

Lafayette College Table Tennis Club  
Lafayette College  
CONSTITUTION

**ARTICLE I: Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Lafayette College Table Tennis Club

**ARTICLE II: Purpose and Scope**

**Section 1: Purpose Statement**

The purpose of this club is to provide Lafayette students with the chance to improve their table tennis skills through friendly practice and competition.

**Section 2: Goals/Objectives**

In pursuit of this general purpose, the Lafayette College Table Tennis club will aim to:

- A. Host tournaments throughout the year;
- B. Host inter-club games every week;
- C. Provide different opponents to learn different styles of play;
- D. Give advice to less experienced players

**Section 3: Relationship & Policy Agreement**

As a recognized Lafayette College student organization, the Lafayette College Table Tennis club will have access to advising and resources through the Division of Student Life and the Lafayette College Student Government, however, the Lafayette College Table Tennis club 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**

**Lafayette College Table Tennis Club is affiliated with the NCTTA. This membership allows for:**

- **Tournaments**
- **Ratings**
- **Match matching**
- **Travel**

**ARTICLE III: Membership**

**Section 1: Nondiscrimination**

In keeping with Lafayette College's policy of nondiscrimination, membership in Lafayette College Table Tennis 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 College Table Tennis club shall be limited to students who are currently enrolled at Lafayette College. Members are considered active if they attend at least one practice a month and regularly participate in club activities. Active members must also be signed up on DoSportsEasy (<https://recreation.lafayette.edu/join-a-sports-club/>) to retain active status. Members can still be considered active if they are abroad, assuming requirements were in the last semester on campus. 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**

Active membership is granted after 2 consecutive months (while classes are in session) of meeting active status requirements.

## **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. Any concern shall be brought to the executive board, which will gather to discuss the concern with the member in the presence of the advisor.
- C. Any concern that fulfilled part B will be continued by having a meeting between the potential in-violation 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 College Table Tennis Club shall be the President, the Vice President, the Captain, and the Treasurer, which will serve as the Executive Committee.

### **Section 2: The President shall:**

- A. Be official contact for the NCTTA
- B. Schedule tournaments
- C. Facilitate and aid other roles
- D. Attend practice when needed

### **Section 3: The Vice-President shall:**

- A. Serve as primary safety leader and risk manager
- B. Aid president in the roles
- C. Manage communication between board and president

**Section 4:** The Captain shall:

- A. Run practice
- B. Help teach players new skills
- C. Attend practice every week

**Section 5:** The Treasurer shall:

- A. Manage the budget
- B. Put in requests for new equipment
- C. Order rental cars when needed

**ARTICLE V: Advisor**

**Section 1:** The Lafayette College Table Tennis 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 College Table Tennis Club**

**ARTICLE VI: Officer Terms and Election Procedures**

**Section 1: Term**

The terms of all officers of the Lafayette College Table Tennis Club shall be one calendar year. Officers may serve multiple consecutive terms.

**Section 2: Election Timeline**

All officers shall be elected on or before 12/1 of each year, with their term effective beginning 01/01.

**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. Any officer must maintain a GPA above 2.0.

**Section 4: Election Process**

\*Describe your process. Example below.

- A. The President will declare an election for 12/1 or the practice closest to 12/1.
- B. A majority of active members must be present at the election for the election to occur.
- C. Nominations occur, either by themselves or by another person. A nomination must be accepted for that person to be considered eligible for the position.
- D. A vote will be conducted, where the simple majority of votes will win. One person, one vote.
- E. Voting shall be conducted via groupme chat, with privacy settings on so total votes are shown but no individual votes are shown.

**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. In the event of any misconduct or any violation of any rules set by the club, the school, or beyond, any officer of the club may begin the impeachment process following past or present misconduct of any other officer.
- B. The impeachment will first consist of a meeting of all officers not implicated in the impeachment where the facts of the matter will be discussed, and shall take place at the first convenient time.
- C. Immediately following this meeting will be a meeting of all officers, including the accused party, as well as any witnesses that are involved or wish to be present, where questioning of any witnesses and the accused officers will commence.
- D. The impeachment vote will then follow once all questioning has completed, whereupon a majority vote of all officers, the accused, if found guilty (by 3/4th vote), will face expulsion or suspension from the executive board of the club, as decided by the most senior officer not implicated in the impeachment.
- E. Captains and coaches are liable to the same process.

Section 7: Officer Succession

- a. The president is in ultimate charge. In the event of impeachment, the vice president will take over until a new president is elected. A new election will be held within the same semester as the impeachment.

**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 the Lafayette College Table Tennis 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, if they do occur, will be reported to a member of staff on duty which will in turn be reported to the supervisor. Two safety officers will be present at each meeting and shall act accordingly for any possible injuries.

Section 2: The treasurer will keep track of financial records and transactions. Dues will be collected in a timely manner and recorded. The treasurer will be responsible for ensuring that the club is not running a deficit and requesting money when needed to avoid having to go in debt.

Section 3: 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 face charges for violating this policy. For a more comprehensive list of examples of hazing, refer to the Student Handbook.

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