

BYLAWS OF THE WOMEN'S RUGBY CLUB

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ARTICLE I- NAME

The name of this organization shall be the University of Maine Women's Rugby Football Club.

ARTICLE II- Object

The object of the club shall be to enjoy and participate in the sport of rugby.

ARTICLE III- Members

Section 1. Any adult woman shall be eligible for membership in the club and shall become a member upon attendance of mandatory practices and games and payment of dues. (This organization does not discriminate in the selection of members or appointments when discrimination is defined as denying individual membership or appointment on the basis of a person's age, race, national origin, color, gender, sexual orientation, creed, handicap, or place of residence: Club Sports Handbook p 9).

A. Players must be current UMaine students or faculty.

B. All practices and games are considered mandatory and should be attendant unless school and work conflict, practice times will be decided by officers and coach.

C. All members shall play in games (as long as physically able), discretion will be awarded to coach and captains as to who plays A side versus B side.

D. Members shall have the right to vote on certain issues, at certain times deemed by the officers only full members shall vote.

E. Full members eligible for voting are considered, ones who have paid their dues and played at least one full season (which means from the first practices to the last game of the season, will be considered "newbies" defined as those who played one season or veterans defined as those who have played more than one season).

i. Members who have paid their dues and played for two full seasons are eligible for team sweatshirts, members who have paid their dues and have played for four whole season are eligible for team jackets.

ii. Any member after playing in a game or paying their dues are eligible for other team apparel.

Section 2. The semi- annual dues (both Fall and Spring Semester) shall be no less than twenty dollars, and shall be payable on date expressed by the club treasurer each semester (Payment must be in within two weeks of that date).

Section 3. There also shall be an annual dues and requirement for registration with USA Rugby. This amount shall be set by the organization and shall be paid once a year by our members. If any member should fail to do this or fail to pay their annual membership,

they shall not be allowed to participate in any event sponsored by this club (except B-side games and practices).

Section 4. The treasurer shall notify delinquent members by one month in their dues, and those members must promptly pay or not participate in official events as long as the dues go unpaid.

ARTICLE IV- Officers

Section 1. The officers of this club shall be a president, a vice president and or match secretary and a treasurer and for the purposes of running team events, social chair.

Section 2. The officers shall perform the duties of recruiting, planning practices and socials, collecting dues and general organization of the club (includes making specific rulings per season).

Section 3. The officers shall be elected by vote on the last meeting of each fall semester to serve a term of two semesters and until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin upon the beginning of the fall season, as they are elected in the spring.

I. No person shall hold office if she is not a member and no member shall hold more than one office at a time.

II. Officers may be nominated by any full club member.

III. Election shall follow a majority rule vote, if there is a tie, a second vote will take place.

Section 4. The procedure for filling vacancies will be by re-nominating and then re-voting as following already in place procedures.

Section 5. Impeachment shall take place for any officers, so long as by a majority of the team votes for impeachment.

I. Officers impeached are to be given significant time deemed necessary by other officers to defend their actions.

ARTICLE V- Organizational Structure

Section 1. Officers and people delegated shall do duties deemed necessary to fulfill a winning season that is compliant with Club Sports and USA Rugby.

Section 2. People may be delegated by officers to assist in their duties.

ARTICLE VI- Advisors

Section 1. Advisors if given the opportunity to have will be used for their knowledge on rugby related matters (See club sports handbook).

ARTICLE VII- Meeting/ Rules of Procedure

Section 1. A meeting of the club shall be held at least once a month for the duration of each season. Attendance is mandatory, and is considered as a practice or game.

Section 2. Meeting shall be used to vote on new issues, whereas the club will remain a Democracy as much as possible, with the vision of “What is best for the club” (majority votes are required for changing Club Bylaws) if the meeting is advertised in advance, than those who attend the meeting are considered enough to make changes as long as majority attendance votes in that interest.

Section 3. Full members eligible for voting are considered, ones who have paid their dues and played at least one full season (considered “newbies” or vetrans).

Section 4. Minutes shall be taken and given upon request.

ARTICLE VI- Parliamentary Authority/Regulatory Powers

Section 1. The rules contained in the most recent edition of the USA Rugby National Handbook shall govern the club in all cases where they are not consistent with these bylaws and any special rules the club may adopt.

Section 2. The UMaine Women’s Rugby Club shall remain to be under Campus Recreation Authority and guidelines to further receive funding and support, all rules within the current sport club handbook applies.

ARTICLE VII- Coaches and Captains

Section 1. It is in the teams best interest to have a coach, whereas the coach will follow the UMaine Campus recreation rules.

Section 2. The coach is allowed to make decisions on what is best for the team as far as games and practices concerns within appropriate limits, with consent/approval of officers in regards to other non-game matters.

Section 3. Captains will be decided by vote by the majority of full members.