

Christopher Newport Rugby Football Club Constitution

Article I

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

Article II

The purpose of this club shall be

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

Section 1. Any student regularly enrolled at Christopher 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 \$ 30 per semester, 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.

Article IV.

The executive officers of the Christopher Newport University Rugby Football Club shall be as follows: President, Vice-president, Treasurer, VRU Representative, The Match Secretary, and Social Director. The aforementioned officers shall constitute the executive committee.

Article V.

Section 1. The president is to preside at executive committee meetings; preside over club meetings; ensure that quality relations are maintained with clubs of other Universities, the Virginia Rugby Union, and USA Rugby; attend yearly meeting of the VRU.

Section 2. The Vice-president is to preside in the absence of the President; attend the yearly VRU meeting and perform other such duties as may be required by the Executive Committee.

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 VRU Representative will maintain good communication between Christopher Newport University Rugby Football Club and the Virginia Rugby Union. He will also ensure that any information that he is given passed along to the entire Executive Committee and perform any other such duties as may be required by the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Match Secretary shall be charged with the scheduling of games for each semester. 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 in 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 6. The Social Director 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. He shall also be in charge of any type of community service and perform any other such duties as may be required by the Executive Committee.

Article VI

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

Section 1. Election of officers shall take place yearly following the last match 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

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 two-thirds vote.

Article IX

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed to the voting membership by majority vote of the Executive Committee or by petition signed by one-half of the voting membership. Amendments shall be declared adopted which are presented at a general meeting and receive a majority favorable vote at the meeting by the voting members present.

Article X

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

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

The Christopher Newport University Rugby Football Club shall adhere to University policies and all city, state, and federal laws.

Article XIII

This constitution shall become effective upon ratification by a majority of the organization's membership and Office of the Student Activities.

Signed,



Matt Alexander
Club President

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