

SURF CLUB CONSTITUTION 2024-2025

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization is Surf Club.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION

As outlined in the RSO Classification Policy, Surf Club is considered a University Sponsored Student Organization. As a USSO, this organization is considered an extension of the university unit RecSports, and operates within the scope and function of it. As such, Surf Club is governed by and under the jurisdiction of internal University policies, standards, and business practices as well as gains access to exclusive university resources through our sponsoring University unit. University-sponsored student organizations are not eligible for Student Government funding.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of Surf Club is to promote the sport of surfing in a positive manner and encourages those of all skill levels to come out and participate, whether it be to learn, have fun, or compete at a higher level. Our mission is to bring together the surfers in our community.

ARTICLE IV. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT & UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Upon approval by the Department of Student Engagement, Surf Club shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. Surf Club shall comply with all local, state and federal laws, as well as all University of Florida regulations, policies, and procedures. Such compliance includes but is not limited to the University's regulations related to Non-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment (including sexual misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking), Hazing, Commercial Activity, and Student Leader Eligibility.

Section A: Non-Discrimination. Surf Club agrees that it will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, genetic information and veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act. Discrimination on the basis of the protected classes described in University of Florida (UF) Regulation 1.006 (Non-Discrimination/Harassment/Invasion of Privacy Policies) is prohibited.

Section B: Sexual Harassment. Surf Club agrees that it will not engage in any activity that is unwelcome conduct of sexual nature that creates a hostile environment. Behaviors that could create a hostile environment include sexual harassment (which could include inappropriate sexual comments), sexual misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking and repeated instances of cyber abuse. Sexual harassment as described in University of Florida Regulation 1.006 (Non-Discrimination/Harassment/Invasion of Privacy Policy) is prohibited.

Section C: Hazing. Surf Club agrees that it will not initiate, support, or encourage any events or situations that recklessly, by design, or intentionally endanger the mental or physical health or safety of a student for any purpose including but not limited to initiation or admission into or affiliation with any student group or organization. Hazing as defined in the University of Florida Regulation 1.0081 (Prohibition of Hazing; Procedures and Penalties) and 4.040 (Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code) is prohibited. If found responsible for hazing, sanctions may be imposed against the organization, its leaders and/or members.

Section D: Responsibility to Report. The University of Florida identifies Responsible Employees and Campus Security Authorities to support the health, safety, and wellbeing of

campus. If Surf Club becomes aware of any such conduct described in this article, they are encouraged to report it immediately to staff in Student Engagement, the Director of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, the University's Title IX Coordinator, or to their Student Organization Advisor, who are identified as mandated reporters.

Section E: Officer Eligibility. Surf Club understands, acknowledges, and agrees to uphold and abide by the specific minimal requirements regarding officer eligibility as defined in the Registered Student Organization Classification and Officer Eligibility Policy.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this organization is open to all enrolled students at the University of Florida. Non-enrolled students, spouses, faculty, and staff are prohibited from holding membership, office, or voting powers. All members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment.

ARTICLE VI. BYLAWS FOR SURF CLUB

Surf Club may elect to maintain separate bylaws document to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in the previous articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements sent forth by local, state, and federal laws, the university of Florida's regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Student Engagement constitution requirements. Amendments and changes may be made to the bylaws and shall be consistent with the Student Engagement approved constitution on file and student engagement's constitution requirements. Should the organization transition leadership, all bylaws and guiding documents will be transitioned to new student organization leaders and/or advisor(s). Surf Club agrees to provide all unaltered bylaws and guiding documents and/or clarify its procedures in writing to any University of Florida student, faculty, or staff upon request.

ARTICLE VII. STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISOR

Each registered student organization must have an eligible student organization advisor. The student organization advisor must be a full-time, salaried faculty or staff member not on extended leave for 4 consecutive weeks or longer during their advisor term. The advisor and RecSports holds the responsibility to oversee the day-to-day functions and operations of Surf Club, including the management of its finances, the selection of its members, and ensuring the organization adheres to University and department policies. The faculty advisor shall serve as a resource person, provide advisory support for the officers and members of the organization, and serve as a liaison between the Surf Club officers and the administration. The faculty advisor is encouraged to attend general body meetings (GBMs) and events; however, the faculty advisor may not vote in any Surf Club elections. One faculty advisor will be selected by the Surf Club board. The faculty advisor will serve for a term of one academic year, with opportunity to be reappointed. In the event that the faculty advisor is unable to complete their term, officers may nominate a replacement at any time.

ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS

Registered student organizations are required to have a minimum of a President, Treasurer, and Vice President as elected officers. These officers must abide by the Registered Student Organization Classification and Officer Eligibility Policy.

Section A: General. The elected officers of Surf Club shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Team Captain, and Social Coordinator. At no time should one person hold more than one of these positions.

Section B: Duties

Section B.1: President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the organization and coordinate the work of the officers and committees.

Section B.2: Vice-President. The Vice-President shall serve as an aide to the president and shall perform the duties of the president in their absence or inability to serve.

Section B.3: Treasurer. The treasurer shall receive all monies of Surf Club, shall keep an accurate ledger of expenditures and intakes, shall pay out local funds in accordance with the approved budget as authorized by the organization. The treasurer shall present a financial statement at every meeting of Surf Club and at other times when requested by other officers.

Section B.4: Secretary. The secretary shall record the minutes of all Surf Club meetings, shall be the main delegate for communication with RecSports, and shall perform other duties as delegated.

Section B.5: Team Captain. The team captain shall take charge in evaluating the skills of all Surf Club members to create three to four teams of four men's short-boarders, two women's short-boarders, and one long-boarder of any sex. The team captain shall also coordinate home surf competitions not associated with the National Scholastic Surfing Association (NSSA), the governing body of competitive collegiate surfing.

Section B.6: Social Coordinator. The Social Coordinator shall organize surf team bonding events as well as member bonding events and shall perform any other duties as delegated.

Section C: Term of Office. The Officers assumed their positions at the final GBM of the 2024 spring semester. Officers will serve for one calendar year with their term concluding at the final GBM of the 2025 spring semester.

Section D: Impeachment Procedures. Any officer of Surf Club may be removed from office through the following process:

1. A written request by at least two officers of the organization, or five members of the executive board which shall be submitted for discussion at the next officer meeting. Written notification shall be sent to the officer in question asking for the officer to be present at the next meeting and prepare to respond to the removal request.
2. A two-thirds majority vote of executive board members present is necessary to remove the officer.

Section E: Officer Vacancy. In the event of the removal of an officer, a special provision may be granted to the remaining officers to appoint an interim replacement until an election is held. This vacancy will be filled by a member of the club who is willing and able to perform the duties of their position, and nomination and placement of said member will be determined by the current members of the executive board. If an officer decides to leave of their own volition for any reason, a special election will be held explained in the bylaws of Surf Club.

Section F: Other Board Positions. Outside of the officers of Surf Club, other board positions may be available including, but not limited to: Sponsorship Chair, Merch Chair, Skate Chair, and Social Media Chair. These positions may be appointed by a majority vote of the officers or elected in the same process as the officers of Surf Club.

ARTICLE IX. ELECTIONS

Nominations for all officers will take place annually from the members at the last GBM.

Eligibility to become an officer includes being an active member of Surf Club who is willing and able to contribute to the organization. Members who would like to become officers must keep in mind the responsibilities that being an officer entail. Any member may nominate any other voting member, including themselves. Nominations may also be made during the election meeting prior to the closing of nominations. Officers will be elected in the month of May by a blind ballot, which will be distributed at the election meeting. In the event of a tie, the current officers will cast a vote amongst themselves. In the event of a second tie, a vote between the current president, vice-president, and treasurer will be held. The newly elected officers will take on their duties at the conclusion of the final GBM of the 2025 spring semester. In the absence of clear direction on election, amendment, and /or voting procedures, Surf Club agrees to follow the guidance and instruction of Robert's Rules of Order for the election or amendment process.

ARTICLE X. FINANCE

As a University Sponsored Student Organization, Surf Club does not receive any funding or resources from Student Government, rather, this organization is eligible to be funded by RecSports and/or a variety of fundraisers Surf Club might organize. As a USSO, Surf Club will comply with UF Finance and Accounting policies on purchasing, funding and fundraising.

Section A: Raising Funds. Surf Club will raise funding from sponsors, merchandise sale that adheres to the guidelines presented by RecSports, and the two home events Surf Club will host during the academic year.

Section B: Use of Funds. Surf Club will use the funds raised to support the teams representing Surf Club at competitions organized by NSSA through paying for competition fees and travel. Surf Club will use remaining funds at the discretion of the officers.

Section C: Participation. All members of Surf Club are encouraged to participate in fundraising activities, but are not required to.

ARTICLE XI. DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION

Upon dissolution, student organizations are prohibited from leaving their organizational assets to any individual or any other student organization. Rather, student organizations may designate a specific charity that will receive such organizational assets. At the time of dissolution, after all outstanding debts are paid, Surf Club will leave any assets and outstanding funds to be donated to Surfrider Foundation.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Student Engagement has established a process through which constitutions may be amended, reviewed, and approved. Student organizations wishing to amend their constitutions must utilize their constitution on file listed on GatorConnect to make amendments and submit those changes to Student Engagement.

Section A: Proposition. Any member of Surf Club may propose, to the officers, amendments to the constitution. An amendment can be proposed multiple times, but will not be voted on by the members of Surf Club more than twice in an academic semester.

Section B: Ratification. A unanimous vote by the officers of Surf Club at an officer meeting must occur prior to the vote by the members of the organization. When an amendment is voted on by members, a 2/3 majority at a GBM is required for the ratification of an amendment to the Surf Club constitution. All amended constitutions must be submitted directly to Student Engagement for review and approval.