

# **Constitution of The Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Club**

## **At William and Mary**

*Amended on 3/29/2018*

### **Preamble**

We the members of The Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Club at William and Mary, subscribing to the rules and regulations of the policies of William and Mary, hereby establish this Constitution to govern the matters of this organization.

### **Article I: Name**

This organization will be known as the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Club at William and Mary. It can also be identified as WMBJJ, or BJJ Club.

### **Article II: Purpose/Mission**

The purpose of this club is to promote the practice and appreciation of the grappling (non-striking) martial art of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Techniques studied and practiced in this club will include, but are not limited to those from: Wrestling, Judo, Sambo, Catch Wrestling, Submission Wrestling, No-Gi Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Gi Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Tenth Planet Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Japanese Jiu-Jitsu, Aikido, and other grappling based martial arts. The club provides a safe, encouraging, and welcoming environment to all those interested in learning about the grappling arts. At all times, respect for one another, respect for the practicing facilities, and respect for martial arts will be observed. At all times, safety for oneself and one's club mates will be observed and prioritized; never will purposeful harm be intended or permitted against fellow club members.

### **Article III: Membership**

- All members of the William and Mary community are eligible for participation in this club, including: students, professors, faculty, and staff.
  - Non-university affiliates will not be permitted as members, except as guest instructors in according with William and Mary policy.
- To attain and maintain full membership, one must:
  - File all appropriate and applicable forms with William and Mary
  - Respect the provisions outlined in this constitution
- All members will have equal rights in deliberation, selection, and implementation in club policies, programs, and logistical changes.
- Any incident wherein a member endangers the safety of another in a manner that is: reckless, careless, or excessive is cause for a revoke of membership. The club officers will decide on any revoking of membership via a majority vote.
- The Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Club at William and Mary affirms its commitment to conducting its activities in accordance with W&M's Policy on Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation. Membership in this organization shall be open to all without regard to irrelevant personal factors. Irrelevant personal factors include (without limitation) race or color, citizenship, national origin or ethnicity, ancestry, religion or creed, political affiliation or belief, age, sex or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental disability, marital status, pregnancy status, parental status, height, weight, military service, veteran status, caretaker status, or family medical or genetic information.

## Article IV: Officers

- President
  - Attend all required meetings with William and Mary Club Sport administrators.
  - Organize, plan, execute, or otherwise oversee that regular practices are taught by a qualified instructor.
  - Oversee the club's participation in college sponsored events including but not limited to: Day for Admitted Students, and Activity Fairs.
  - Ensure that all required safety and sanitation equipment is stocked and maintained for regular club meetings.
  - Delegate tasks to other officers as necessary.
- Vice President
  - Attend all required meetings with William and Mary Club Sport administrators.
  - Assist the President in attending, complying with, or otherwise participating in college sponsored events including but not limited to: Day for Admitted Students, and Activity Fairs.
  - If the President becomes unable to fulfill his duties, the Vice President will overtake all Presidential responsibilities.
- Treasurer
  - Act as an alternate attendee at William and Mary Club Sport administrative meetings if the President or Vice President cannot attend.
    - Mandatory attendance at budget meetings
  - Take account of, collect, organize, and plan expenditure for all club funds.
    - Consult the President and Vice President on how to spend funds.

- Additional officer roles can be created at the discretion of the club officers, and fulfilled by willing and able club members, the duties of which are dependent on the nature of the created position.
- There will be no term limits for any officer; officers may serve as many one-year terms as they are willing and able to.
- There will be no minimum qualifications for any elected officer, except for the President who must have at least one semester's worth of club membership experience.
- Any club officer failing in his duties, or failing to abide by the provisions of this constitution, can be removed from office at any time by majority vote of officers.

#### **Article V: Elections or Selections of New Officers**

- Officer elections will take place once at any point after spring break during each spring semester of the academic year.
  - Newly elected officers assume their positions one week after elections take place.
- Officers will be selected on a volunteer basis.
  - In the event of multiple volunteers for a single office, then all club members will decide the winner via a majority vote.
    - If a majority is not reached, the candidate with the most votes wins. In the event of a tie, the two candidates will spar according to IBJJF rules and the winner of the sparring match assume office.

## **Article VI: Meetings**

- The frequency and content of meetings will be jointly determined by club officers on a semesterly basis. Meetings will, at a minimum, include some study, practice, or reflection upon Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Meetings can only occur when regular classes are in session.
  - A typical meeting will include: warm-ups, technical instruction, positional drilling, and light sparring, but can be changed according to the discretion of presiding officers.
- The President presides at club meetings. In the event of the President not attending, the Vice President, Treasurer, or other officer will preside, in that order.
- There will be no attendance policy.
- Quorum to hold a meeting will be at least two members in total. Among that minimum of two there must be at least: one officer, and two safety officers.
- The officers may meet outside of regular meetings as needed.

## **Article VII: Finances**

- The amount of dues and the method of collection will be decided by a majority vote of the officers at the beginning of each school year.
- The funds will be stored in an off-campus organization account. The President and the Treasurer will have signature authority, and all checks must be signed by both officers.
- Training fees will be set by majority vote of the officers on a case-by-case basis and at minimum will cover the cost of the training

### **Article VIII: Policy Compliance**

- WMBJJ will abide by all university policies including the Student Code of Conduct, the Campus Alcohol Policy, and requirements set by the Office of Student Leadership Development.
- WMBJJ agrees that it will not initiate, support, or encourage any events or situations that endanger the mental or physical health or safety of a student for any purpose including but not limited to initiation or admission into or affiliation with this group or organization.
- Any international travel will not be affiliated with William & Mary or this organization and will occur strictly on an individual basis.

### **Article IX: Ratification**

- This constitution will take effect immediately upon its unanimous approval by the officers.

*Ratified on 3/29/2018*

### **Article X: Amendments**

- Amendments may be submitted in writing by any club member.
- Amendments must be approved by a majority of officers, and take effect immediately upon ratification.
- Following the approval of any amendments, include at the end of the amendment the date it was ratified.