the Program Chair
- B. Will be in charge of running practices
- C. Will run club meetings

Section 3: The Vice-President shall:

- A. Will serve as the primary safety officer
- B. Will serve as the risk manager
- C. Will assist the President in any duties he/she may have

Section 4: The Secretary shall:

- A. Will be in charge of emails or messages concerning club activities
- B. Will be in charge of scheduling any roundnet events

Section 5: The Treasurer shall:

- A. Will decide how funds will be spent
- B. Will handle any money the club is using (ex. competition money, payments for roundnet material, purchasing new equipment, etc.)

ARTICLE V: Advisor

Section 1: The Lafayette Spikeball Roundnet Club 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 the Lafayette Spikeball Roundnet Club

ARTICLE VI: Officer Terms and Election Procedures

Section 1: Term

Upon the end of each calendar year, the Lafayette Spikeball Club will host a write-in ballot during its second to last meeting. Each member will cast one vote for who they see best fit for each position. Members are allowed to and are entitled to:

- A. Fill in as much or as little of the ballot as they choose
- B. Write the same nominated individual for any amount of positions
- C. Nominate themselves for any amount of positions they choose

Any ballots marked inappropriately, deemed by the current President, are subject to review by the rest of the board and may be discounted in the results. Upon the end of the final meeting in the first term, new board members will be announced.

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. A quorum (simple majority) of active members must be present for all meetings where nominations or elections take place.
- 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. The membership may request that an Executive Officer step down from their duties for failing to complete the duties of their office or if their conduct violates the College's Code of Conduct in a manner warranting disciplinary action from the College. The organization's Advisor should serve as a non-voting mediator for these proceedings. The impeachment hearing must occur while classes are in session. The Executive Officer should be given notice of concerns raised by the membership (verbal and written communication) at a regular meeting at which three-fourths (3/4) of the active members are present.
- B. At the next regular meeting, three-fourths (3/4) of active members must be present in order for the impeachment hearing to begin. The moderator of the impeachment hearing will be the President unless they are being impeached, in which case it will be the Vice President. The moderator cannot be the Officer being impeached. Each side will be given the opportunity to present their case and the active members may ask questions.
- C. The membership upon hearing the case shall vote. A three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) affirmative vote of all present members is required to remove the Executive officer from office.

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, following the process outlined in Article 6, Section 4.

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 meeting should be held per month. A meeting is defined as an official publicly advertised meeting with quorum present and minutes recorded.

Section 2.1. At least one “business meeting” shall be held of the Lafayette Spikeball Roundnet Club per semester during the fall and spring semesters at Lafayette College. Proper notice must be given before all business meetings, and the Student Organizations Committee must be made aware of these dates.

Section 2.2. At least one “social meeting” shall be held twice a month and it shall be marketed in such a way that the general members are all made aware of the organization of such a meeting.

Section 2.3. At least 25% of all active members must be present at any meeting in order for business to be conducted, and at least 50% must be present at Election meetings.

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 Lafayette Spikeball Roundnet Club 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. When playing spikeball/roundnet practice, it is necessary to wear any form of athletic shoe wear such as sneakers or cleats in order to play

Section 2: Finances

- A. When receiving the budget from Student Government, we have made sure to only use the budget that is available for us to use.

Section 3: Hazing

- A. When a behavior of what could be categorized as hazing has been observed by any members, members are reminded that they should bring this concern to the attention of the club president and the College.

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