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The Constitution of the University of Georgia Fencing Club

Article I Name

This organization shall be recognized as The University of Georgia Fencing Club for all intents and purposes.

Article II Purpose

The purpose of the University of Georgia Fencing Club shall be to teach, and promote the ancient art of fencing to all University of Georgia students, faculty, and staff, and to compete both in individual and collegiate team competitions.

Article III Membership

Section 1 - Limits

Membership shall be limited to regularly enrolled University of Georgia students, faculty, and/or staff members **and their dependents**.

Section 2 - Non-discrimination

Membership shall not be denied to any person because of age, race, sex, religion, handicap, or natural origin.

Section 3 - Participation

Only members that are being instructed in fencing or have been instructed in fencing shall be allowed to fence in practices. Any other member shall be allowed to participate as scorers, judges, spectators, or any other non-fencing role.

Section 4- Membership Types

Memberships shall be classified into two types:

***Honorary Members* are those who regularly attend and are actively involved in practice sessions. Honorary members are allowed to check out equipment and run for office.**

***Associate Members* are those who attend practice infrequently or who do not actively participate during practice sessions.**

Both Honorary Members and Associate Members pay the same amount of dues and membership status may change multiple times within a semester but may not be upgraded more than twice in a semester. The President decides which members will hold which type of membership and may discuss his/her decision with the other officers.

Article IV
Dues and Payments

Dues shall be determined by the Officers within the first four practices of Fall Semester. Dues shall be paid in full no later than thirty days after the official dues and fees are posted. The amount that the club collects from members shall be changed yearly only if at least two-thirds of the Officers are in favor of changing the membership dues. If someone has not paid their dues in full after thirty days, that person will not be allowed to use club equipment nor participate in Fencing Club activities. New members who own the major part of the required equipment may request a reduction of dues and may only be granted one by a unanimous decision of the Officers. This reduction may only be granted during Fall Semester each year.

Article V
Officers

Section 1 - Offices

The officers shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Armorer. The officers' term shall start on February 1 and continue through January 31. Election for officers shall be in November at a club meeting to allow for training of new officers.

Section 2 - President

The office of the President shall have the following responsibilities:

- A) To call and abide over all meetings and practices,
- B) To reserve and ensure the availability of use of facilities for all meetings, and
- C) To ensure the responsibilities of the other officers are performed.
- D) To promote the awareness of the Fencing Club on campus and represent the Fencing Club in all official University meetings.**

Section 3 - Vice-President

The office of the Vice President shall have the following responsibilities:

- A) To handle the responsibilities of the President in his absence,
- B) To handle all public relations,
- C) To handle all correspondence to and from other fencing clubs, and
- D) To ensure the awareness of the club of any fencing tournaments.

Section 4 - Secretary

The office of the Secretary shall have the following responsibilities.

- A) To keep a current and accurate membership roster,
- B) To keep and track all club paperwork excluding Treasurers paperwork,
- C) To keep the minutes of all fencing meetings, and
- D) To assist the Vice President in public relations and fencing relationships.

Section 5 - Treasurer

The office of the Treasurer shall have the following responsibilities.

- A) To maintain a current and accurate accounting of all club assets,

- B) To collect all moneys due from any member,
- C) To pay all moneys owed by the club from club funds, and
- D) To write and submit an officer approved budget request to the University of Georgia.

Section 6 - Armorer

The office of the Armorer shall have the following responsibilities.

- A) To maintain a current and accurate inventory of all club equipment,
- B) To request to the officers the ordering and receiving of new equipment,
- C) To ensure that all equipment is in the best possible working condition,
- D) To ensure that someone is responsible for the packing of equipment for trips and other excursions, and
- E) To maintain a system in which members can check out equipment for short periods of time.

Article VI Meetings

Section 1 - Types

The meetings shall consist of three types. Practice, Business Meetings, and Officer Meetings.

Section 2 - Practices

Practices shall start with a brief period of announcements followed by organized drilling and instruction and shall be at least once per week while school is in session except during exam week.

Section 3 - Business Meetings

Business Meetings shall be attended by all club members and shall be for discussing official club matter and for the election of club officers. Business Meetings shall consist of at least one meeting per month while school is in session **and may take place during Practice.**

Section 4 - Officer Meetings

Officer Meetings shall be attended by all officers and shall be open to all members. Officer Meetings shall consist of at least one meeting per two week period while school is in session **and may take place during Practice.**

Article VII Quorum

Two-Thirds of the total membership shall form a quorum and therefore a quorum shall be able to transact business.

Article VIII
Amendments

The constitution of the University of Georgia Fencing Club shall be amended only if two-thirds of the officers during an Officers Meeting vote for the amendment and two-thirds of the total membership vote for the amendment during a Business Meeting.

Article IX
Ratification

The constitution of the University of Georgia Fencing Club shall be ratified if two-thirds of the current members agree to its ratification.

By-Laws of the University of Georgia Fencing Club

1. The accepted rules of order for all meetings shall be the rules provided in “Robert's Rules of Order”.
2. At all meetings there shall be an active president appointed by the current president and an active armorer appointed by the current armorer. Both the active president and the active armorer must be an officer or an honorary member and may be the same person.
3. Equipment can be checked out in one week intervals. Equipment can only be checked out through the acting armorer. Any member which checks out equipment shall be held responsible for the return of the equipment, and also for any fines for lost, damaged or overdue equipment.
4. Any member breaking any equipment by accident or on purpose shall be charged at **least half** the replacement price of the piece of equipment.
5. Personal equipment can be stored with club equipment, however, the club accepts no responsibility for the personal equipment. Any non-club equipment, if not claimed sixty days after a business meeting notification, shall become property of the University of Georgia Fencing Club.
6. Any member shall have served as a lower officer before being allowed to serve in the office of President. If no lower officer exists then the President may be elected from all members of the club that have been a member for at least one year. The President's term shall be no more than 2 consecutive years.
7. All members shall read, complete, and sign a University of Georgia form entitled “Release and Assumption of Risk for Participation in Recreational Activities”.
8. All members shall read, complete, and sign a University of Georgia Fencing Club form entitled "Membership Application".

Membership Application

I, _____, hereby acknowledge my awareness that my participation in the Fencing Club at the University of Georgia may expose me to risks of property damage and bodily or personal injury, including injury that may be fatal. I understand that the risks to which I may be exposed include, but are not limited to, sickness, broken bones, sprains, concussions, injury from balls, bats, and other athletic equipment, drowning, heart attack, and inclement weather. I further understand that I may be exposed to other risks, which may not be foreseeable. I hereby assume any and all such risks.

I, _____, am familiar with the rules and regulations of the UGA Fencing Club as they are expressed in the Fencing Club's Constitutions and in the document entitled "Rules of the Salle." By signing this application, I hereby certify that I will abide by the rules and regulations of the UGA Fencing Club.

Printed Name

Signature

Date