

Badminton Club
Lafayette College
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Badminton Club, also referred to as Smashminton.

ARTICLE II: Purpose and Scope

Section 1: Purpose Statement

The purpose of this club is to introduce badminton to Lafayette students, a sport that can bring passion, confidence, and friendship.

Section 2: Goals/Objectives

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

- A. Hold weekly badminton sessions
- B. Organize at least one tournament per semester
- C. Build connections with the badminton clubs in other universities

Section 3: Relationship & Policy Agreement

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

The club will operate independently of a league or governing body

ARTICLE III: Membership

Section 1: Nondiscrimination

In keeping with Lafayette College's policy of nondiscrimination, membership in Badminton 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 Badminton Club shall be limited to students who are currently enrolled at Lafayette College. An active member for the badminton club attends weekly badminton training sessions at least once per month. Tournaments are not required for the members but recommended. Club members studying abroad are not considered as active but still are qualified as members. 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. All members of the Badminton Club should register on DSE via <https://recreation.lafayette.edu/join-a-sports-club/> website.

Section 3: Selection of New Members

All individuals who are interested in badminton can participate in the weekly training sessions and the tournaments. No formal registration is required to become a club member. Any member who participates in the events held at least once per month can be considered as an active member.

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.

Section 7: Dues

There are no dues for the Badminton Club

ARTICLE IV: Organizational Leadership

Section 1: Officers

The officers of the Badminton 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. Facilitate all club functions
- B. Organize tournaments and weekly training sessions
- C. Make sure the availability of equipment required
- D. Connect to the clubs on other campuses
- E. Cooperate with other officers for decision making
- F. Organize executive meeting when necessary

Section 3: The Vice-President shall:

- A. Assists the President with organizing training sessions and tournaments
- B. Assumes the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence or removal from office
- C. Coordinates organizational recruitment and retainment efforts
- D. Organize the selection or election of Executive Board members
- E. Serve as the primary safety leader and risk manager.

Section 4: The Secretary shall:

- A. Keeps a record of all members and activities of the club
- B. Keeps and distributes minutes of each executive meeting
- C. Prepares the club's calendar of events
- D. Assist the president with communicating within the college and to other campuses.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall:

- A. Keeps all financial records of the club
- B. Prepares and submits budget requests
- C. Be familiar with accounting procedures and policies

ARTICLE V: Advisor

Section 1: The Badminton 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 Badminton Club

ARTICLE VI: Officer Terms and Election Procedures

Section 1: Term

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

Section 2: Election Timeline

Elections will be conducted in the fall semester each year. 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.

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

Officers can 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 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 (¾) 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 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 Badminton 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 VIII: Risk Management (SPORTS CLUBS - ADDITIONAL SECTION)

Section 1: Injuries

- A. Stretching is required before each event
- B. Any injured individual is required to go to proper medical services immediately

Section 2: Finances

- A. All purchases will be discussed by all board members and planned out in advance to make sure that it will not surpass the budgets.
- B. The treasurer is responsible to report the finances to the executive board and ensure that the risk of deviating from the budget plans is as little as possible.

Section 3: Hazing

- A. Hazing is not allowed. To ensure that no hazing takes place, at least one member from the executive board should be present during the events.
- B. Any club member will be immediately removed from the club and be reported to the proper authorities if the instance of hazing takes place.

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