

Christopher Newport University Women's Club Rugby

Article I: The name of this organization shall be the Christopher Newport University Women's Club Rugby

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 Newport University may become a member of The Christopher Newport University Women's Club Rugby 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 \$25 per semester, shall be paid by members only.

Section 3. The Christopher Newport University Women's Club Rugby shall not have any prospective member for the purpose of admission into or affiliation with the organization. Members of The Christopher Newport University Women's Club Rugby are free to leave or dissociate without fear of retribution or harassment. The Christopher Newport University Women's Club Rugby 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 Women's Club Rugby shall be as follows: President, Vice-president, Treasurer, League Representative, the Social Director, Safety Officer, Match Secretary, Marketing Director, Risk Chair and the Team Captain. 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.

Section 2. The Vice-President is to preside in the absence of the President; 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 Social Chair will be in charge of planning all social activities and events.

Section 5. The Safety/Risk Officer will ensure that first aid materials are stocked for practices and games. The safety officer will also fill out incident reports for any injuries that require care beyond the BLS level. They will oversee social events, or appoint someone, to ensure that everyone is safe. They will help the president should a problem arise. The Risk Chair may call a team meeting whenever they deem necessary.

Section 6. The Team Captain shall provide players with direction and motivation throughout practice and games. The Team Captain will be a point of contact for the players in regards to any questions or concerns they may have. In the case that a player contacts the Captain about a complex issue that cannot be resolved amongst the Captain and the player then the Captain will present the issue to the EBoard where a discussion will be held and voted on by majority rules in that meeting. Once a solution has been decided upon, the Team Captain will be responsible for communicating the plan to the players. The Team Captain will also provide a diplomatic liaison between the coach and the players.

Section 7: The Marketing Director shall be in charge of the publicity for events concerning Christopher Newport University Women's Club Rugby by managing social media accounts, coordinating fundraising efforts and community service. She shall also perform any other such duties as may be required by the Executive Committee.

Section 8: The Match Secretary shall be responsible for coordinating games with other universities as well as confirming match details with Christopher Newport University. She shall be responsible for ensuring that all games are staffed by the proper personnel and all necessary equipment for the match is provided and ready by match start. They will also maintain good communication between the Christopher Newport University Women's Club Rugby and the League in which the Christopher Newport University Women's Club Rugby will participate. She will also ensure that any information that they are given is passed along to the entire Executive Committee 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 Women's Club Rugby 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 during mid-spring semester. The elected officials will begin their delegated responsibilities at the conclusion of the spring season.

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, if decided necessary, by an election held among the members of The Christopher Newport University Women's Club Rugby.

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.

Section 2. Players must respect their teammates, if a player has repeated (3) complaints against them, they will have a meeting with the President, and/or the Captain, and the Risk Chair. The offender will be barred from social events for a week after their first offense. The second offense will result in barring from social events for 2 weeks and a decrease in playing time. The third offense will result in a semester suspension vote, which will be implemented immediately if two-thirds of the team population votes for suspension. Any offenses after that will result in a report to the proper officials of Christopher Newport University.

Section 3. Any malicious actions including but not limited to: racial slurs, assault, harassment, and discrimination will result in suspension from the CNU Women's Rugby Team and will be reported to and handled by Christopher Newport University officials.

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

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

Sincerely,

Chloe Grell

Interim Club President

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