

# OSURFC Constitution

## **ARTICLE I - Name**

- Ohio State University Rugby Football Club

## **ARTICLE II - Purpose**

- The OSURFC was established to provide a competitive rugby experience to student athletes at The Ohio State University. The OSURFC is also dedicated to helping rugby grow as a sport in the state of Ohio.

## **ARTICLE III - Membership**

- Any student at The Ohio State University is qualified for membership. Only students that have been enrolled in post-secondary education for 5 years or less are eligible to compete for the “A Side”, the OSURFC’s most competitive team. Our club also adopts the university's non-discrimination policy statement.
- A student is expected to attend practice regularly and sign their name on the sign-up-sheet each practice. Club dues are also required for membership.
- Members are expected to attend fundraising and charity functions run by the club and to represent the club positively at such events.
- A member has the right to withdraw from the club at any time.
- If it is determined that a player has engaged in conduct detrimental to the team or misrepresented the team in any fashion; he is liable to be dismissed from the team.
- Dismissal will be decided by the coaching staff, with a majority vote amongst the coaches determining the fate of the player up for dismissal.
- All players competing for the A Side will be registered with USA Rugby, our national governing body.

## **ARTICLE IV - Meeting**

- The club meets for practice starting in early September (see [www.osurugby.com](http://www.osurugby.com) for details). Practice is usually held on TWR at 6:00 at the Beekman Park Intramural Fields.
- Special practice sessions or meetings may be called by the coaching staff or officers. Details will always be posted to the website.

## **ARTICLE V – Officers**

- President: Responsible for all club activities on and off the field
- Vice President: Assist President and work on fundraising for the club.
- Captain: Responsible for leading the club at practice and games
- Secretary: Assist the President in any way possible, maintain an updated phone list
- Treasurer: Collect dues, maintain a balance sheet for all players
- Risk Management Officer: Must be American Red Cross 1<sup>st</sup> Aid and CPR Certified
- Fields Chairman: Prepare fields for practice and games, care for fields equipment
- Equipment Chairman: Manage all club equipment for practices and games, purchase and sell any club gear the team desires
- Recruiting Chairman: Organize and lead recruiting efforts on and off campus, assist new players

- Sponsorship Chairman: Search for and acquire new sponsorship opportunities
- Social Chairman: Organize all club social events and post game hosting of traveling teams

#### **ARTICLE VI - Elections**

- Elections take place each May after the Spring season and are officiated by the incumbent president.
- Officers may be removed from their position by the coaching staff

#### **ARTICLE VII – Funds**

- Club funds are allocated by the head coach and officers
- Club dues are approximately \$175 per player per season (Fall or Spring)
- Club officers are exempt from paying dues pending approval of the head coach.
- Fundraising efforts are coordinated by the Sponsorship Chairman and vice-president.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – Advisor**

- The advisor currently has no responsibility to the club.

#### **ARTICLE IX – Coach**

- New coaches will be selected by current coaching staff or by the club officers.
- Coaches are currently not paid.

#### **ARTICLE X – Travel**

- The Head Coach or President will arrange all travel for the club.

**ARTICLE XI – Non-Discrimination Policy:** All student organizations desiring to benefit from registered student organization status with The Ohio State University must include in their constitution a non-discrimination policy statement that accords with the Student Organization Registration Guidelines. Such statement will generally be at least as broad as the University’s Non-Discrimination policy statement. Where applicable, a student organization may adopt a statement that reflects its eligibility criteria for Student Officers.

An example of an acceptable non-discrimination policy statement is as follows:

*This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.*

#### **ARTICLE XI – Amendments**

- Amendments to this document can be presented to the collection of officers and approved by a majority vote between the officers.

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