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**Club Beach Volleyball Constitution 2022-2023**

**ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of the organization is Gator Beach Volleyball (GBV). Gator Beach Volleyball is associated with the recreational department known as RecSports located at the University of Florida.

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The purpose of GBV is to establish a positive, inclusive beach volleyball community while further developing skills of our members, through competitive tournaments, both home and away, and weekly practices.

**ARTICLE III. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**Upon approval by the Department of Student Activities and Involvement, Gator Beach Volleyball Club shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. Gator Beach Volleyball 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 Beach Volleyball 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 Beach Volleyball 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 Beach Volleyball 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 Beach Volleyball 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 Beach Volleyball 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 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 Gator Beach Volleyball 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 GBV wishes to replace their advisor, they must reach out to the Sport Programs Associate Director providing a detailed explanation for requesting the replacement.

**ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS**

* The elected officers of Gator Beach Volleyball shall be Male Co-President, Female Co-President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. At no time should one person hold more than one of these positions.
* At minimum, Male Co-President, Female Co-President, Vice President, and Treasurer must abide by the Registered Student Organization Classification and Officer Eligibility Policy. There are several leadership positions, known as “chairs,” which are as follows: Volunteering, Social Media, Socials, Fundraising, Merchandise, and Travel.
* Male/Female Co-Presidents: Responsible for overseeing all executive board members and chairs. Specific responsibilities include coordinating with other schools regarding away/home tournaments, monthly meetings with RecSports and our faculty advisor.
* Vice President: Responsible for running all home tournaments (generating pools/brackets). Responsible for overseeing all social events and travel for tournaments.
* Treasurer: Responsible for tracking all money within the club. Collecting payments for tournaments and fundraising. Works with the fundraising and merchandise chairs regarding any purchases and influx of money.
* Secretary: Responsible for creating and submitting all forms for sig ups for tournaments, fundraising, community service, etc. Responsible for overseeing the community service and social media chairs.
	+ Any member of Gator Beach Volleyball is able to request a meeting for impeachment of an officer. At the meeting, whichever member called for the meeting will have an opportunity to present their case behind impeachment. After such, a vote will be taken in which 2/3 of the attending members are needed to be in favor of impeachment to complete the process. If the impeachment is successful, the replacement procedure, will follow the same steps as the original election process of officers beginning within a week of the impeachment.
	+ Under the circumstances of any officer vacancies, the immediate responsibilities will be absorbed by the remainder of our club officers. If the vacancy proves to be long term, more than one month, then an interim officer will be appointed under the same procedures as followed for election of new officers each year.

**ARTICLE VIII. ELECTIONS**

Members have the opportunity to choose 2 executive roles to pursue and there is no limit for how many leadership positions to run for. For elections, a Qualtrics or Google Form will be sent out to members’ emails which will serve as a ballot with all of the candidates’ names who are running for a position. Active members will be able to select who they deem best fit for the role and the candidate with the simple majority vote will win candidacy. In the event that a candidate wins majority vote for more than one position, the candidate will be able to choose which position they ultimately want by listing their order of preference. The “runner up” would then be appointed to the role for the position that was forfeited by the candidate who wanted a different role. The results of the election will be announced at the End of the Year Banquet which is when there is a transfer of leadership that is assumed immediately. These elections will take place in April.

**ARTICLE IX. FINANCE**

*Gator Beach Volleyball* may not charge dues or fees to any member of the organization.

* Funds will be raised by hosting home tournaments, car washes, restaurant sales, sponsorships, etc.
* The money raised will go towards funding members’ travel expenses for away tournaments
* Members who wish to be funded for away tournaments are expected to participate in fundraising events
* Gator Beach Volleyball is not eligible to apply for Student Government funding.

**ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION**

* **In the event that the club was dissolved, all funds granted by RecSports would return to that organizing body. Any fundraised money by the club would be directly donated to Shands Children Hospital.**

**ARTICLE XI…BY LAWS FOR Gator Beach Volleyball**

Gator Beach Volleyball may elect to maintain separate bylaws and guiding document(s) to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included within the constitution. If so, Gator Beach Volleyball agrees its bylaws and any amendments or changes to its guiding documents will be consistent with and not take precedence over local, state and federal laws, the University of Florida’s regulations, policies and procedures, and SAI constitution requirements. Gator Beach Volleyball also agrees to provide University of Florida student, faculty, or staff all unaltered bylaws and guiding documents, and/or clarify its procedures upon request.

**ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

* + A club wide GBM must be called to begin the amendment process to the Gator Beach Volleyball Constitution.
	+ Any club member can propose an amendment change to the executive board and chairs of Gator Beach Volleyball.
	+ A proposed change to the constitution requires a 2/3rd majority vote by the club at the meeting in which it is being presented.
* **All amended constitutions must be submitted directly to the Department of Student Activities and Involvement for review and approval.**