

# CNU Club Tennis Constitution

## Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be Club Tennis of Christopher Newport University.

## Article II - Purpose

The purpose of the club is to facilitate a competitive, educational, and recreational environment for Christopher Newport University students to play tennis in addition to developing teamwork and leadership skills.

## Article III - Membership

Membership shall be open to any current student, faculty, or staff member of Christopher Newport University. Practices are open to alumni members of the team. Club members have unalienable voting and office-holding privileges. In case of consistent low attendance, the e-board may hold the election within itself. The standards for qualification and shall be determined by the club's officers.

## Article IV - Officers

The officers of Club Tennis shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Social Chair. The first three aforementioned officers shall constitute the Council. The Council upon unanimous vote may create other positions. All of the positions collectively make up the Cabinet. A person may simultaneously occupy one or two spots, but the President and Vice President must be separate individuals.

**Amendment:** Officers are *required* to attend at least one practice every week, unless under extraneous circumstances they are excused by the rest of the executive board.

## Article V - Duties of the Executive Officers

### Section 1. The President shall:

1. Preside over all meetings of the team
2. Call meetings with the Cabinet and/or Council when he or she feels fit, and with the entire team if necessary
3. Be the coach of the team. As coach, he or she will be in charge of keeping a strong and honest ladder
4. Be in charge of tryouts, if applicable
5. Shall be expected to attend all practices and matches unless there is a sufficient excuse for his or her absence

### Section 2. The Vice President shall:

1. Assist the President in any duties asked of, within reason
2. Fill out necessary forms
3. Remind the President of upcoming events and deadlines

### Section 3. The Treasurer shall:

1. Keep record of all the financial and budget transactions
2. Buy all equipment asked of by the President
3. Collect dues.

### Section 4. The Social Chair shall:

1. Be in charge of the team website and Facebook group
2. Update the schedule, ladder, phone & email list and any other portions of the website
3. Update the photos on the website

## Article VI - Meetings

**Section 1.** Meetings shall be held at the Presidents discretion.

**Section 2.** 50 percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

## **Article VII - Elections**

**Section 1.** Election of officers shall take place yearly two weeks prior to final exams.

**Section 2.** Elections shall take place online via the CNU compass website.

**Section 3.** Any student is eligible for nomination as an officer of the Cabinet who meets CNU's student office holding eligibility with a 2.25 grade point average

**Section 4.** A vacancy in any office, except the Presidency, shall be filled only by an election held among the members of the Club Tennis team.

## **Article VIII – Dues**

**Section 1.** Dues are to be paid within four weeks after the first practice.

**Section 2.** Dues are to be collected by the treasurer.

**Section 3.** The amount of dues shall be decided by the Cabinet.

## **Article IX – Attendance**

Members must be able to attend at least 1 practice per week.

## **Article X - Amendments**

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed to the voting membership by majority vote of the Council or by petition signed by 1/10 of the voting membership. Amendments shall be declared adopted at general team meetings with a majority vote.

## **Article XI- Role of the Advisor**

The advisor of the organization shall provide support, counseling, and guidance in all situations.

## **Article XII - Ratification**

This constitution shall become effective upon ratification by a majority of the organization's membership and Office of Recreational Services (CNURec).