

WOMEN'S CLUB VOLLEYBALL WHITE TEAM CONSTITUTION

(Updated Spring 2018)

I. NAME

This organization will be known as the Women's Volleyball White Team (or "Women's Quarterpath Volleyball"). It will consist of two separate teams, known as the Griffins (A) and the Aces (B).

II. PURPOSE

This organization was created to give its members an opportunity to represent William & Mary in local leagues. It also gives members an opportunity to learn how to play volleyball if they have not played in the past. Both teams will compete against other Williamsburg-based teams in the women's adult volleyball leagues at Quarterpath Recreation Center on Thursdays.

III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this organization is open to any William & Mary graduate or undergraduate student who is interested in playing volleyball competitively and/or learning to play volleyball.

1. Tryouts:

Tryouts will take place at the beginning of every fall semester (although active members may vote to determine whether to hold an additional round of tryouts in the spring if spots need to be filled). Players who are not accepted onto the Griffins will automatically be placed on the roster for the Aces.

2. Active Membership:

Active members must have (a) paid dues (see III.4) and (b) attended at least one practice per week. In order to vote in officer elections, vote on amendments to this constitution, or play in weekly games, members must be designated as active.

3. Conduct:

All members of this organization are expected to exhibit sportsmanlike conduct during *all* volleyball functions. If a sportsmanship violation is committed by a member (e.g. receiving a red or yellow card from a referee or a warning from an officer after unsportsmanlike behavior at any volleyball event), the member will lose active membership status for two weeks. If another violation is committed after that, the member will be barred from participating in *all* of this organization's events (including social functions, practices, and games) for the remainder of the semester.

4. Dues:

Dues will be collected at the beginning of every fall semester by the Vice Presidents/Co-Captains of both the Griffins and the Aces. Dues will be between \$20-\$30, as determined by the officers of each team. The officers have the right to bar players who have not paid dues from participating in events (such as games or socials) that are paid for by dues.

IV. OFFICERS

The Griffins and the Aces will each have their own executive boards, comprised of the officer types listed below. The officers required to run this organization and their correspondent responsibilities are as follows:

1. **President/Captain:**

The President will be responsible for organizing tryouts and communicating with prospective members, communicating with the W&M Sport Club Office (including registering scrimmages and games as events), attending all officer meetings held by the Sport Club Office, registering the team at Quarterpath, affirming that all members have completed necessary paperwork and waivers on IMLeagues, planning and running practices, planning the roster for and transportation to Quarterpath games, coordinating with the Vice President on budget applications, planning fundraising events, initiating officer elections for the next academic year in the Spring, and working with other officers to update this constitution once every two years.

2. **Vice President/Co-Captain:**

The Vice President will be responsible for advertising tryouts and communicating with prospective members, collecting dues, keeping detailed accounts of monetary transactions and records of the organization's funds, attending budget meetings held by the W&M Sport Club Office, planning and running practices in case of the President's absence, coordinating with the President on budget applications, maintaining the shared Exec Google Drive, and working with other officers to update this constitution once every two years.

3. **Social Chair:**

The Social Chair will be responsible for planning welcoming events for new members in the Fall, planning social events (both within this organization and with other organizations) throughout the academic year, and communicating with alumni.

4. **Safety Officers (SOs):**

Safety Officers will be responsible for attending all practices in case of medical emergencies (if an SO cannot attend a practice, they must notify the President as soon as possible). SOs must complete the Safety Officer Quiz before officially becoming an SO. The quiz is distributed by the Sport Club Office every fall. There must be at least three SOs on each team every semester.

V. ELECTIONS

Every April, elections will be held to determine the officers for the following academic year. A simple majority is needed to elect each officer. The election process is as follows:

1. **Eligibility for Office:**

Prior to running for office, players must have been active members for at least one year on the team for which they are running.

2. **Survey:**

The acting President will ask for nominations for each officer position and will send out an anonymous online survey (containing all the people who volunteered to run for office) via email.

3. **Voting:**

All active members (see Article III, Section 2 for active membership definitions) are eligible and encouraged to vote. In case of a tie (in which all members voted), a survey will be sent out again and the acting President will abstain from the vote in order to create an odd number of voters.

4. **Terms of Office and Officer Replacement:**

Each officer will serve on the executive board for one academic year. If an officer fails to complete their term, the following conditions will take effect immediately and will remain in effect until the close of the academic year:

- a. The Vice President will replace the President.
- b. The Social Chair may choose to replace the Vice President. However, if they choose to remain Social Chair, an election will be held to determine the new Vice President.

5. **Removal from Office:**

If an officer fails to complete the duties required of them as enumerated in Article IV, they may be removed at any time following a formal complaint to either the President, Vice President, or Social Chair. The officer in question will be notified of the complaint against them but not of the member who submitted the complaint. Any active member can submit a formal complaint to an officer at any time. The meeting during which the vote will take place will be held separate from normal practice times, with the officer in question not present. A simple majority is needed to remove the said officer from the executive board.

VI. PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Practices will be held twice a week. All members must attend practice or notify the President at least twenty-four hours in advance if they will not be in attendance. Additional meetings may be held if necessary (e.g. to plan events or to vote in either elections or removal-from-office meetings). The time and place of these meetings will be determined by the officers and members upon discovering the need for the meeting.

VII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended upon an amendment request submitted by any active member. At the practice at which (or closest after which) the amendment request was submitted, a vote will be held to determine if an amendment meeting will be held aside from normal practice times. Any active member present at this practice is eligible to vote, and simple majority is needed to begin planning the amendment meeting.

Any active member is eligible and encouraged to attend and vote in the amendment meeting. During this meeting, the amendment will be proposed, discussed, and voted

upon. A simple majority is needed to confirm the amendment. The amendment will not take effect until the beginning of the following academic year.

- VIII.** This constitution will be distributed to all members (new and returning) of the William & Mary Women's Club Volleyball White team at the beginning of every academic year following tryouts. In order to begin active membership and attend practices, players must sign this constitution and return it to the acting President of either the Griffins or the Aces.

- IX.** This constitution was revised by Kathleen Mann (Griffins President) on April 1st, 2018, and will take effect immediately.

By signing below, I certify that I have read and agree to the terms of this Constitution.

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____