

Christopher Newport University Rugby Football Club Constitution

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Rugby Football Club at Christopher Newport University

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the Club is:

1. To foster a wide student interest and participation in activities by providing leadership, programs and service.
2. To assist students in developing skills and leadership

Article III: Eligibility

Section 1. Any student regularly enrolled at Christopher Newport University may become a member of the Christopher Newport University Rugby Football Club with voting and office-holding privileges. The standards for qualification and the amount of dues shall be determined by the club.

Section 2. Dues, having been decided on by the organization as \$70 per fall semester, competitive season, and \$50 per spring semester, leisure season, shall be paid by members only.

Section 3. The Christopher Newport University Rugby Football Club shall not haze any prospective member for the purpose of admission into or affiliation with the organization. Members of The Christopher Newport University Rugby Football Club are free to leave or dissociate without fear of retribution or harassment. The Christopher Newport University Rugby Football Club shall not discriminate based on race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, disability, and sexual orientation.

Section 4. Each semester will start off with team anti-hazing training in accordance with Christopher Newport University. To be added to the official team roster, potential members must attend anti-hazing training. Failure to attend anti-hazing training will result in eligibility to participate in rugby matches. The Christopher Newport University Rugby Football Club will keep track of its members who have completed anti-hazing training and submit a list of players who have done so to The Office of Orientation and Student Involvement.

Article IV: The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Christopher Newport University Rugby Football Club shall be as follows: President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Match Secretary, Social Chair, Recruitment Chair, Fundraising Chair, Captain and Risk Chair. The aforementioned officers shall constitute the executive committee.

Article V: Roles of the Executive Committee

Section 1. The President is to preside at executive committee meetings, preside over club meetings, make final decisions for the club as needed, ensure that quality relations are maintained with clubs of other Universities, the National Collegiate Rugby Corporation, and USA Rugby.

Section 2. The Vice-president is to preside in the absence of the President, perform other such duties as may be required by the Executive Committee, and is otherwise responsible for internal affairs of the club

Section 3. The Treasurer is to supervise the financial administration of all revenue periodically to the Executive Committee and membership on the financial situation of the organization, and perform other such duties as may be required by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Match Secretary shall be charged with the scheduling of games for each semester, from field reservations to officials attending the match. He shall be in constant contact with the Match Secretaries from other Universities and ensure that all dates are correct. In the case of the inability of The Christopher Newport University Rugby Football Club to travel with a full team to a match it will be the duty of the Match Secretary to contact the opposing club and notify them promptly. If another team contacts the secretary that they will not be able to attend a match with a full team he shall notify the Executive committee immediately. He shall also perform any other such duties as may be required by the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Social Chair will be in charge of planning all social activities and events. He will also be in charge of the publicity for each of these events concerning the Christopher Newport University Rugby Football Club. Additionally, he shall be in charge of any type of community service and perform any other such duties as may be required by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Fundraising Chair is responsible for planning any fundraising activities and events. He will organize and execute them as needed, and will perform other such duties as may be required by the Executive Committee.

Section 7. The Recruitment Chair is responsible for planning any recruitment related events, and will perform other duties as may be required by the Executive Committee.

Section 8. The Risk Container is responsible for keeping the Executive Committee and the Christopher Newport University Rugby Football Club in adherence with the regulations of Christopher Newport University and all city, state, and federal laws. He will also perform any other duties as may be required by the Executive Committee. Though it is the responsibility of all members of the team, the Risk Chair has a heightened responsibility to ensure that we create a welcoming environment for new members of the team. Additionally, the Risk Chair helps ensure that we are building new players up instead of tearing them down.

Section 9. The Captain is responsible for knowing all of the rules and regulations of rugby. He will be leading the Club on the field, and will also perform any other duties as may be required by the Executive Committee

Article VI: Meetings of the Club

Section 1. The regular meetings of the Christopher Newport University Rugby Football Club shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The President or other members of the Executive Committee at their discretion may call special meetings with presidential approval. These meetings must be called at least 24 hours in advance in order for sufficient notification of the meeting to be passed along to all members except in extreme situations.

Section 3. 75 percent of total membership shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII: Elections

Section 1. Election of officers shall take place yearly at the beginning of the spring semester.

Section 2. Any student is eligible for nomination as an officer of the Executive Committee who: (a) meets CNU's eligibility for student office holding which consists of a 2.0 grade average and (b) fulfills the qualification as set up by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. A vacancy in any office, except the Presidency, shall be filled only by an election held among the members of The Christopher Newport University Rugby Football Club

Article VIII: Dismissals

Section 1. Officers of the organization may be dismissed for cause if due process is followed. Grounds for dismissal include negligence of duties. A motion for a recall of an officer requires unanimous vote by the Executive Committee, or two-thirds of the voting membership.

Section 2. Members of the organization may be suspended or dismissed for cause, if due process is followed. Grounds for dismissal include but are not limited to: failure to pay club dues, inactivity, or external legal action regarding a member. A motion of suspension or dismissal requires a unanimous vote by the Executive Committee or two-thirds of the voting membership.

Section 3. No decisions regarding dismissals will be enacted until after consulting the Christopher Newport University Club Sports Director and Office of Orientation and Student Involvement.

Article IX: Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may only be added to the Constitution by vote of at least two-thirds of the voting membership.

Article X: By-Laws

By-laws, not inconsistent with the constitution, may be adopted or amended by two-thirds 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 XI: Advisor of the Organization

The advisor of the organization shall provide support, counseling, and guidance in all situations. The advisor is expected to attend all meetings and offer advice.

Article XII: Adherence

The Christopher Newport University Rugby Football Club 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's membership and the Christopher Newport University Office of the Student Activities.

Sincerely,

Dylan Frederick

Team Captain

Date 04/10/2024