

# **MEN'S CLUB VOLLEYBALL CONSTITUTION**

## **ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of this organization is Men's Club Volleyball. This organization will utilize the acronym MCV in all publicity materials and correspondence. Men's Club Volleyball is operating in Gainesville, FL and sponsored by RecSports. Men's Club Volleyball is affiliated with the National Collegiate Volleyball Federation (NCVF) as well as the Eastern Collegiate Volleyball Association (ECVA). The website of NCVF is <http://www.ncvf.org> and the website of ECVA is <https://www.ecvavolleyball.org>.

## **ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION**

As outlined in the RSO Classification Policy, Men's Club Volleyball is considered a University Sponsored Student Organization. As a USSO, this organization is considered an extension of the university unit University of Florida RecSports and operates within the scope and function of it. As such, Men's Club Volleyball 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 Men's Club Volleyball is to develop volleyball and leadership skills in an enjoyable environment while competing on a national level. Our goal is to win first place at the national tournament hosted by NCVF.

## **ARTICLE IV. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

Upon approval by the Department of Student Activities and Involvement, Men's Club Volleyball shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. Men's Club Volleyball 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**

Men's Club Volleyball 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 Regulation 1.006 (Non-Discrimination/Harassment/Invasion of Privacy Policies) is prohibited.

### **Section B. Sexual Harassment**

Men's Club Volleyball 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**

Men's Club Volleyball 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 Men's Club Volleyball becomes aware of any such conduct described in this article, they are encouraged to report it immediately to Student Activities and Involvement, 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**

Men's Club Volleyball 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 MEN'S CLUB VOLLEYBALL**

Men's Club Volleyball 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). Men's Club Volleyball agrees to provide all unaltered by laws 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 University of Florida RecSports holds the responsibility to oversee the day-to-day functions and operations of Men's Club Volleyball, including the management of its finances, the selection of its members, and ensuring the organization adheres to University and department policies. The advisor's duties and responsibilities include providing knowledge and experience to help officers and the club in any way possible. The advisor will be appointed by the club's officers in agreeance with RecSports. The advisor's term is one year but may be reappointed for a second term. If an advisor must be replaced before the end of the term, the officers may vote on it requiring a majority vote of at least 51%. The replacement advisor will be appointed by the officers.

## **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.

The elected officers of Men's Club Volleyball shall be President, Vice-President, and Treasurer. At no time should one person hold more than one of these positions.

Section A: The officers of this club shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Part 1: The President shall be the chief officer of the club, responsible for general management duties. They shall also preside over all club meetings.

Part 2: The Vice President shall take over the duties of the President if the latter is not able to continue her responsibilities.

Part 3: The Treasurer shall handle all financial matters and bookkeeping. They shall receive all monies from club members; shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures; shall pay out local funds in accordance with the approved budget as authorized by the organization. They shall present a financial statement when requested by the President or Vice President.

Part 4: The Secretary shall attend most of the meetings required by the university to retain sports club eligibility. They shall also have responsibility overseeing the sports club classification level eligibility.

Section B: All officers of this club shall be elected by majority vote each year in April. Each elected officer will reside over the club for a full term which begins the day they are elected and ends the following April when new officers are elected. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, then the Vice President shall take over the presidential duties.

Section C: The remaining officer team shall appoint a new Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary should those officers fail to complete their terms.

Section D: Any officer of Men's Club Volleyball may be removed from office via a two-thirds majority vote of all members. In the event of the removal of an officer, a special provision may be granted to the remaining officers to appoint a replacement, allowing a new officer to take office by appointment and not a general body vote.

## **ARTICLE IX. ELECTIONS**

Members are eligible to be officers if they are enrolled in a degree-seeking program at the university as an undergraduate, graduate, professional, or postgraduate student and meeting full-time requirements in accordance with University policy. Nominations for all officers will take place annually from the members starting in January. Players nominate themselves by submitting the officer application document to the current President. Voting will occur by secret ballot and a simple majority vote is required to elect an officer. If there are more than two candidates running and no candidate receives a majority vote, there shall be a run-off vote between the top two vote recipients at the next general meeting. No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. Elections should take place in late March to early April to allow for turnover between old and new board.

In the absence of clear direction on election, amendment, and /or voting procedures, Men's Club Volleyball 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, Men's Club Volleyball does not receive any funding or resources from Student Government, rather, this organization is eligible to be funded by University of Florida RecSports and/or:

- Merchandise sales, restaurant fundraisers, hosting tournaments, letter drives

All club members are expected to participate in fundraising events. The raised money will finance the club's travel costs, such as hotels and transportation, and tournament entry fees.

As a USSO, Men's Club Volleyball will comply with UF Finance and Accounting policies on purchasing, funding and fundraising.

## **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, Men's Club Volleyball will leave any assets and outstanding funds to the funding University unit, RecSports, after dissolution in accordance with University policies and procedures.

## **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.

Amendments to this constitution may be made at any regular meeting of Men's Club Volleyball provided notice of the proposed amendment was given one week prior to a vote. Amendments require a two-thirds vote of all the members in attendance at the meeting. All amended constitutions must be submitted directly to the Department of Student Activities and Involvement for review and approval.

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