

Office of Recreational Services
Field Hockey Club of Christopher Newport University
- Constitution -

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Field Hockey Club at Christopher Newport University.

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 service and (b) to assist students in developing skills and leadership.

Article III - Membership

Section 1. Any student regularly enrolled in Christopher Newport University may become a member of the Field Hockey Club with voting and office-holding privileges. The standards for qualification and the amount of dues to be paid shall be determined by the club. The date to which these dues are collected shall be determined by the treasurer and president.

Section 2. Dues, which may be set by the President and Treasurer at the beginning of every semester, shall be paid by members only.

Section 3. Members are responsible for the gear they utilize in practices or games. Team-owned gear may be lent out to players during the semester with the expectation that it will be cleaned, taken care of and returned to the club.

Section 4. The president and captain reserve the right to create the line-up for games and tournaments. Players who do not attend at least one practice the week leading up to a game or tournament may be disqualified from participating in the event.

Section 5. The Field Hockey Club shall not haze any prospective member for the purpose of admission into or affiliation with the organization. Members of the Field Hockey Club are free to leave or dissociate without fear of retribution or harassment. Field Hockey Club shall not discriminate based on race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, disability and sexual orientation.

Article IV - Executive Officers

The executive officers of the Field Hockey Club shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary/Social Media Manager. The aforementioned officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Article V - Duties of the Executive Officers

Section 1. The President is to preside at practices and Executive Committee membership meetings; appoint special committees with the approval of the Executive Committee. The President is also responsible for setting up home games through the university and communicating with other clubs in the area.

Section 2. The Vice President is to preside in the Chairman's absence and perform other such duties as may be required by the by-laws or resolutions of the Executive Committee. Plan and organize publicity for activities and special events. Assist the President in communicating with other club teams in the area.

Section 3. The captain is to lead bi-weekly practices, create the line-up in conjunction with the president, communicate with referees during games, and lead team warm ups.

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 and perform other such duties as may be required by the by-laws or resolutions of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Secretary is to oversee use of any social media page created by the executive board as well as assist executive members with their duties such as responding to emails and fostering communication.

Article VI - Meetings

Section 1. The regular meetings and practices of the Field Hockey Club shall be determined by the Chairman and the officers.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman at his/ her discretion.

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

Section 4. Votes will be passed by a majority, or greater than 50%, of the members present.

Article VII - Elections

Section 1. Election of officers shall take place yearly during the first week of April.

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 point 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 Field Hockey Club.

Section 4. Members who will not be a student at Christopher Newport University in the upcoming semester shall not cast a vote in the election.

Article VIII - 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.

Article IX - Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed to the voting membership by majority vote of the Executive Committee or by petition signed by 1/10 of the voting membership. Amendments shall be declared adopted which are presented at two general meetings and receive a majority favorable vote at both meetings by the voting members present.

Any revisions to the constitution and/or by-laws must be approved by the Coordinator of Student Activities

Article X - 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 XI- Role of the Advisor

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- Advisor Selection

Advisor shall be selected by the executive board members of the club.

Article XIII – Responsibilities

The Field Hockey Club shall adhere to University policies and all city, state, and federal laws.

Article XIV - Ratification

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