This Constitution is the Approved and Official Constitution for:

Club Name: Men's Rugby Club

From the Sports Council

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Club Officer

Position: President

Name: Julie Oppenheim

Signature:

Date: 5/8/17

Council Coordinator

Name: Jane Trudgett

Signature:

Date: 5/9/17

Student Association Vice President

Name: Gina Nasca

Signature: Gina Nasca

Date: 5/8/17
Article I. Name of Club

This Club will be known as the Men's Rugby club.

Article II. Purpose of Club

The purpose of this club is to provide students the opportunity to practice and play competitive rugby.

Article III. Qualification of Membership

Section 1:

Any undergraduate student of the University at Buffalo may become a member of the club. This club honors the Student Association full participation policy of undergraduate students.

Section 2:

Voting Member

1. Only undergraduate University at Buffalo Students may be voting member of the club as long as they have participated in 3 meetings and 1 event.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1:

Only full-time undergraduate University at Buffalo students may be officers of the club. All officers must be in academic good standing according to the University at Buffalo to become and stay officers of this club.

Section 2:

A. President

1. Be the chief executive of the Club
2. Call as well as preside over meetings of the Club
3. Serve as the liaison between the Club and the SA administrative offices
4. Call special meetings of the Club
5. Take care that this constitution and the laws of the student body are faithfully executed
6. Perform any administrative power or duty not provided for in this constitution

B. Vice President

1. Exercise presidential office upon absence
2. Assume presidential office upon vacancy

C. Treasurer

1. Keep complete and accurate account of the Club's funds
2. Put in requests for use of Club funds
3. Prepare the annual budget request packet with the President
4. Report to the President on all relevant financial matters

D. Secretary
   1. Schedule matches against other teams
   2. Report to the President
   3. Ready the field for games on gameday

Article V. Government

Section 1: Meetings
   1. There are two types of meetings:
      a. Film sessions
      b. Practices
   2. Film Sessions:
      a. Inform members of upcoming events and changes in the club
      b. Watch game film from the previous week's match
      c. Discuss plan for the upcoming weeks/rest of the season.
      d. Held at the discretion of the coach.
   3. Practices
      a. Practice will be held 4x/week, or at the coaches discretion.
      b. At practice members will practice rugby skills, and develop their conditioning.

Section 2: Elections
   1. Only voting members of the Club may be allowed to nominate, run for office, and vote in the Club election.
   2. Officer elections MUST take place before the last day of classes of the spring semester of that year.
      a. In the event an election is taken place after the last day of classes of the spring semester, the officers who were elected will remain as the officers for the summer, however, a new election must take place by the first of October of the upcoming fall semester.
   3. A nomination period is to the discretion of the Club.
      a) Candidates may be nominated for multiple positions only if the club approves this prior to the nomination period beginning.
   4. The election will preside in this order:
      a. President
      b. Vice-President
      c. Treasurer
      d. Secretary
   5. The candidate will be elected based on most votes received. Therefore there will be no run-off votes.
   6. The candidate who loses the initial nominated position may be nominated for another open position if the current Executive Board allows it.
7. The newly elected E-board will take office after the last day of classes of the spring semester of that year.

Section 3: Impeachment/Removal Process

1. Grounds for removal of an officer are as follows:
   a. Violation of the Undergraduate Student Association (SA) policies
   b. Violation of the rules and regulations set forth in the current University student rules and regulations
   c. Failure to perform the duties of the office as set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the Club
   d. Failure to uphold the provisions of this constitution and bylaws

2. The procedure to call for removal are as follows:
   a. The Club must notify their Council Coordinator as well as the Student Association Elections and Credential Chair.
   b. A petition with at least twenty percent of the clubs voting membership signatures must be submitted to an executive board officer
   c. The officer will call a special meeting which will occur one week after the petition has been submitted.
   d. At this meeting the charges against the offending officer will be presented, as well the offending officer will present their defense either in person or in writing.
   e. At the same meeting, the voting membership with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote shall decide the removal of the offending officer.
   f. If the offending officer is removed the guidelines in this constitution under officer vacancy are to be followed.
   g. All documentation regarding the removal of the offending officer must be submit to the Student Association administration for further review.

Section 4: Resignation/Vacancy of Office

1. In the event an officer wishes to resign:
   a. The resigning officer must inform the current executive board
   b. The resigning officer must inform the Student Association administration so that officer information can be updated

2. In the event an officer position becomes vacant:
   c. If the President position becomes vacant, such vacancy shall be filled by the Vice-President.
   d. If the Vice-President, Treasurer, and/or Secretary position become vacant two options can be followed:
      i. A special election will be called. The special election will follow the exact guidelines of Section 2: Elections

OR
ii. The President may appoint the new officer with the approval of the voting membership.
   
   1. The nomination process will be as follows:
      a. The President appointment must be a voting member of the Club.
      b. The President will call a special meeting within a week of the announcement of the appointment. Quorum must be met.
      c. The appointed position must gain at least fifty percent of the voting membership's approval.
      d. Upon approval the appointed position will be effective immediately.
      e. Upon disapproval the guidelines for a special election will be followed.

Article VI. Amendments

A. Any voting member may propose an amendment to the Club Constitution.
B. An amendment can be voted on after one week it has been presented.
C. A two-thirds vote must be gained for the amendment to be passed
D. The amendment will put into effect during the beginning of the next academic semester.

E. Amendments to this constitution and by-laws may not violate any Student Association, University at Buffalo, Student Mandatory Activity Fee Guidelines, New York State, or Federal rules, regulations, or laws.

F. Once passed amendments and an updated constitution must be turned into the Student Association Office and the Council Coordinator for review and approval.