

# **Men's Club Lacrosse at The Ohio State University**

## **Student Organization Constitution**

### **ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of this organization shall be: Men's Club Lacrosse at The Ohio State University.

### **ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE**

Men's Club Lacrosse at The Ohio State University is a competitive non-varsity club team committed to providing its members with the opportunity to participate in high-level, competitive lacrosse, while still having the time to pursue a higher education.

We welcome players of all talent levels; however, we are a competitive team, and due to our numbers and the nature of the team, we do put our best players on the field in order to put us in the best position to win.

### **ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS**

#### **Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct**

Men's Club Lacrosse at The Ohio State University *agrees that it will not engage in sexual misconduct nor any harassment or discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis in accordance with the Student Organization Registration Guidelines.*

#### **Section B. Hazing**

Men's Club Lacrosse at The Ohio State University *agrees to maintain a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, in compliance with the Ohio State University and Collins' Law. All members must conduct themselves in a manner that supports an environment free from hazing. Hazing includes any activity, regardless of consent, that causes or creates a substantial risk of physical, mental, or emotional harm or humiliation to any individual as part of membership or affiliation with the student organization. If found responsible for hazing, members and/or the organization may face disciplinary actions.*

#### **Section C. Bylaws**

Men's Club Lacrosse at The Ohio State University *retains the right to maintain separate bylaws to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in the previous articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements set forth by local, state, and federal laws, The Ohio State University's regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Student Organization Registration Guidelines. Organizations may make amendments and changes to the bylaws without consulting the Ohio Union & Student Activities department, and changes to bylaws do not require approval. All elements of organizational bylaws shall be consistent with the organization's currently approved constitution on file and CSA constitution requirements.*

### **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Section A. Membership Eligibility**

In order to be considered eligible to be a member of this team, you must be a currently enrolled Ohio State

student. We are primarily made up of undergraduate students; however, we will allow graduate students to play as long as they don't make up more than ten percent of the roster.

### **Section B. Member Selection**

Everyone is welcome to stop by an open practice and play with the team at any time. The only condition that prospective members must meet is that they must come with their own equipment and sign all required paperwork. This club will not provide anyone with equipment to use, as it does not have the resources to do so. Although anyone is welcome to come to practice, we operate with a travel roster consisting of players of quality meeting the standards set by leadership. Any who wish to be considered for the travel roster must attend a tryout and pay appropriate dues if chosen. Tryouts for a travel team will occur once a semester, during the first month of the term. Details on dates and times of tryouts will be released via the club's social media. If prospective members wish to join but cannot attend one of these days, a personal tryout can be conducted upon request. Contact with the president or leadership board is required through social media or email, and the tryout will commence during a regularly scheduled practice.

### **Section C. Membership Timeline**

Tryouts are to be held within the first month of the fall and spring scholastic semesters. Additionally, any interested party has the ability to contact the president to try out at any given practice if they desire to be a traveling member. Any student is welcome to attend any practice if they wish. Members of the team are members until they lose good standing with the team or graduate from the university. Good standing is defined as attending at least 75% of practices and games and paying all dues. All members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment at any time they see fit.

### **Section D. Member Removal**

A member may voluntarily remove themselves from affiliation with the team at any point in time. The only time that a member may be forced to disassociate is if the member's behavior is detrimental to the focus of the team. Reasons include, but are not limited to, violation of any breach of **Article III, sections A and B** of this constitution. To remove a member, a meeting is to be called with the entire leadership team. The accused will have the ability to plead their case. Immediately after, the board will vote in the absence of the individual. A majority vote is required to remove. All members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment at any time they see fit.

## **ARTICLE V. ADVISOR**

### **Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities**

Advisors of student organizations must be members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. It is the responsibility of the organization's advisor to help with all issues the club may have with the University. It is encouraged that the advisor does not try to interfere too much with the club's operations, because the club is designed to be run solely by its members.

### **Section B. Advisor Term**

The Advisor can serve for as long as the team's leadership desires, or as long as the Advisor desires.

### **Section C. Advisor Selection**

A new advisor will be nominated and voted on by the leadership team. The only criterion the advisor must meet is that they are a member of the University faculty or administrative and professional staff. It is encouraged to find an advisor who is familiar with the sport; however, this is not required.

## **Section D. Advisor Replacement**

An Advisor must fulfill at least a whole season's duties before they can voluntarily remove themselves from the position. If an advisor wishes to leave, they must inform the leadership team of their intentions, and they will be able to leave the position and be replaced. However, an Advisor may be removed and replaced mid-season if voted unanimously by the team's leadership for any reason they deem fit. A new advisor will be nominated and voted on by the leadership team at the next scheduled meeting. Unanimous voting is required to induct a new advisor.

## **ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP**

### **Section A. Officer Positions**

#### **1.) *President***

The President will be chosen by majority vote of the active members prior to the conclusion of the fall season. This period before the spring season will serve as a probationary learning period for the President-Elect to learn the duties of the position. The President-Elect will not become President until the beginning of the spring season. The President will hold office for a maximum of two seasons; however, the season before the President's last season must be used to train the incoming President. It is the President's job to attend all meetings, making sure the team is equipped with all necessary equipment at all times, file all necessary paperwork with the appropriate offices, and schedule all games. The President is also responsible for heading up all recruitment efforts (i.e., the student involvement fair).

#### **2.) *Vice-President***

The Vice-President will be chosen by majority vote of the active members prior to the conclusion of the fall season. This period before the spring season will serve as a probationary learning period for the Vice-President-Elect to learn the duties of the position. The Vice-President-Elect will not become Vice-President until the beginning of the spring season. The Vice-President will hold office for a maximum of two seasons; however, the season before the Vice-President's last season must be used to train the incoming Vice-President. Other than assisting the President with whatever help he needs, the Vice-President is responsible for, ordering trophies for any home tournaments, reserving all fields for both practice and for home games, and sending out all team e-mails.

#### **3.) *Treasurer***

The Treasurer will be chosen by majority vote of the active members prior to the conclusion of the fall season. This period before the spring season will serve as a probationary learning period for the Treasurer-Elect to learn the duties of the position. The Treasurer-Elect will not become Treasurer until the beginning of the spring season. The Treasurer will hold office for a maximum of two seasons; however, the season before the Treasurer's last season must be used to train the incoming Treasurer. The Treasurer is responsible for setting a budget for the season, setting the price of dues, collecting all dues, and maintaining the club bank account. Additionally, the Treasurer is responsible for scheduling all overnight hotels, filing end-of-quarter reports, and re-filing the club for non-profit status when or if necessary.

#### **4.) Secretary**

The Secretary will be chosen by majority vote of the active members prior to the conclusion of the fall season. This period before the spring season will serve as a probationary learning period for the Secretary-Elect to learn the duties of the position. The Secretary-Elect will not become Secretary until the beginning of the spring season. The Secretary will hold office for a maximum of two seasons; however, the season before the Secretary's last season must be used to train the incoming Secretary. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining the team website and providing support to the other members of the board with their duties. Additionally, the secretary is responsible for communicating with outside organizations and companies to acquire equipment and philanthropy.

#### **Section B. Officer Eligibility**

Any active member of the traveling team is allowed to run for office. The player must be in good standing with the team, meaning they have paid dues and have attended 75% of games and practices. Eligible members will fill out an interest form in order to communicate to the current board that they are interested in running.

#### **Section C. Officer Selection Process**

The leaders for the next year are chosen after the conclusion of the fall season. A majority vote from the active team members and a unanimous vote from the current leadership team. This allows for the team to choose its next leaders while giving the current leaders a chance to veto if they believe a candidate is unfit to lead.

#### **Section D. Officer Removal**

A person(s) in a leadership position must fulfill at least a whole season before they can voluntarily remove themselves from the position. A leader must step down after two terms in office, or after their second-to-last season with the team. No senior or last year student may be a leader, because it is their duty to be around in case the incoming leadership needs help or guidance.

An officer is to be impeached for any breach of **Article III, sections A and B** of this constitution. Additionally, an officer may be impeached for disregarding their duties outlined in **Article IV, section A**.

To impeach any member of the board, a meeting is to be called with the entire leadership team. The accused will have the ability to plead their case. Immediately after, the board will vote in the absence of the individual. A unanimous vote is required to impeach, and an interim officer must be chosen immediately to ensure the club continues to run.

### **ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION**

#### **Section A. Dissolution Requirements**

Dissolution is permitted if and only if there comes a time when there is absolutely zero interest anywhere on campus for the sport of lacrosse and participation in friendly competition. A unanimous vote of the remaining members is needed to initiate the process of dissolution.

#### **Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts**

The assets owned by the organization (ie, bank account) must be donated directly to charity. If any debts are accumulated, it is the responsibility of the team's leaders at the time the debts were accrued to pay said debts.

### **ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

#### **Section A. Amendment Process**

Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in an open practice in which

they are proposed, should be read again at a specified number of subsequent practices, and the practice in which the votes will be taken. Approval should require at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the team present, as well as  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the officers. The Constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.