**Gator Badminton Club Constitution**

**September 15th, 2022**

**ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of this organization shall be the “Gator Badminton Club.” It will report to the Recreational Sports Program and it is here after referred to in this constitution and any bylaws as the club.

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The purpose of this club will be to promote and encourage safe participation in the sport of badminton. The club will provide instruction, competition, and motivation to all its members.

**ARTICLE III. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**Upon approval by the Department of Student Activities and Involvement, Gator Badminton Club shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. Gator Badminton 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.

**ARTICLE IV. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS**

Section A. Non-Discrimination

Gator Badminton 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 Regulation 1.006 (Non-Discrimination/Harassment/Invasion of Privacy Policies) is prohibited.

Section B. Sexual Harassment

Gator Badminton 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

Gator Badminton 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 Gator Badminton Club becomes aware of any such conduct described in this article, they are encouraged to report it immediately to staff in 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

Gator Badminton Clubunderstands, 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](https://hub.policy.ufl.edu/s/article/RSO-Classification-Officer-Eligibility).

**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. STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISOR**

The advisor and RecSports holds the responsibility to oversee the day-to-day functions and operations of Gator Badminton Club including the management of its finances, the selection of its members, and ensuring the organization adheres to University and department policies.

RecSports Liaison:

· Duties & Responsibilities:

o Sport Club Liaisons are responsible for advising the club on operations, finance, event planning, risk management, etc. Liaisons will meet with Club leadership once per month at minimum and can meet more regularly at the Club’s request.

· Selection Method:

o Sport Programs Professional Staff will assign the club their Liaison for the Academic Year. If the liaison is no longer able to perform their duties, a new one will be assigned.

· Term:

o The Academic Year in question, spanning from July 1st to June 30th.

· Process of replacing the organization’s student organization advisor:

If a club wishes to replace their advisor, they must reach out to Sport Programs Associate Director Jason Darby providing a detailed explanation for requesting the replacement.

**ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS**

Section A.

The officers of the Badminton Club shall consist of the following: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, tournament coordinator, assistant tournament coordinator, marketing chair, social chair, fundraising chair, and community service chair.

The President is responsible for all administrative duties. These include, but are not limited to, planning practices, representing the club with the sport club presidents’ council, requesting facilities and scheduling the year’s activities, contests, and events. The President may also establish committees and appoint their members.

The Vice-President assists the president in any and all of the leadership duties.

The Treasurer maintains accurate records of all club activities and budgetary transactions. They will keep all receipts of purchased items, such as equipment, and keep track of the amount of money the club contains.

The Secretary shall assist the treasurer and perform all other tasks as appointed by the president.

Tournament coordinator is responsible for managing and planning home tournaments as well as scheduling travel teams to external tournaments.

Assistant tournament coordinator assists the tournament coordinator in any pertinent issues.

Marketing chair is responsible for designing graphics and to promote club activities.

Social char is responsible handling all social media accounts and responding to any club member questions on social media.

Fundraising chair is responsible for organizing and hosting fundraising events for the club.

Community service chair is responsible for organizing and hosting community service events.

Section B.

The president, vice president, and treasurer shall be elected by a simple majority vote from the members of the Badminton Club annually. Secretary and other officers shall be appointed by the elected president, vice president, and treasurer with a majority vote. Officers shall assume their new positions at the start of the fall semester.

Section C.

Officers shall assume their official duties at the close of the last general meeting of the academic year and shall serve for a term of one academic year and/or until their successors are elected/appointed.

If the president decides to resign from office during the term the vice-president shall take their place. A new vice-president shall be appointed by the remaining officers.

In case of vacancy of any other officer, remaining officers may choose a replacement until an election is held.

Section D.

In the event of an officer breaking either RecSports or Gator Badminton Club rules, the said officer will be given a warning to correct their behavior in the future. If said officer continues to violate the rules, they will be temporarily suspended from all activities that pertain to the club. From that point on, the board will come together to respectfully discuss the actions of the perpetrator and their future with the club. The board will decide with a simple majority vote (over 50%) whether the perpetrator will be impeached from the club. In the event of the majority deciding to vote to impeach the officer, the President will contact the club liaison to inform them of the perpetrator’s actions and relieve them of their duties.

**ARTICLE VIII. ELECTIONS**

Elections are held each April. Announcements of upcoming elections will be made two weeks in advance. Elections for the president, vice president, and the treasurer shall be made by secret ballots and a simple majority vote of the student members present at the last general meeting called by the club for the academic year. Current members of the club who possess an interest are eligible to run for these office positions and will be nominated once they submit their names as candidates for the position to the current leadership. In the event of a tie the winner will be determined by a recasting of the votes by club members. If this still does not resolve the tie then the current leadership team (minus any person running for the contested positions) will vote for their candidate of choice.

**ARTICLE IX. FINANCE**

*Gator Badminton Club* may not charge dues or fees to any member of the organization. The club has no mandatory membership dues or user's fee for on campus programs or services. The club will host tournaments for UF and Non-UF participants as well as organize other fundraising events to compensate for finances needed and members are expected to attend such events.

**ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION**

In the event this organization dissolves, all monies left in the treasury, after outstanding debts and claims have been paid, shall be returned to the Department of Recreation sports for reallocation.

**ARTICLE XI…BY LAWS FOR GATOR BADMINTON CLUB**

Gator Badminton 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 SAI constitution requirements. Amendments and changes may be made to the bylaws and shall be consistent with the SAI approved constitution on file and SAI’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). [name of organization] 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 XII: AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

Any member can propose an amendment to the constitution. A written copy of the proposed amendment shall be made available to each member of the club at least one week before the club is to vote on said amendment. The proposed amendment shall take effect if passed by a majority vote of the voting membership of the club present. The proposed amendment shall be subject to approval of the Department of Student Activities and Involvement.