

Constitution of the University of Arkansas Women's Club Lacrosse Team

Article I.

Women's Club Lacrosse Team

Article II.

The mission of the Women's Club Lacrosse Team is to create and maintain an inviting team environment, on and off the field, while also competing at the highest level possible. Our goal is to help grow the game of lacrosse in Northwest Arkansas, in addition to the University of Arkansas. We hope to facilitate growth and continued playing for experienced members, while offering new members support and education. We will, to the best of our abilities, represent the University of Arkansas, our families, and ourselves in the utmost respectful and kind manner.

Article III.

Women's Club Lacrosse plays within the Central Plains Women's Lacrosse League (CPWLL) under the WCLA.

Article IV.

- A. We, the Women's Club Lacrosse Team, do not turn away any members based on ethnicity, country of origin, age, marital or paternal status, disability, or sexual orientation.
- B. Each member must pay dues on the UREC website or at the UREC Main Office. Dues are to be paid within the given time frame, prior to members attending club trips. Due to COVID-19, refunds of dues will be handled on a case by case basis.
- C. Dues are either \$150 a semester OR \$125 and 10 service hours; plus, a \$35 fee for becoming a member of US Lacrosse. Service hours are to be logged on GivePulse and with UREC Club Sports. If a member does not pay dues in the allotted time, she will be given a month to complete payment, but a \$25 late fee will be incurred. If a member pays \$125 but does not complete 10 service hours by the end of the semester, she will be required to pay an additional \$25 within 2 weeks.
- D. Women's Club Lacrosse will provide uniforms for each player. However, if a player loses or does not return her uniform at the end of season, she is responsible for purchasing a replacement. Each piece that goes unreturned is valued at \$100 so if she is missing all three pieces, the fee would total \$300.
- E. Members are required to attend all practices, and will only be excused for school, illness, or family emergency situations. Members are required to notify the secretary that they will be missing practice. Excuses will require proof, if possible, (such as appointments, tests, or work). If a member fails to notify the secretary before she misses practice, she will have limited playing time during the season. If a member misses four consecutive practices without valid reasoning, she will not be eligible to play in the spring. If a member misses 6 or more consecutive practices, they will be required to have a

meeting with an officer to discuss their membership eligibility. COVID-19 related absences will be excused and will not impact membership or playing time.

- F. Membership can be revoked by failing to pay dues, being disrespectful to coaches and/or teammates, and repeatedly skipping practice without a valid excuse.

Article V.

Members acknowledge and agree that:

- A. This constitution serves as a contract between each member and the club.
- B. She must read and comply with this constitution itself.
- C. By submitting to this constitution, members are subject to the jurisdiction of CPWLL regulations meaning that each member agrees to respect the decisions made by the executive chairs whom they elected.

Article VI.

A. Officer Duties:

Elected officers make a commitment when accepting nominations and promise to fulfill duties in each position. If one cannot fulfill her duties, she will be asked to step down as an officer.

Elected officers may not resign from their position unless they wish to terminate their club membership. If membership is terminated for this reason and she would later like to return to the team, she would not be permitted to be nominated, run for, or be elected to an officer position for the remainder of her membership.

All officers are expected to attend Club Sports meetings or events.

- a. President is expected to attend CPWLL conference, organize game times, locations, officials, fields, and make sure that the team follows all club sport and conference regulations. She is also expected to attend monthly (in off-season) and weekly (in-season) meetings with club advisors to ensure that the team is in accordance with regulations.
- b. Vice-President is expected to aid President in needed tasks and attend all meetings with club sports advisors. Also expected to attend CPWLL conference.
- c. Secretary is responsible for tracking attendance and excuses. She will communicate with members and document attendance at 'pod' practices to aid in contact tracing for COVID-19.
- d. Treasure is expected to complete annual budget reports, attend monthly budget check meetings, draw up travel paperwork, and request travel funds. In events of fundraising, the treasurer will deliver physical donations to UREC and keep a running balance of funds available for equipment.
- e. Co-Treasurer's aids Treasurer in any needed tasks and learns how to fill the role of Treasurer for future years.

- f. Social Media Chair is responsible for promoting the team on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and wherever else she deems of value. She is expected to keep posts up-to-date and professional. She will be expected to post about games (before and after), fundraisers, and any general information that is of value to the team or lacrosse community. Social Media Chair must not interact with (i.e. like, share, etc.) controversial or political posts while using the team social media accounts.
 - g. Fundraising and Outreach Chair is expected to set up, attend, and direct fundraising events. She is expected to set up at least two philanthropy events per semester for club members to attend. A minimum of four fundraising events, or \$500 raised per semester is also expected. Requirements for fundraising and philanthropy have been waived due to COVID-19, but the Fundraising and Outreach chair should do her best to facilitate virtual or limited contact events.
 - h. Apparel Chair(s) is responsible for designing, submitting for approval, checking trademark, and ordering club apparel. She must communicate with community partners to screen print designs. Apparel chair will also design and request to order pinnies each year. Pinnies will be provided to all players with payment of dues.
- B. Any player is eligible to run for office after being a member for one semester, or if a position becomes available and other members and coach agree that she would fill the position well.
 - C. Elections will take place at the end of the spring semester at the final team meeting or when an office is vacated.
 - D. Impeachment or Leave of Office requires that a member foregoes her eligibility for membership. Should the other offices, coach, and team see fit that an officer be asked to step down, she will, without argument, resign from both her office and membership of the team. If an officer willingly decides to step down, she will also forego her right to be a member for that year and any future opportunities to run for an elected office.

Article VII.

- A. Coaches are expected to attend as many practices and games as possible. Coaches should offer guidance to team officers and members, while being respectful.

Article VIII.

- A. There will be at least two club meetings each year, one in the fall semester and one in the spring. Goals for the team and individuals will be discussed at each meeting, as well as any ideas or issues members would like to bring to the team's attention. Elections will take place at the spring meeting each year.

Article IX. Amending Constitution

- A. If there is a vote taken to amend the constitution, there must be a majority rule for changes to be made. Officers cannot overrule club majority.

Article X. Ratification of Constitution

- A. Constitution will be reviewed, and signed copies will be submitted by members during the second week of practice. For members who join later in the semester, we will require a signed constitution before officially recognizing her as a member.
- B. The constitution of the University of Arkansas Women’s Club Lacrosse is officially instated as of _____ / _____ / _____ by

_____ date _____
President signature

_____ date _____
Assistant Director
Club Sports