**Constitution: Gator Cricket Club 2022-2023**

**ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of this organization is *Gator Cricket Club*. This organization will utilize the acronym GCC in all publicity materials and correspondence. Gator Cricket Club is affiliated with *Recreational sports at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida*. The website of *Recreational sports* is <http://www.recsports.ufl.edu>.

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The purpose of *Gator Cricket Club* is to introduce and promote the game of cricket among UF students. GCC will teach new players how to play the game and understand the rules of the game. We aim to introduce cricket to the UF sports culture by holding practice and game sessions weekly. We like to invite everyone with an interest to play and participate.

**ARTICLE III. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

Upon approval by the Department of Student Activities and Involvement, *Gator Cricket Club* shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. *Gator Cricket 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 Cricket 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 Cricket 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 Cricket 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 Cricket 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 Cricket 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](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 will 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 holds the responsibility to oversee the day-to-day functions and operations of *Gator Cricket 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 and provide advisory support for the officers and members of the *Gator Cricket Club*. The faculty advisor should attend executive and general meetings; however, the faculty advisor may not vote in any GCC matters. The faculty advisor shall be chosen by the officers based on experience and interest. The faculty advisor will serve a term of one academic year. In the event that the faculty advisor is unable to continue in their position, officers may nominate a replacement at any time, to be confirmed by a simple majority vote of the members and the replacement will be reviewed and finalized through RecSports staff.

**ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS**

**Section** A: The elected officers of Gator Cricket Club shall be President, Vice-President, and Treasurer. At no time should one person hold more than one of these positions. **These officers must abide by the Registered Student Organization Classification and Officer Eligibility Policy.**

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

Part 2: The Vice-President shall serve as an aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in her/his absence or inability to serve.

Part 3: The Treasurer shall receive all monies of *Gator Cricket Club*; 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. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at every meeting of *Gator Cricket Club* and at other times when requested by the President or Vice President.

**Section** B: The appointed officer of *Gator Cricket Club* shall be Secretary, Fundraising Coordinator, Outreach and community service coordinator

Part 1: The Secretary shall be appointed by the Vice President.

Part 2: The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of *Gator Cricket Club* and shall perform other duties as may be delegated.

Part 3: Fundraising coordinator shall serve and find out opportunities for *Gator Cricket Club* to fundraise. He should work with *Gator Cricket Club* members to participate in Fundraising events.

Part 4: Outreach coordinator shall serve to spread awareness and progress about *Gator Cricket Club* within students at UF and to Alumnus.

Part 5: Community service coordinator shall serve to work with Gator Cricket Club members to participate and help spread awareness about cricket by community services.

**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.

**Section** D: Any officer of *Gator Cricket Club* may be removed from office through the following process:

Part 1: A written request by at least three voting members of the organization shall be submitted to either the President, Vice President, or Treasurer. Written notification shall be sent to the officer in question asking that officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to respond to the removal request.

Part 2: A two thirds majority vote of members present is necessary to remove the officer.

Part 3: 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 may be held.

**Section** E: The process for any officer vacancies of *Gator Cricket Club* whether they were impeached or not will be the same as in case of removal of officer from office (Section D Part 3).

**ARTICLE VIII. ELECTIONS**

Nominations for all officers will take place annually from the members starting in last general meeting in March. Any member may nominate any voting members, including themselves. Nominations may also be made during the election meeting prior to closing of nominations. 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.

**ARTICLE IX. FINANCE**

Gator Cricket Club will apply for funding from RecSports and is ineligible to apply for Student Government funding. GCC has affiliations with American College Cricket organization, which requires early renewal of membership by payment of required fees. GCC does not charges dues to its members and is non-commercial in nature. However, further costs of equipment, Jerseys and travel must be fund raised by members and all members are expected to participate in these fundraising activities.

**ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION**

In the event that *Gator Cricket Club* dissolves, all monies left in the treasury, after outstanding debts and claims have been paid, will go back to RecSports. Any equipment/assets purchased with RecSports funds would be turned back into RecSports and any other equipment/assets obtained outside RecSports funds will be donated to the charity “Asha for Education” at University of Florida.

Contact:

Gators for Asha, 300-9,

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Gainesville, FL 32611-8505.

**ARTICLE XI: BY LAWS FOR Gator Cricket Club**

Gator Cricket Club 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, [name of organization] 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 Cricket Club 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**

Any *Gator Cricket Club* member can propose an amendment to either the president or vice president, this may be submitted electronically through the email system or through a document in person. Amendments to this constitution may be made at any regular meeting of Gator Cricket Club leaders provided notice of the proposed amendment was given one week prior to a vote. Amendments require a two-thirds vote of the voting members in attendance at the meeting, and are subject to final approval by the Department of Student Activities and Involvement. All amended constitutions must be submitted directly to the Department of Student Activities and Involvement for review and approval.