

CLUB SPORTS COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Club Sports Council of Clemson University, hereafter referred to as the Council.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to serve as an administrative body within the Club Sports Association.

Section 3. The Club Sports Council shall act on behalf of the Club Sports Association in addressing issues that affect the operation of the Association or the individual clubs that are part of the Association; and it is vested with authority to make decisions and/or recommendations as noted in this document.

Section 4. The duties of the Club Sports Council include the following:

- 1) To conduct hearings regarding alleged infractions/violations of the Code of Conduct for Club Sports by either individuals or clubs within the Club Sports program and to determine any disciplinary actions to be taken, including the imposition of sanctions as prescribed in the Club Sports Manual.
- 2) To review applications for Club Sports Supplementary Funding and to make awards up to a maximum of \$1,000 on the basis of the funds available, established guidelines for their use, and the eligibility of clubs submitting applications to receive supplementary funding (Reference: Guidelines for Club Sports Supplementary Funding) Awards in excess of \$1000 may be recommended by the Council, but they require approval by the Director of Club Sports.
- 3) To review and evaluate the qualifications of Club Sports members who file as a candidate for election to an office in the Club Sports Association.
- 4) To review and make recommendations to the Club Sports Association regarding any proposed changes to the Constitution of the Club Sports Association or other business that requires approval by the Association.

ARTICLE III. OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE

Section 1. The Council shall be comprised of the officers of the Club Sports Association and representation from each division within the Club Sports program Sport Clubs are grouped into one of four divisions based on their primary activity: 1) Competitive-Team; 2) Competitive- Individual; 3) Adventure; and 4) Developmental/Recreational.

Section 2. Divisions with up to *15 clubs* are eligible to have one representative on the Council, while divisions with more than *15 clubs* are eligible to have an additional representative on the Council.

Section 3. Each elected member of the Council shall have one vote on matters that come before the Council.

Section 4. The officers of the Club Sports Association shall serve as ex-officious or non-voting members of the Council. Exception: In a tie vote by the elected members of the Council the president is given authority to cast the deciding vote.

Section 5. The Director of Club Sports shall serve as advisor to the Council, and as such shall not have a vote on matters that come before the Council.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Eligibility for Election to the Council

- a. Nominees must be students who maintain the cumulative GPR requirement for graduation, are in good standing in their respective colleges, and intend to be enrolled at Clemson University throughout the term of service for which they would be elected.
- b. Nominees must be from a recognized club that is in good standing with the Club Sports Program and has met the Club Sports Requirements for the current academic year.
- c. Nominees must be the current president of their club.

Section 2. Election Process:

- a. The election shall take place at the September meeting of the Club Sports Association.
- b. The representatives from each member club of the Club Sports Association shall meet within their respective divisions to nominate one candidate for each of the positions on the Council for which that division qualifies.
- c. Election to the Council is by a simple majority vote of the Club Sports Association.

Section 3. Members are elected to serve a 1-year term that commences immediately following the election and ends immediately following the election of new members the next academic year. Members who continue to meet the eligibility requirements may be reelected to serve an additional one-year term.

ARTICLE V. DISMISSAL OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Council members are expected to be reliable in attending meetings. When unable to be present at a meeting they shall be responsible for informing the chair in advance.

Section 2. Any Council member who misses more than two (2) meetings without valid reason during a term of service is subject to being dismissed from the Council. The Council member must be given at least two weeks notice of any meeting at which a vote for dismissal may take place, and he or she must be given an opportunity to address the Council prior to such a vote. A 2/3 majority vote of those Council members present is required to remove a member from the Council.

Section 3. Any vacancy on the Council resulting from the dismissal or resignation of A Council member shall be filled by the respective division that the Council member represented.

ARTICLE V. OFFICES

- Section 1.** The president of the Club Sports Association shall serve as chair of the Council and preside over all meetings.
- Section 2.** The vice president of the Club Sports Association shall preside at meetings of the Council in the absence of the president.
- Section 3.** The secretary of the Club Sports Association shall keep accurate permanent records of minutes and proceedings of the Council and maintain records of attendance at meetings.
- Section 4.** The treasurer of the Club Sports Association shall maintain accurate records of supplementary funds awarded and the balance of funds available. He or she shall be responsible for informing those clubs that are awarded supplementary funding.

ARTICLE VI. COUNCIL PROCEDURES

- Section 1.** The Council shall meet in advance of each scheduled meeting of the Club Sports Association with date and time to be determined by the chair, and at other times as needed to carry out its function.
- Section 2.** The chair has authority to convene the Council for the purpose of conducting a hearing regarding alleged infractions/violations of the Code of Conduct for Club Sports by either individuals or clubs within the Club Sports program. Council members are to be informed of the meeting at least three days in advance.
- Section 3.** A special meeting of the Council may be called by the chair provided all Council members are informed of the purpose provided all members of the Council are informed of the purpose and date and time of the meeting at least one week in advance.
- Section 4.** A quorum for conducting business shall be constituted by the presence of one-half plus one of all voting Council members.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

- Section 1.** Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing and presented at a regular meeting of the Association.
- Section 2.** Any amendment to the constitution shall require a 2/3 majority vote of the Club Sports Association.