

Constitution for the Christopher Newport University Rowing Club

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Christopher Newport Rowing Club

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of the club shall be:

- (a) To foster a wide student interest and participation in activities by providing leadership, programs, and services in concern with rowing and other crew related activities.
- (b) To assist students in developing skills and leadership also in relation to rowing and other crew related activates
- (c) Promoting an educational program devoted to development of amateur rowing as a means of athletic competition and attainment of physical fitness
- (d) Extending representation through active member organization
- (e) To insure to love and art of rowing within Christopher Newport

Article III – Membership

Section I

Any student regularly enrolled in Christopher Newport University may become a member of the Christopher Newport Crew Club.

- (a) If they can swim and complete the swim test, a physical (that is signed by a doctor and good for the current year) and attends practices regularly.

Section II

Active Member

- (a) A full time student (12 credits) maintaining a GPA (grade point average) at or above 2.4 GPA.
- (b) By the end of the Fall semester a 2000k erg piece must be submitted to the secretary, the CNU Honor Code will be in place at this time.
- (c) The safety video must be watched prior to entering the shell or rowing on the water.
- (d) If an individual misses 3 practices or more they will be excluded in participating in the club and regattas (there will be no refund).

Section 3

Dues will be given at the beginning of each semester, at the cost of \$150 per semester (Fall and Spring). The dues will ONLY be altered if

an individual desperately needs financial assistance, after the president has spoken and already addressed the issue in private.

Article IV – Executive Officers (The Inner Council)

The executive officers of Christopher Newport University Crew Club shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Chairman of Publicity and Events, Historian, and Scholarly Chair. The aforementioned officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Article V – Duties of the Executive Officers (The Inner Council)

(a) President- To hold and preside at Executive Committee membership meetings, appoint social committees, when needs arise, with the approval of the Executive Committee be responsible for all information noted during meetings. Attend all executive and general meetings, create an agenda to be followed at every meeting, be able to help or find help for any member that wishes to seek it. To ensure everyone is happy and healthy. To be in contact with the coaches and over see all the other board members. To help organize practice and regattas. To be the dependable link from the school to the club. They need to act as a role model and always set a good example for members in the club. Be their support system and make sure that everyone is passing classes and attending practices regularly. By all means do not suggest to anyone to skip class for Crew. The president needs to be honest and fair and an adaptable leader.

(b) Vice President- To attend all general correspondence of the organization and to keep minutes of all Executive Committee and general membership meetings to preserve the records of the organization and make and organize a binder. He/She will also perform other such duties as may required of the Executive Committee. They will help with paper work when needed and keep attendance. They will also be in charge of the senior and coach gifts at the end of the year.

(c) Treasurer - Supervise the financial administration of all revenue at every meeting to the Executive Committee. Fill out the yearly budget handbook issued by the club department at Christopher Newport University. Work closely with President to make sure they are supervising and agreeing with purchases and costs of equipment and other finances. He/She will also perform other such duties as may required of the Executive Committee.

(d) Chairman of Publicity and Events (two people)- Plan and organize publicity for activities and special events such as fundraisers and regattas. To contact individuals to work or volunteer at theses events and participate. To post progress of the Christopher Newport Rowing Club.

They will also put posters to support and inform students of upcoming meetings and fundraisers. They will also keep members updated on the dates in which events occur. They will have their own committee that helps them with adverting, social events and planning and running fundraisers.

(e) Historian: To take pictures at regattas and practice and make a scrapbook at the end of the year to showcase at club fair. They will be in charge of social media, regulating twitter, facebook and instam to promote all the fundraising of the PR board. They will keep the website up to date with pictures, news and events of what the club is doing to promote the success of the club to the school, community and alum.

(f) Scholarly Chair: To promote a positive and happy environment within the team for student success. To send out weekly emails with a positive message and to reserve a room weekly for study rooms. To make a google doc with everyones major, minor and year to ensure students can provide assistants to those within their major who need help. To make sure everyone is maintaining at least a 2.4 and send weekly reminders or positivity. To do monthly rewards for good grades and at the end of the year be in charge of superlatives and making the certificates of crafts that will be awarded to the students.

Article VI – Meetings

Section 1

- (a) The regular and consistent meetings of the Christopher Newport University Rowing Club shall be determined by the President and the officers. There must be at least one meeting bimonthly to insure every member of the club is well informed on regattas, practices, fundraising and other important business.

Section 2

- (a) Special meetings may be called by the President at his/her discretion or when so requested by the coaches. However, special meetings may be requested by any member of the Christopher Newport University Rowing Club, but must officially be accepted and called by the President.

Article VII- Elections

Section 1

- (a) Election of officers shall take place yearly

Section 2

- (a) The Executive Committee may serve again if elected.

Section 3

- (a) A vacancy in any office shall be filled only by an election held among the members of the Christopher Newport University Crew Club.

Article VII – Recall of Officers

Section 1 – Impeachment

The process to be followed is:

- (a) a motion is made to impeach the officer, then seconded. It is then voted on by the active members at the general meeting and must be passed by 100% of the members. The issue is then tabled until the next meeting where the officer will be notified and asked to attend.
- (b) At the second meeting the officer being impeached will be asked to give a statement regarding why they should not be impeached, and the member who made the original motion to impeach the officer will be giving the speech for the impeachment.
- (c) Voting will then take place and the officer being impeached as well as the member who called for impeachment of the officer will be asked to leave the room.
- (d) Hundred percent of the active members must be at the meeting in order for voting to take place

Article IX – Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the voting membership by majority vote of Executive Committee or by petition signed by 75% of the voting membership. Amendments shall be declared adopted when they are presented at two general meetings and receive a majority favorable vote at both meetings by the voting members present.

Article XI- Ratification

This Constitution shall become effective upon ratification by the majority of the organization's membership; and by the approval of Club department.

Amendment 1-

- (a) Smoking is strictly prohibited on days of competition and other crew related activities. If someone is seen smoking around the shells and they will be asked to stop. If that

individual does not corporate then there will be a ten dollar fine.

(b)Cursing is strictly prohibited at competitions or formal crew events. This can lead to disqualification in a regatta if an official hears. Crew is a gentlemen's sport, cursing is prohibited at formal events.

Amendment II

Dues: Per Person

(a) Fall Semester: \$150

(b) Spring Semester: \$150

(c) Uniforms: \$50

(d) Tee shirts and other sports attire: \$25

(e) Fundraising quota: \$100

Amendment III

If any Executive Committee member seat is vacated then there will be a special election to fill the vacant seat.

Amendment V

The name of the club shall be Christopher Newport University Rowing Club.