

Lafayette College Club Golf Team
Lafayette College
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Lafayette College Club Golf Team, also referred to as Club Golf.

ARTICLE II: Purpose and Scope

Section 1: Purpose Statement

The purpose of this club is to offer students access to play Golf at Lafayette, regardless of Gender, economic status, or anything that would potentially prevent them access to the sport.

Section 2: Goals/Objectives

In pursuit of this general purpose, the Lafayette Club Golf Team will aim to:

- A. Accept Members regardless of Gender, Orientation, Race, or any other factor
- B. Provide Equipment and peer to peer instruction to allow members to join even if they have never golfed before
- C. Provide practice times, as well as inter-team outings for members to hone their golf skills

Section 3: Relationship & Policy Agreement

As a recognized Lafayette College student organization, the Lafayette Club Golf Team will have access to advising and resources through the Division of Student Life and the Lafayette College Student Government, however, the Lafayette Club Golf Team's 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 Lafayette Club Golf team will be affiliated with the NCCGA, which is the national organization that governs Club Golf. This affiliation will provide us with the opportunity to compete in large regional, and even national tournaments, as well as giving us discounts on equipment and certain facilities nationwide.

ARTICLE III: Membership

Section 1: Nondiscrimination

In keeping with Lafayette College's policy of nondiscrimination, membership in The Lafayette Club Golf Team 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 Club Golf Team shall be limited to students who are currently enrolled at Lafayette College. Being an active member means to come to one club sponsored event at least once per month. If a club member is studying abroad they can still be considered active members, if they keep in touch with club happenings and events while abroad. 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 link to join Lafayette College Club Golf can be found on DoSportsEasy, <https://recreation.lafayette.edu/join-a-sports-club/>.

Section 3: Selection of New Members

There are no requirements for membership, apart from frequent participation, as discussed above, and a shown interest in the club. There is no formal application or interview process required, however, to maintain active membership, one must consistently come to events either ≥ 1 per 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.

Section 7: Dues

Lafayette Club Golf will require no dues.

ARTICLE IV: Organizational Leadership

Section 1: Officers

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

Section 2: The President shall:

- A. Oversee all Club activities, as well as serve as the primary liaison between the Executive Committee and the Club at large
- B. The President shall oversee all meetings and organize the structure of said meetings
- C. If an executive officer is unable to fulfill his position, the President shall take over their duties

Section 3: The Vice-President shall:

- A. Assist the President in any capacity needed
- B. Serve as a liaison between the Committee and the General body
- C. Assist the Treasurer in securing funding for weekly events
- D. Serve as the primary risk manager

Section 4: The Secretary shall:

- A. Organize events with local Golf Clubs/Ranges
- B. Take detailed notes on meetings to submit to the rest of the club for their information

Section 5: The Treasurer shall:

- A. Work with the school to secure funding for our events
- B. Work with the local Clubs/Ranges to pay them for our time at their facilities

ARTICLE V: Advisor

Section 1: The Lafayette Club Golf Team 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

ARTICLE VI: Officer Terms and Election Procedures

Section 1: Term

The terms of all officers of the Lafayette Club Golf Team shall be one calendar year. Officers may serve multiple consecutive terms. Lafayette Club Golf will host elections on the first week of the fall semester, with a spring takeover.

Section 2: Election Timeline

All officers shall be elected on or before the conclusion of the fall semester, with their term effective beginning the following 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 (¾) affirmative vote of all active 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 Lafayette Club Golf team at any regular meeting at which two-thirds (⅔) 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 (¾) affirmative vote of the active members.

ARTICLE VIII: Risk Management

Section 1: Injuries

Use of proper Golf equipment (including but not limited to); Golf Clubs, Golf Shoes, Golf Balls, 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 3: 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.