

Christopher Newport University Women's Club Soccer Constitution

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be Women's Club Soccer at Christopher Newport University.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of the club shall be:

1. To foster a wide student interest and participation in competitive soccer activities.
2. Providing programs and practices.
3. Assist students in developing skills and group cohesiveness.
4. To play other schools in this sport and promote the sport to others.
5. To promote sportsmanship.

Article III – Membership

Section 1: Any student regularly enrolled in Christopher Newport University may become a member of Women's Club Soccer with voting and office-holding privileges. The standards for qualification, and the amount of dues to be paid, shall be determined by the club. For a student to be considered a member, they must attend at least a single practice a week. Examples of valid excuses are as follows: class, illness, injury, previous arrangements acknowledged by a captain or coach in advance.

Section 2: Dues, having been decided on by the organization as determined by the cost of transportation, equipment, coaching, and club expenditures, shall be paid by members only. Dues will be collected by the Treasurer by the time of the third meeting.

Section 3: Women's Club Soccer shall not haze any prospective member for the purpose of admission into or affiliation with the organization. Members of W.C.S are free to leave or dissociate without fear of retribution or harassment. Women's Club Soccer shall not discriminate based on race, creed, color, sex, age, and national origin.

Article IV- Executive Officers

The executive officers of Women's Club Soccer shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Game Coordinator, and Social Coordinator. The aforementioned officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Article V-Duties of the Executive Officers

Section 1: The President is to preside at Executive Committee membership meetings; appoint special committees with the approval of the Executive Committee. The President is in charge of club paperwork when not designated to other Executive Officers and is responsible for making all necessary arrangements happen smoothly. This includes and is not limited to: paperwork, calling special committees/meetings, and upholding the Constitution.

Section 2: The Vice President is to preside in the President's absence and perform other such duties as may be required by the by-laws or resolutions of the Executive Committee, as well as

work delegated to her from the President. She will monitor the team's social media accounts along with the Secretary.

Section 3: The Secretary is to attend all general correspondence of the organization and to keep minutes of all Executive Committee and membership meetings and to preserve the records of the organization. She will send important information to the team through email and monitor the team's social media accounts along with the Vice President. She will perform other such duties as may be required of the Executive Committee.

Section 4: The Treasurer is to supervise the financial administration of all revenue periodically to the Executive Committee and membership on the financial condition of the organization, maintain the club's budget, organize fundraisers, and perform other such duties as may be required by the by-laws or resolutions of the Executive Committee.

Section 5: The Captains are members of the team who attend all practices, are good leaders on the field and are knowledgeable in the sport. They are allowed to run practice, and act as a guide for other members for the team. Captains are to lead the team during a game, as well as discuss the lineup in which members of the club will play during a game.

Section 6: The Game Coordinator is responsible for arranging field reservations, as well as contacting other University teams to compete against and arranging these games. She is also responsible for keeping in contact with the SCSA League to record scores.

Section 7: The Social Coordinator is responsible for organizing and initiating team-bonding events. She may also assist the Secretary in managing the team's social media accounts.

Article VI - Coach

Section 1 - Practices: W.C.S coach is responsible for running practices on days designated by the Executive Committee.

Section 2 - Games: The coach is responsible for attending games, managing substitutions, and offering knowledgeable insight throughout the course of the game.

Section 3 - Payment: The coach will be paid a fair and reasonable amount determined by agreement of the Executive Committee. If coaches are selected from the current varsity roster, they are not able to be compensated via monetary payment due to NCAA regulations. They are welcome to use the time spent coaching towards volunteer hours, if applicable.

Article VII –Meetings and Practices

Section 1 – Meetings: The regular meetings of Women's Club Soccer shall be determined by the President and the officers. Special meetings may be called by the President at her discretion.

Section 2 – Practices: Practices are determined each semester by the team based upon the teammates schedule. In the event the team cannot determine a time that fits everyone's schedule, the Executive Board will make a decision on the schedule that will benefit the team. The

decision will be based upon numbers and player skill. There will be no discrimination based on race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, disability and sexual orientation. Practices may serve as meetings in the event that a matter needs to be discussed and/or a vote taken.

Section 3: 65% of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. If an officer knows that they will be absent in advance, they may submit their vote in advance in writing. The absentee vote will be counted as if that officer was present when deciding if the quorum is met. For a motion to pass, a 2/3 majority is required.

Article VIII – Elections

Section 1: Election of officers will take place at least 3 weeks before the end of the semester, in order to give rising officers shadowing opportunities.

Section 2: Any student is eligible for nomination as an officer of the Executive Committee who meets CNU's eligibility for student office.

Section 3: Participants in the election should consist of returning members only. Seniors will be excluded from the vote.

Section 4: A vacancy in any office, except the Presidency, shall be filled only by an election held among the members of Women's Club Soccer.

Section 5: In the event of a tie, a re-vote shall be sent out to all paid members between the two individuals involved in the tie for the position.

Section 6: Those who tally up the votes must be graduating seniors. A third party must then verify the results. This individual must also be a non-biased graduating senior.

Section 7: Players running for President must have been on W.C.S. for at least two semesters and have at least Junior standing at Christopher Newport University. Though not required, it is highly recommended that these players served on the Executive Committee in a previous semester.

Article IX - Recall of Officers

Officers of the organization may be dismissed for cause if due process is followed. Grounds for dismissal include dereliction of duties. A motion for a recall of an officer requires a 2/3 vote of the group or a complete motion by the Executive Committee.

Article X – Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed to the voting membership by majority vote of the Executive Committee or by petition proposed by a voting member. Amendments shall be declared adopted once presented at two general meetings and receive a majority favorable vote at both meetings by the voting members present.

Article XI – By-Laws

By-Laws, not inconsistent with the Constitution, may be adopted or amended by 2/3 vote of the regular or special meetings, providing the by-laws are submitted in writing at least one week previously at either a regular or special meeting of the general membership.

Article XII – Responsibilities

Women's Club Soccer shall adhere to University policies and all city, state, and federal laws.

Article XIII – Ratification

This Constitution shall become effective upon ratification by a majority of the organization membership and the Office of Student Affairs.

Sport Club President Signature

Date

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