

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA MEN'S ROWING CLUB

Article I - Purpose

The University of Iowa Men's Rowing is committed to Iowa's student-athletes competing on a national level while providing an exciting and unique athletic experience through collegiate rowing.

Article II - Membership

Section 1 - The Men's Rowing Team in no aspect of its programs shall there be any difference in the treatment of persons because of race, national origin, color, creed, religion, sex, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or associational preference, or any other classification which would deprive the person of consideration as an individual. This organization will guarantee that equal opportunity and equal access to membership, programming, facilities, and benefits shall be open to all persons.

Section 2 - An individual shall be considered a regular team member of this organization upon payment of team dues for the current semester/year.

Section 3 - Regular members of this organization are entitled to use of the team's equipment, provided that a coach of the team is present at the time of usage.

Section 4 - The competitive collegiate teams of both novice and varsity shall be composed of full-time male students, with the exception of coxswains which could be filled by full-time male or female students, maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Section 5 - There are two classes of membership in the Iowa Men's Rowing Team: Varsity status is applied after a team member has had more than one year of rowing experience with the team. Novice status will consist of first year and beginning rowers.

Section 6 - Any member who violates the equipment use regulations established by the Executive Committee is liable for expulsion from the team. Expulsion will become effective by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee. Appeals of expulsion may be directed to the Team. Appeals shall

be decided by a majority vote of the entire team.

Section 7 - Any member of the team who is delinquent in the payment of his or her dues shall not be allowed to vote, be eligible for awards, participate in any social activities of the organization, or be allowed to use team equipment.

Section 8 - Any individual may try out for the team, actual number of admitted athletes would depend on the needs of the coaches and availability of team equipment.

Article III - Finances

Section 1 - Dues shall be assessed prior to the beginning of the school year.

Section 2 - Varsity rowers must pay dues before they are allowed to practice with the team.

Section 3 - Dues shall not be refundable to a member at any time after payment or billing period has begun.

Section 4 - Upon dissolution of the team, the remaining funds will be donated to the Iowa Hawkeye's Women's Rowing Team.

Article IV - Executive Committee Elections

Section 1 - Elections will be held annually on the last Wednesday of the month of April.

Section 2 - Election dates will not be moved unless more than one month notice is given.

Section 3 - Club members who have had ½ to 1 year of experience in the organization may be eligible to be nominated for a board position. Nominees for the position of President must have had one year of service of a different capacity on the Executive Committee.

Section 4 - Term of Committee members: Once elected to the Executive Committee, office terms are one year in duration from the second Sunday of May until the second Saturday of May the following

year.

Section 5 - Committee members will be eligible for removal from their respective position if the majority of the Executive Committee finds that the member in question has not lived up to the expectations of his or her given position.

Section 6 - Unexpected Vacancies: If a Committee position becomes available before the expressed election period, the President retains the right to appoint a team member to that position. The Executive Committee has the right to approve or veto the President's selection.

Section 7 - Boathouse keys will be issued to the President, Vice-President, Varsity Coach and Novice Coach.

Article V - Executive Committee and Descriptions

Section 1 - President.

- Oversees board meetings.
- Creates agenda for meetings.
- Communicates between UI Division of Recreation Services and the UI Office of Student Life.
- Holds a vote on the committee.

Section 2 - Vice-President.

- Organization of the Boathouse and Field House areas.
- Maintain working order of equipment.
- Obtain vehicles for regattas.
- The V.P. May delegate said duties to other members.
- Holds a vote on the committee.

Section 3 - Treasurer.

- Handles financial records and accounts.
- Collects dues from team members.
- Keeps track of athletes accounts and Team's accounts.

- Holds a vote on the committee.

Section 4 – Secretary/Fundraiser.

- Records minutes of the committee meetings.
- Relays minutes to the rest of the team.
- Organizes fundraising events for the team.
- Responsible for including all team members in activities.
- Holds a vote on the committee.

Section 5 – Novice Representative.

- Communicates between the Executive Committee and the Novice rowers.
- Relay Novice perspectives to Executive Committee.
- Holds a vote on the committee.

Article VI – Executive Committee Meetings

Section 1 – Meetings for the Committee will be held weekly, on a day specified by the Committee members at the start of each school year.

Section 2 – If an “emergency” meeting is called, there will be forty-eight hours notice unless extreme conditions warrant. The President, Treasurer and Coach are the only members with the capacity to call an “emergency” meeting.

Section 3 – Attendance at meetings for Committee members is mandatory each week.

Article VII – Coaches

Section 1 – The coaches retained by the Executive Committee of the Iowa Men's Rowing Team must comply with the points and guidelines stipulated in their respective contracts.

Section 2 – Coaches may be present at Committee meetings only in the capacity of an advisor. Coaches do not hold a vote on the Executive Committee.

Section 3 - The coaches are responsible for the organization and registering of team members for regattas as well as creating the team's competitive schedule.

Article VIII - Amendments

Section 1 - New amendments that will be brought up before the Committee and team for voting must be presented two weeks prior to the specific voting day.

Section 2 - A majority of 2/3's of the team's vote is required to pass the amendment, article, section addition or revision.

Section 3 - All amendments and changes to our constitution must be submitted to the Student Organization Activities Board for approval.

Article IX - Ratification

Section 1 - If more than a majority of those present at the designated voting time desire to ratify this constitution, then this article or section must be included.