

University of Arkansas

Department of University Recreation

Constitution of the University of Arkansas Cycling Club

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2021/22 Officers:

President – Brady Avise

Vice President – Sean Santoni

Road Officers: Turner Glaser, Ryan Sellner

Mountain Bike Officers: Evan Ponton, Gavin Williams, James Emeric

Social Media: Kylie Winbigler

Preamble

We, the founding members, do hereby set forth this constitution to establish this organization and to set forth the procedures contained herein.

Article I. Name

This organization shall be henceforth known as the “University of Arkansas Cycling Club.”
Alternative names include “Arkansas Cycling” and “UARK Cycling.”

Article II. Purpose

Arkansas Cycling is an organization of members of the University of Arkansas community. Its purposes are as follows:

1. To promote cycling, both competitively and recreationally, at the University of Arkansas and for Northwest Arkansas as a whole.
2. To encourage students, faculty, and staff at the University of Arkansas to lead healthier, more active lifestyles and to create a sense of community amongst likeminded individuals.
3. To lead the way for the University of Arkansas’s cycling initiatives.
4. To provide our members with opportunities for cycling education, safety, and organized cycling events.
5. To enable students to compete in collegiate races, free of financial limitations.

Article III. Affiliation

Arkansas Cycling is a club sport within the University Recreation department at the University of Arkansas. The club is also a member of USA Cycling and races at the collegiate level as a part of the SCCCC (South Central Collegiate Cycling Conference).

Article VI. Membership

Membership shall be open to all University of Arkansas students, faculty, staff, and to HPER or Union Recreation members. Membership levels are as follows:

- 1) Basic
 - a. Receive access to all club communications, including group rides and event notices.
- 2) Affiliate

- a. Receive access to all club communications, including group rides and event notices, plus exclusive discounts from our sponsors (UREC Bike Shop and Restore Hyper Wellness in Rogers) and exclusive discounts on our official team kit/uniforms (both Road and MTB cuts).
- 3) Touring
- a. Same perks as the Advanced membership, plus receive free entry to up to three Gran Fondos per year. Must submit travel request and roster at least 10 days prior to the event to be eligible for financial assistance.
- 4) Racing
- a. Same perks as Advanced and Touring Memberships, plus have the entry fees and travel expense for all sanctioned collegiate races covered, including collegiate nationals. Must submit travel request and roster at least 10 days prior to the event to be eligible for financial assistance.

Additional Membership Information:

- 1) Membership payments are good for an entire academic school year and can be purchased through the UREC website or in-person at the HPER via cash, check, or card.
- 2) Membership with the club can be revoked under the following circumstances:
 - a. There is a violation of any of either the University Student Code of Conduct or any University Recreation (UREC) Club Sport policies
 - b. A student member graduates and is no longer affiliated with the University.
 - c. A faculty/staff member or their spouses no longer holds their position or their UREC membership at the University.
 - d. A member participates in any event that publicly negatively portrays the University of Arkansas Cycling Club.
- 3) Membership levels can be upgraded at any time but must be done so through the HPER in order to pay only the difference.
- 4) Refunds will be considered at the discretion of the officers through majority vote.
- 5) Cycling club members at all levels must complete a minimum of 10 hours of volunteer service (or equivalent) to uphold and promote our club's goal of community involvement and service. Volunteer hours can be tracked through HogSync or approved by the club president. The president and vice-president reserve the right to adjust service requirements based on COVID-19 and/or other safety concerns based on the advice and instruction of The University of Arkansas.

Article V. Affirmative Action

No person shall be refused membership due to race, sex, age, religion, political affiliation, impairment, disability or sexual affiliation.

Article VI. Uniform and Design Elements

- 1) All club uniforms/kits must be approved by the appropriate University channels, including Club Sports and, if using official University property, the Trademarks Department.
- 2) Club uniforms may be available to the public following the proper approval but at heightened prices and only for the purposes of supporting the club, itself.

Article VII. Club Structure

The cycling club consists of a President, Vice President, and discipline-specific officers, with the remainder of the club consisting of members. Discipline-specific officers can exceed no more than three officers.

Article VIII. Selection of the Officer Council

- 1) The President is to be nominated by the former President and the Vice President to be nominated by the current club President.
- 2) Discipline specific officer positions are to be filled voluntarily. If more than three members want the same discipline-specific officer position, a majority vote amongst incumbent officers will determine the outcome.
- 3) All officers are expected to participate in the club at a higher level than members not holding officer positions. Any officer who fails to live up to their responsibilities is subject to removal by a majority vote amongst the officer council.
- 4) Elections will be held at least once a year in accordance to the status of the officer council.

Article IX. Selection of Coaches and Advisors

At this time there are no coaches for the Cycling Club. Should the opportunity present itself to find a volunteer coach within the year this constitution is in effect the officer council will need a 3/4ths majority approval to institute such a position. Upon approval by the officer council the coach will be presented to the Assistant Director of Club Sports for final approval and further direction on what steps to proceed with. Removal can happen at any time with 3/4ths majority vote of the officer council or direct request of the Assistant Director of Club Sports. Dr. Jonathan Johnson of the Walton College of Business acts as the current club Faculty Advisor.

Article IX. Duties of the Officer Council

- 1) The Officer Council shall have the responsibilities of serving the membership of the organization.

- 2) The Officer Council shall uphold this, our constitution, in all matters.
- 3) The Officer Council shall review membership requirements and deem those violating them as such.
- 5) The Officer Council shall meet at least twice a semester at a time and location mutually acceptable to its members, unless the meeting day falls on an event day.

Section 1 – Duties of the President

1. The President shall preside over all meetings unless special circumstances arise.
2. The President shall enforce the constitution and shall have the final interpretation of it.
3. The President may convene meetings of the Legislature or Officer Council at their discretion.
4. The President shall keep the Arkansas Cycling roster and attendance reports up to-date, turning them both in within the first week of each month.
5. The President shall oversee the club as a whole and delegate tasks as they see fit.

Section 2 – Duties of the Vice-President

1. The Vice-President shall assume the responsibilities of the President in their absence.
2. The Vice-President shall be responsible for taking meeting minutes at both general membership meetings and officer council meetings.
3. The Vice-President shall design and order all club merchandize, including, but not limited to club jerseys, apparel and equipment.
4. The Vice-President will be responsible for organizing all club social events.
5. The Vice-President will organize volunteer opportunities in the community for club members.
6. The Vice-President shall support the Race Director, especially with volunteer recruitment and coordination for the Arkansas Classic road race.
7. The Vice-President shall coordinate with the Marketing Officer to regularly update the club's social media.
8. The Vice-President shall ensure the club is receiving all possible club points in order to achieve gold status. As such, they will organize events in order to receive the points.
9. The Vice-President will support the Race Director if necessary.

Section 3 – Duties of Discipline-Specific Officers

1. All discipline-specific officers are expected to complete tasks assigned by the President and Vice President. Common tasks include but are not limited to: organizing and participating in group rides, attending tabling events, and attending officer meetings.

Signature of the Cycling Club President _____

Signature of the Assistant Director of Club Sports _____