

CNU MEN'S LACROSSE CLUB

CONSTITUTION

Revised Spring 2023

Article I- Name

The official name of this organization shall be the The Men's Lacrosse Club at Christopher Newport University, and shall be placed as such on any official documentation. For advertisement and community promotion purposes, it shall be acceptable to refer to it as Men's Club Lacrosse Team or Men's Club Lacrosse or Men's Club Lax.

Article II- Purpose

The purpose of this club shall be (a) to foster interest across members of the student body for participation and continuation in the sport of lacrosse, (b) to build team unity and friendship with members and non-members alike, on and off the lacrosse field (c) to help develop and further skills in lacrosse, encourage service to others, and better the character of our members, (d) to help build and maintain good relationships with other schools and organizations through friendly competition in the sport of lacrosse, (e) and to develop the leadership skills of members through the process of maintaining a student-led club.

Article III- Membership

Section I: Any male student regularly enrolled in Christopher Newport University as a full time, part time, or post-graduate member of the institution may become a member of this organization, coinciding with league eligibility. Members should attend all practices and games, except when a valid reason for absence is given. Being a member comes with the ability to attend all events hosted by or containing representation from the club, voting privileges, and voting rights in club decisions requiring a vote. These rights shall not be denied unless otherwise removed by the executive board as an extension of any judiciary rights given to them in this document or the by-laws.

Section II: No hazing shall occur at any time for any reason. Any member found guilty of anything considered hazing as defined by state, local and federal laws, and any subsequent by-laws created under this Constitution by the Executive Board of the Organization, will be held accountable by suspension or expulsion from the club, and possibly to the legal system under the aforementioned laws.

Any player wishing to join or leave the team shall be able to do so without fear of retaliation or hazing should they choose.

Section III: Dues will be paid for the whole year in the fall semester. The dues shall be set each year by the Treasurer and the Executive Board after consideration of estimated costs and development of a budget for the year. Any member without the proper means to pay shall endeavor to work out an acceptable plan of payment with the Treasurer and President. Any payment of any size left unpaid ten days past due shall result in a delinquent account, unless prior arrangements have been made. Any player with a delinquent status shall be subject to punishment and possible suspension from club activities until all outstanding payments have been made.

Article IV-Club Officers

Section I: Executive Board

i. The Executive Board shall consist of five positions at all times. They shall be titled:

- a. President
- b. Internal Vice President
- c. External Vice President
- d. Treasurer/Recruitment Chair
- e. Secretary

ii. Their jobs, in addition to leading practices, shall be as follows. Any club official is to be held accountable for completion of such actions as they arise.

a. President

i. The President (a) oversees all actions of the Club, (b) is responsible for all obligations not explicitly designated to another position, and (c) is in charge of completing or delegating all tasks as seen fit.

b. Internal Vice President

i. The Internal Vice President is (a) responsible for any and all tasks handed down through the power of delegation by the President and not designated to another position, (b) responsible for maintaining the social media pages associated with the club, and (c) maintaining intra-club relations.

c. External Vice President

i. The External Vice President is (a) responsible for tasks delegated to him by the President, and (b) in charge of communicating with other teams in anticipation of competition.

d. Treasurer

i. The Treasurer/Recruitment Chair is (a) accountable for all monetary transactions, (b) required to monitor all accounts including State, Local, and Donations, (c) in charge of planning dues for each year and the collection of dues and any money otherwise owed, this includes the creation of a budget during the first month of the fall semester in each year, (d) responsible for alerting the Executive Board of delinquent accounts to ensure appropriate action is taken, and (e) to be the leader of recruitment of members to the club.

e. Secretary

i. (a) assists in facilitating practices, (b) organizing social events, (c) and may have tasks delegated to him as necessary.

iii. Selection of Executive officers

a. Candidates may apply in the spring semester, and shall be selected by the current or incoming club officers based on their applications and/or merit. This shall be open to those who are active members of the club in the spring semester.

iv. Removal of Executive Officers

a. Should any Executive Board member be guilty of disregarding the duties assigned to him, he shall first be offered a warning from the President, or other officers.

b. Should he continue to disregard those duties, he may be brought up for removal by a unanimous vote of the remaining Executive Officers

c. Upon being brought to a vote, he will be allowed fair trial in front of the Executive Board.

d. After discussion is heard, a 75% vote to remove is required among the officers not on trial and the Captains for removal to be finalized.

i. The Captains are to be a fair representative of the team, and as such, are charged to find the true feelings of the team to the best of their abilities.

e. Should an Officer be removed, his replacement is at the discretion of the President as to whether go through the nomination process or simply hold a vote of all present members of the club at the next meeting or practice for a nominated individual to assume the vacant position or some other process decided by the executive board.

f. Should the President be removed from his seat, the Vice President shall sit in his chair as the interim President until proper action to replace the position can be taken.

g. Removal from office will not have any additional repercussions on standing on the team unless deemed absolutely necessary based upon the nature of the charges.

Article V-Advisor

I. A CNU faculty or staff member may serve as advisor. The advisor of the organization shall provide support, counseling, and guidance in all situations in which it is deemed necessary. The advisor is expected to attend any meetings possible and offer advice when requested by any member or members of the Executive Board. The advisor shall work closely with the organization in overseeing the coordination activities to ensure that they are conducted in compliance with CNU's policies and federal, state and local laws. The advisor shall also serve as a point of contact for any team member that feels a member of the Executive Board or a Captain is abusing their power.

Article VI- Meetings

I. The Executive Board shall hold a meeting once a week to discuss the business of the club so as to make sure all tasks are being sufficiently completed. The President shall lead these meetings. Should it be deemed unnecessary any week, meetings may be cancelled at the Executive Board's discretion, but meeting weekly is recommended. All meetings are mandatory for all officers unless a valid excuse is sent to the other officers within 24 hours, except in cases of emergency.

II. The President shall reserve the right to call an emergency meeting at any time should it be necessary. To be considered mandatory, the meeting must come with at least 36 hours' notice to the Club as a whole.

III. Practice shall be held at least once weekly during weeks in which the normal school schedule is in session, unless weather, scheduling, or an Executive Board decision should deem it ill-advised or unnecessary.

IV. Business may be conducted before or after any practice, or at separate meetings called by the President if necessary.

Article VII- Amendments

I. Amendments to the Constitution shall be proposed at any meeting of the Executive Board, but may not be voted on until the next week. To pass, Amendments must be voted on by 100% attendance of all Executive Board members and must acquire a vote of approval of

75% or more. Amendments to the Constitution, and any content previously established, shall not be in contrast with the rules of the University or the Laws of the Land.

Article VIII- Punishments

- I. All possible punishments resulting from the violation of the By-Laws of the club or the violation of certain contracts and given words shall be defined in the By-Laws.
- II. All punishments handed down are to be decided by the Executive Board.
- III. No member may ever be charged money other than that which he already owes as a punishment for infractions of club rules. Punishments may not include fines of a monetary value, except as deemed necessary for those who wish to play in games but do not attend practice. Any fee, if decided, shall not exceed a reasonable amount.
- IV. No Punishment handed down shall put any member in any form of physical, mental, or emotional distress or cause any feelings of discomfort as made clear through the federal, state and local laws defining hazing as such.

Article IX- Dues

- I. Dues shall be paid by all club members, totalling \$100-200 per new player and \$50-100 per returning player. This amount will be adjusted and specified by the treasurer/recruitment chair pending the announcement of league fees and/or other circumstances that will affect the team's incurred costs. Prospective members are not required to pay dues unless they choose to join the club. New players shall not receive a uniform until their dues are paid in full or a payment plan is established.

Article X- Responsibilities

- I. The Executive Board is charged with ensuring the club follows all guidelines of the University and federal, state, and local laws to which the school and the students thereof answer.

Article XI-Ratification

I. This Constitution shall be officially ratified when agreed on and signed by all four members of the Executive Committee as listed during the Fall Semester of the year 2023, and once approved by the Office of Orientation and Student Involvement and the Administration responsible for such documentation.

Article XII- Non-Discrimination

- I. This club shall not discriminate upon the basis of race, color, nationality, religion, creed, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or political stance.

Signed- President.....X

Internal Vice President.....X

External Vice President.....X

Treasurer/Recruitment Chair.....X

Secretary.....X

Advisor.....X

OSI Representatives.....X

Ratification Date: _____