Marist College Fencing Club By-Laws

Article I: Name

The official name of this organization is the Marist College Fencing Club.

Article II: Purpose

The Marist College Fencing Club is dedicated to teaching, training, and competing at an intercollegiate level in the sport of fencing.

Article III: Membership

Classes of Members: Members will be broken down into beginner, intermediate, and advanced groups. Members of the advanced group will be qualified to participate in competitions.

Qualifications of membership: Membership is open to all undergraduate Marist College students. To qualify as an active member, a member must attend at least ½ of the practices and general meetings. A ladder scale will rank members, ordering them by skill. This ladder will be the final determinant to participate in competitions. The competitive spots are 4 men’s epee, 4 women’s epee, 4 men’s saber, 4 women’s saber, 4 men’s foil, and 4 women’s foil.

Financial Obligations of Members: Each member is responsible for club dues. Club dues are $15.

Provisions for Resignation: During the academic year an officer or member may resign his or her post by letter of resignation and announcement at a general meeting. In the event of an officer’s resignation, the officer must nominate a successor, and hold a regular election. The resigning officer is required to aid the newly elected officer in performing the position for one month.
Article IV: Officers

1. The officers are:

1. The President: The President’s responsibilities are to preside over all Fencing Club meetings, set meeting agendas, communicate and delegate with other offices, meet regularly with the faculty advisor, chair the eligibility committee, function as the team captain, and attend the Captain’s Council. The President has the right to establish adhoc and standing committees. The President is responsible for obtaining transportation for off-campus events, and for coordinating competitions with other schools.

2. Vice President: The Vice President chairs the armory committee, chairs all club responsibilities in the absence of the president and is the facilitator to the athletic department administration, faculty and staff.

3. Secretary: The Secretary is responsible for the recording of the minutes from all meetings. The Secretary chairs the public relations committee, and records and communicates all activities of the fencing club. These include mail correspondence, checking voice mail, mailboxes, faxes, and memos.

4. Treasurer: The Treasurer is responsible for all financial matters. The Treasurer will follow the Student Government Financial Board Regulations.

5. Armourer: The Armourer is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of all equipment. He is the sub chair of the Armoury committee, and follows out instructions assigned by the Vice President.

2. Team Captains

Each team (i.e. men’s foil, women’s foil) has a team captain. The team captains are chosen at the beginning of each semester by the President and the Coach. Team captains must have at least one year of experience in their respective weapon, and they must attend at least 2/3 of the practices.

3. Trainer
The Trainer is responsible for instructing new members in basic footwork and stance. He must have at least one year of foil training, and may not be a team captain. The trainer is appointed at the beginning of each semester by the President and the Coach.

**Article V: Elections**

All elections must be completed during the month of March. Officers will hold office for one year, from March to March. Elections will be completed by closed ballot. A committee of two active members will be nominated by the current President and will act as the election’s commission. The election’s commission is responsible to run the election. All active members of the club are able to vote and run for office if they are nominated and seconded.

During the month of April the old administration will aid the new administration through their transition.

**Article VI: Meetings**

General Meetings: Once a month, a general meeting is held at the McCann Center. The first general meeting of the year is held in early September.

Practice Schedule: Practices are voluntary and held on Wednesday from 11 AM - 1 PM, Friday from 2 PM - 4 PM, and Sunday 2 PM - 4PM.

A quorum consists of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Faculty Advisor, and the majority of total active membership.

Tournaments: Qualified members will be expected to compete in intercollegiate tournaments.

**Article VII: Executive Board**
Article VIII: Committees

All adhoc and standing committee memberships are open to all members. Members may serve on one or more committees without nomination or election.

The Eligibility Committee is chaired by the President. It is comprised of the President, the Coach and the team captains. The Eligibility Committee is responsible for awarding each member a score based on attendance and skill. The scoring is then placed in a seeding ladder for tournament positions. The Eligibility Committee is responsible for assessing returning members and will award them a numerical percentage of their previous score at the beginning of each academic year.

The Public Relations Committee is chaired by the Secretary. The Public Relations (PR) Committee is responsible for advertising all club activities, creating banners, photographing club activities and tournaments, and requesting funding for public relations materials. The PR Committee reports all tournament results to the on-campus and off-campus publications with permission from the Sports Information Director and Chief Public Relations Officer of Marist College.

The Armoury Committee is chaired by the Vice President. The Armoury Committee is responsible for ensuring the integrity, cleanliness, maintenance, and availability of fencing equipment for tournaments and practice. The Armoury Committee requests funding through the Treasurer for future purchases and all repairs.

Article IX: Parliamentary Procedure

Unless suspended, all meetings will be run according to Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Article X: Amendment of By-Laws
These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the active members provided that a quorum is present. If such amendment passes by the majority, it then must be presented to the Student Government Association for final approval.

**Article XI: Policies and Actions**

The Marist College Fencing Club and any individual associated with it shall abide by 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 Fencing Club’s charter.