

Razorback Baseball Club Constitution

Article I: Club Name

The name of the club is the Razorback Baseball Club at the University of Arkansas.

Article II: Purpose of the Club

The purpose of the club is to provide members the opportunity to continue playing baseball, without the extreme time commitments of NCAA baseball.

Article III: Club Affiliations

The club is associated with the University Recreation, a department within the College of Education and Health Professions at the University of Arkansas, and will play under the affiliation of the National Club Baseball Association (NCBA).

Article IV: Club Teams

The club is to be made up of one travel team, but we reserve the right to retain players on a practice squad basis:

- 1) The "travel" team consists of 15-20 club members who will compete with the club in the fall and spring in non-league home and away games, and league home and away games. The travel team will maintain affiliation with the National Club Baseball Association (NCBA).
- 2) The practice squad will not play in officially sanctioned games and may contain, but is not limited to, players who are rehabbing, are not yet eligible, or are financially unable to pay dues but wish to compete in the future.

Article V: Joining the Club

To join the Baseball Club, a prospective player must:

- 1) Attend club tryouts to be held in the fall semester each school year and subsequently accept an offer to join the team, which is to be extended at the discretion of the officers of the team
- 2) Be NCBA eligible

Article VI: Member Participation Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in club sports, as per University Recreation, a player must be a currently enrolled student. To be eligible to compete in a NCBA sanctioned game, a player must:

- 1) Hold full-time student status at the team's college/university
 - a. An exception will be made if it is the final semester for a student and he requires less than a full-time course load to graduate

- 2) Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- 3) Not be on academic warning or probation
- 4) Not have any previous professional experience in the sport of baseball
- 5) Be enrolled with full-time Status before their 25th birthday
- 6) Complete his five years of participation in intercollegiate baseball within six calendar year of first enrolling full-time in college.

Article VII: Expectations and Obligations of Club Members

All members of the club in good standing are subject to the following obligations:

- 1) Attend every game, practice, and team meeting, with the exception of absences for reasons deemed acceptable by the club officers
- 2) Pay all applicable club dues.

All members of the club in good standing are subject to the following responsibilities and expectations:

- 1) Every member is expected to make the team better. As time and facility constraints may limit practice times, players will be expected to put in practice time outside of organized team activities. These may include, but are not limited to, conditioning and throwing and/or batting practice.
- 2) Every club member will have an equal vote on all open issues. These votes will be held at club meeting, practice, or by email. To ratify the vote on an open issue, a simple majority of the vote must be in favor of ratification. By voting, a member gets the chance to control the direction of the club and to help make it as strong as possible.

Article VIII: Club Dues

Dues will be determined by the officers and will be announced to the all members and prospective members during tryouts.

A refund of dues may be offered in situations in which the player is unable to continue playing for the remainder of the year due to no fault of their own. The player in question must submit a request to the officers, who will determine if the situation merits a refund.

Dues must be paid in full:

- 1) By the end of the fall semester, or by the deadline set by the club officers.
- 2) In a lump-sum payment, in incremental payments to be established by the club member and the treasurer, or in another method that is agreed upon by the member and the treasurer.

Article IX: Officer Positions and Duties

The club officer positions will consist of:

1) President

a. The President's duty is to lead all meetings, make decisions about travel, and fundraising activities.

2) Vice President

a. The vice-president is to assist the president in all of his duties and to be ready to take over the president's job, if the president is unable to perform his duty for any reason.

3) Secretary

a. The secretary will be responsible for taking attendance at every team activity and filling out the monthly activity reports. They will also be responsible for taking minutes at all team meetings.

4) Treasurer

a. The treasurer will be in charge of all financial accounts and duties of the club. The main duty will be to work alongside the President to present the budget hearing in the spring.

5) General Manager

a. The general manager will be responsible for general oversight of day-to-day activities of the club and will assist the other officers with their duties. A member who has previously served in one of the other four officer roles will fill the general manager position.

Duties to be carried out by the officers collectively include, but are not limited to:

1) Evaluate prospective members through a tryout process and subsequently determine which prospective members will be on the travel and developmental teams.

2) General day-to-day duties of the club.

Article X: Officer Elections

To qualify to run for an officer position, the member must have played at least one full season on the travel team.

To become elected as an officer a candidate must receive a majority of votes cast by all current members in good standing. Three-fourths of the active members in good standing must cast votes for the election to be official.

If no candidate receives a majority of votes, the top two candidates will have a run-off election. All votes will be confidential. Only members in good standing, as determined by officers, at the time of elections will be able to vote.

Elections for Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and General Manager will be held between spring break and dead day each spring.

The President-elect will not assume the role of president until after the final game of the spring

semester. The President-elect will learn how to run the club and be able to establish the direction they wish the club to pursue in the following year each spring.

Officer elections are confidential.

Article XI: Officer Removal and Resignation

For an officer to be removed for any reason other than resignation, they must be formally impeached by other officers, with a written agreement from the Assistant Director of Club Sports.

After the impeachment, the officer must be formally removed by a majority vote of all current members in good standing. Three-fourths of the active members in good standing must cast votes for the formal impeachment to be official.

If the President must step down then he will be replaced by the Vice President. A vacancy of any other officer position must be filled by a nomination of the President and must receive a majority of votes cast by all current members in good standing. Three-fourths of the active members in good standing must cast votes for the appointment to be official.

Officer removal votes are confidential.

Article XII: Coaches and Volunteers

No coach or other volunteer of the club may be compensated. All coaches and volunteers must:

- 1) Attend the coach/volunteer training sponsored by Club Sports
- 2) Submit a Coach/Volunteer Waiver Agreement

A coach or volunteer wishing to work with the club must receive the unanimous approval of all officers. Removal of a coach or volunteer will follow the same voting requirements as officer removal, with the exception that the vote is not required to be confidential.

Article XIII: Club Meetings

Club meetings will occur at least twice a semester. Members will be given at least one week's notice before the meeting. The president will establish the agenda for the meetings. The meetings will be used to conduct club business that needs a club vote and to discuss various club activities.

Article XIV. All volunteers associated with the club must be presented for nomination by the officers at an open meeting made public to the entire club and be approved by a majority vote. They can be removed by the same process as officers.

Article XIV: Altering and Amending the Constitution

Any action including the alteration, deletion, or addition of an article or amendment must be unanimously approved by the officers.

Upon receiving approval of the officers, the proposed alteration or amendment must be presented to all club members in good standing. After members have been made aware of the proposed alteration or amendment, a club vote will be conducted. The proposed alteration or amendment will be ratified by the club upon receiving a majority vote of all club members in good standing. Three-fourths of club members in good standing must vote for the ratification to be official.

Article XV. The officers of the Razorback Baseball Club do hereby ratify the constitution on Sept 1, 2020.

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