

Article I: Name

The official name of this organization shall be “Marist College Club Ultimate Frisbee”

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of Club Ultimate Frisbee is to promote the sport of Ultimate Frisbee on the Marist College campus and to allow those interested to advance said interest in an inter-collegiate setting with competitive play between schools and at conferences between other organizations.

Article III: Membership

The membership shall be composed of “active players” (Article III section 5)

Section 1A: the club membership will recognize all members as “players” in the club. An executive board will be established (Article IV).

Section 1B: The team will be chosen from the active membership of the intramural sport by the captains but facilitated by the coach/faculty advisor/executive board. The team will not be limited by a specific number when unnecessary but may be limited by the requirements of the play of tournaments or requests of other schools in order to accommodate. Travel arrangements may also limit the number of players that will be brought for away games; this will also be decided by the captains but facilitated by the coach/faculty advisor/executive board.

Section 1C: The team shall select by majority of its membership, two captains from amongst its roster. If no majority is reached then the candidates with the most votes shall be elected. The captains shall then appoint, with facilitation but not necessarily approval, by its coach/faculty advisor, an executive board. These positions shall act as liaisons between the executive board and the other players in the club. All elections shall be announced to the team members at least one week prior to the vote.

Section 1D: The team shall always select two captains. This vote shall take place during the 5th week of established play of the Spring Semester. This is to allow an overlap period in which the new captains can begin to be transitioned into their new roles. “New captains” are considered “captains” at the termination of the spring semester. After elections but before the termination of the spring semester they are considered non-voting members of the executive board as a captain is considered.

Section 2A: The qualifications for the club are that the player has attended Marist College as an undergraduate. Both genders are allowed and encouraged to participate in play.

Section 2B: For those students that are not presently attending the college, they may only participate in tournament play that is within their region of residence, as determined by the captains, but not in intra-

college activities and events. No expense shall be taken by the college to include these members in competition nor shall their involvement bar the involvement of students currently attending the college.

Section 3: The required fees will be determined each year according to the club's expenses off-set by the school's contribution and fundraising-- which will be conducted each year.

Section 4: To withdraw from the club team, the coach, captains, and club president must be notified. Resignation of the club officers will go according to the procedures in Article VII.

Section 5A: Active membership entails attending all club practices, socials, charity and fund-raising events with the exception of eight (8) excused and three (3) unexcused absences.

Section 5B: An excused absence is defined as an absence from practice, a social or a charity or fundraising event with 24 hours notice given to a team captain and for a valid excuse (illness, academics, family issues, or issues of grave concern).

Section 5C: An unexcused absence is defined as an absence from practice, a social or a charity or fundraising event without 24 hours notice given to a team captain and/or for an invalid excuse (being some other issue than those listed in Section 5B of this article).

Article IV: Officers

Section 1A: The club officers will consist of the following positions: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, parliamentarian, historian and two captains. During the transition period after new captains are elected, these two new captains are also considered members of the board.

Section 1B: The president will serve as the chief organizer of the club and will be the club's official representative to any official school organization (e.g. Office of Student Activities). Such functions as contacting opponents, tournament officials, referees, and prospective opposition, are the organizational parts of the club that the president has under his duties. Serving on the executive board and leading all club meetings are also such duties. The president begins each meeting as the presiding officer.

Section 1C: The vice-president will be the second in command in the club's organizational structure and will also serve on the executive board. In addition to assisting the president in this functions, the vice-president will be responsible for all aspects of public relations and information to club members/players and the general student body.

Section 1D: The duty of the club secretary is to keep a record of all club functions such as membership rosters and meeting minutes. The secretary also is in charge of all public relations and information distributed to club members/players and the student body, and serves in this position equally with the vice-president, as well as being third in command in the club's organizational structure and serve on the executive board.

Section 1E: The treasurer is in charge of all financial aspects of the club, from referees, tournaments, and league fees to all other purchases. The treasurer must keep neat, orderly records which will include all receipts. A report must be handed out to each member of the club's governing body on a bi-weekly basis, with the secretary receiving an extra copy for his records. The treasurer is fourth in command as a member of the executive board.

Section 1F: The parliamentarian is in charge of keeping order during meetings according to Article XI. He or she also has the duty to revise the by-laws of the club as needed. The parliamentarian is a member of the executive board without voting rights.

Section 1G: The Historian will be responsible for being knowledgeable about all events/tournaments that the club team participates in. They will keep a record of locations, opponents, scores, and statistics. The Historian will also be responsible for documenting these events with photographs or videos. This is a non-voting position.

Section 1H: The two captains are in charge of conducting practices, games, and all training-related activities. **It is also responsibility of the captains to run all intramural activities (Article X, Section2).** The captains are also members of the executive board without voting rights.

Section 1I: The new appointees of the executive board shall serve as non-voting members of the executive board during transition period.

Section 2: Unless mentioned, all members of the executive board have voting rights during meetings.

Section 3: A new position may be created on the board pending approval by the president and two-thirds ratification by the existing executive board. The job description will be clearly defined and added to the by-laws.

Article V: Resignations and Withdrawals from the Club

Section 1: Resignation by an officer shall require a formal letter of resignation issued to the President and faculty advisor. In the case of a president retiring, then the letter shall be delivered to the vice president. In the case of a member of the board who is not a captain resigning, an appointment shall take place according to Article VI Section D.

Section 2: Resignation by a captain shall warrant a letter of recommendation issued to the president of the executive board and faculty advisor and/or coach. Resignation of a captain shall warrant a new election proceeding in accordance with Article VI Section C.

Section 3: Resignation of a player from the club shall require a letter written to the captains.

Section 4: All letters of resignation must state a reason for resignation (e.g. time constraint, personal issues, etc.).

Article VI: Elections

Section 1A: Elections shall be held in the fifth week of the spring semester as established by the executive board.

Section 1B: Before the election meeting, club members who are recognized as being in good standing with the club and Marist College may nominate themselves for a position as captain. Good standing is defined as not being on academic probation and being an active member as defined by Article 3 Section 5A.

Section 1C: New captains will be recommended by the previous captains from the nominees and ratified with a two-thirds approval from active members.

Section 1D: The newly elected captains will then appoint the executive board. Each member of the executive board must then be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the present membership. If said appointee is not approved by two-thirds majority a new appointment is recommended until an officer is installed. Appointments will take place in the eighth week of the spring semester. New officers will be held fully accountable for their duties after the termination of the spring semester. Before the spring semester, current officers will transition the new officers into their prospective positions. New officers at this time serve as non-voting members of the club executive board.

Section 1E: The term of each officer, unless he or she is deemed unfit to serve, will begin at the termination of the spring semester and last through the year up to the termination of the spring semester of the following year.

Section 1F: All active members receive one vote in the election, including the executive board.

Section 1G: In the event of a tie on any vote, the president will act as the tiebreaker

Article VII: Meetings

Section 1: Open meetings will be held at least once a month, with the time and place being posted after a room is reserved. These meetings are open to the general membership and chaired in accordance with Article VII Section 3. Meeting minutes will be sent to all members of the club.

Section 2: Special Meetings may be held if any member of the executive board feels that it is necessary and two-thirds or more of the board agrees. Meetings do not qualify as "open meetings" if closed.

Section 3: In order to hold a meeting there must be at least 3 members of the executive board in attendance as well as 5 other members, if not all members of the board. Open meetings are open to all club members unless a special meeting is called.

Section 4: Minutes are to be kept for each meeting in order to convey an approximation of how the meeting was conducted. These minutes are open for access from all club members.

Section 5: Club officers are allowed to miss three (3) meetings for excused absences and one (1) unexcused absence.

Article VIII: Executive Board

Section 1: The executive Board shall consist of the six prior named officers (Article IV, the two captains, and the faculty advisor and/or coach.

Section 2: The executive board is in charge of all non-athletic related events and shall not conflict with the rights of the captains as defined in Article III section 1B.

Article IX: Committees

Section 1: Any committees will be sanctioned and organized by the executive board for a specific purpose. Committees will be chaired by at least one member of the executive board.

Section 2: All committees are bound by club by-laws and school regulations.

Article X: Relationship between Club and Intramural Sports

Section 1: For the purposes of this organization, there is to be no connection between participation in the intramural games of Ultimate Frisbee and membership in Marist College Club Ultimate Frisbee. Members of the intramural with exceptional talent will naturally gravitate towards a higher level of play than those not interested in Club play.

Section 2: Captains of the Club are also in charge of handling any intramural affairs. These duties include the maintenance of the intramural and hiring of referees for the sport. Captains are encouraged to attend Athletic Affairs Committee meetings to better the intramural at Marist, which, in indefinite terms, should indirectly affect the intramural.

Section 3: Club players are allowed and encouraged to attend intramural games in order to promote the club as well as attain adequate play time as space allows.

Section 4: Intramural players are not granted any privileges afforded a club player.

Article XI: Parliamentary Procedure

Unless suspended, all meetings will be run according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. Order will be kept by the parliamentarian in accordance with his or her duties described in Article IV Section 1F.

Article XII: Amendment of By-Laws

These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members provided that a quorum is present. If such Amendments pass by the majority, it then must be presented to the Student Government Association for final approval.

Article XIII: Violation of Laws, Codes of Conduct, etc.

The club and any individual associated with it shall abide and conform to all Federal and New York State Laws, all rules and regulations of Marist College, and all directives of the Student Government Association. Any violation of the aforementioned criteria may result in disciplinary action taken on the club charter.

Article XIV: Hazing and Conduct

Section 1: Hazing as defined by the Marist College Student Handbook: An act which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student or which destroys or removes public or private property, for the purpose of initiation, admission into, or affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a group or organization (Club) – is prohibited.

Section 2: Players will be expected to play in a respectful manner in regards to the "spirit of the game" established by the UPA, 11th edition rules.