

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Preamble

We the members of The UGA Quidditch League, in accordance with and subscribing to the regulations and policies of the University of Georgia, do ordain and establish this Constitution to govern matters within our organization.

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be The UGA Quidditch League, also known as Quidditch @ UGA, and by other, related, names and acronyms. This is an independent sports organization not affiliated with any outside league, agency, or organization.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of The UGA Quidditch League shall be to organize interested persons for the purpose of engaging in the game of Quidditch, a fantasy game based upon and inspired by the game of the same name in the Harry Potter series of novels. Furthermore, the purpose of the organization shall be to provide an overarching organizational structure for the individual teams engaged in play within the League.

Article III: Membership

Membership in this organization is open to regularly enrolled UGA students and UGA faculty or staff members, and membership shall be limited to persons in those classifications.

Membership in the organization shall consist of two type or classifications: Active and Executive/Honorary.

Active members shall be listed on the roster of a team within the League at all times, though the League reserves the right to amend this Constitution to provide for a "free agent" status at any time in accordance with procedures for amending the Constitution that shall be set forth in Article VII of this Constitution. Furthermore, Active members shall be required to pay dues in the amount of ten (10) dollars annually, which shall be used to provide t-shirts for the membership and provide supplies for the games (e.g. goals, balls, etc.). Active members in good standing with the organization shall have the right to vote in organizational elections as enumerated in Article V of this Constitution. Furthermore, Active members shall have the right to hold executive positions within the organization, provided they meet the qualifications specified for said positions in Article V and are duly elected to said positions.

Executive/Honorary membership shall be granted to any person who holds a significant administrative or support role within the organization, but who is not actively engaged in the sport of Quidditch. Therefore, Executive or Honorary members shall not be listed at any time on the roster of any team within the League. Dues shall be optional for Executive/Honorary members, and they shall receive the benefits of membership (t-shirt, voting privileges, etc.) only if dues are paid. The only exception to this rule is that Executive members, who, by virtue of their position, are granted ex officio voting privileges shall have the right to vote in organizational matters regardless of whether the member has paid dues or not, as enumerated in Article V of this Constitution, the section regarding Officers of the organization.

Article IV: Non-Discrimination

It is the policy of The UGA Quidditch League not to discriminate against any person for any reason, in accordance with University policy and state and federal law.

Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, will be extended to all students without regard to age, ethnicity, gender, disability, color, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. However, as this is a sports-based organization, active membership may be restricted on the basis of disability. Before such restriction can occur, however, all reasonable attempts at accommodation will be made. If accommodations cannot be made for a particular prospective member, they will be granted, if desired, full Honorary membership with all privileges and a suitable support position within the organization.

Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, will be extended to all students as stated in the University of Georgia Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy, Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments Act of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, providing for disability as stated in "Section A" of this Article.

Article V: Officers (qualifications; elections; terms; and removal)

The UGA Quidditch League shall be governed by an Executive Board, which shall consist of a President, a Vice President/Treasurer, an Executive Vice President for External Affairs, one or two representatives of each team in the League, and other executive positions as shall be deemed necessary by the Executive Board. Nothing listed herein shall be construed to prohibit a single person from simultaneously holding more than one office or position on the Executive Board, except that the same person shall not hold the office of President and Vice President/Treasurer simultaneously. Furthermore, the members of the Executive Board shall also be members of the Rules Committee, which shall be empowered to set the rules of the game of Quidditch for the League.

PRESIDENT

The full title of the President shall be "President of the UGA Quidditch League, Chairman of the Board, and Chairman of the Rules Committee."

In his/her capacity as President of the League, the President shall be responsible for the overall administration and direction of the League.

In his/her capacity as Chairman of the Board, the President shall be responsible for presiding over Executive Board meetings as necessary, and the President shall also be empowered to call Executive Board meetings.

Finally, in his/her capacity as Chairman of the Rules Committee, the President is ultimately responsible for determining the rules of the game, in consultation with the Committee.

In order to qualify for the office of President, a person must be an Active member in good standing with the organization and currently be serving as Captain or Co-Captain of a team in the League.

The President shall be elected annually by the members of the Executive Board, subject to a veto by a 2/3 supermajority vote of the membership, and will serve a term of 1 year, to run concurrent with the academic year of the University of Georgia.

There shall be no limit on the number of terms a single person may serve as President.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall assume the office, subject to the consent of a

simple majority of the Executive Board.

VICE PRESIDENT/TREASURER:

The full title of the Vice President/Treasurer shall be "Vice President and Treasurer of the UGA Quidditch League, Vice Chairman of the Board, and Vice Chairman of the Rules Committee."

In his/her capacity as Vice President and Treasurer of the League, the Vice President shall be responsible for the administration of the organization in the absence of the President, and he/she shall also be responsible for maintaining the financial accounts of the organization and the minutes of Executive Board meetings.

In his/her capacity as Vice Chairman of the Board, the Vice President shall be responsible for presiding over Executive Board meetings in the absence of the President.

In his/her capacity as Vice Chairman of the Rule Committee, the Vice President shall be responsible for presiding over meetings of the Rules Committee and making final rules decisions in the absence of the President.

To qualify for the office of Vice President/Treasurer, a person must be an Active member in good standing with the organization and currently be serving as Captain or Co-Captain of a team in the League.

The Vice President/Treasurer shall be elected annually by the members of the Executive Board, subject to a veto by a 2/3 supermajority vote of the membership, and will serve a term of 1 year, to run concurrent with the academic year of the University of Georgia.

There shall be no limit on the number of terms a single person may serve as Vice President/Treasurer.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice President/Treasurer, the President shall appoint from among the Captains and Co-Captains of the teams of the League a new Vice President/Treasurer, subject to the consent of a simple majority of the Executive Board.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:

The full title of the Executive Vice President shall be "Executive Vice President for External Affairs of the UGA Quidditch League," which duties shall encompass the areas of public relations/advertising, university relations, and legal affairs, including Constitutional and parliamentary procedure.

In his/her capacity as public relations director, the Executive Vice President shall be responsible for promoting The UGA Quidditch League outside the organization within the University community as a whole, including Activities Fairs and on-campus advertising.

In his/her capacity as university relations director, the Executive Vice President shall be responsible for maintaining the organization's status as a Registered Student Organization with the University of Georgia's Division of Campus Life, including re-registering the organization annually or as otherwise required.

The Executive Vice President shall also be responsible, in consultation with the Executive Board, for organizing and reserving University facilities for the use of The UGA Quidditch League.

In his/her capacity as legal affairs director, the Executive Vice President shall be responsible for maintaining the Constitution of the organization as a current and valid document governing the organization. The Executive Vice President shall also serve as the parliamentarian for the organization, ensuring that proper parliamentary procedure is followed during all board meetings and sessions. Furthermore, in his/her capacity as legal affairs director, he/she shall be responsible for ensuring that the organization operates at all times in accordance with established University rules, regulations, and procedures, and with state and federal law. Furthermore, in the event the President or Vice President is not qualified to decide a question of rules due to a conflict of interest, the Executive Vice President shall be the qualified neutral party to settle the dispute.

To qualify for the office of Executive Vice President, a person may be either an Active or an Executive/Honorary member of the organization with at least a basic knowledge of each of the areas of responsibility of the office. No prior experience with Quidditch is necessary, though it is preferred.

The Executive Vice President shall be appointed by the President and will serve a term of 1 year, to run concurrent with the academic year of the University of Georgia.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Executive Vice President, the President shall appoint a new officer to the position.

TEAM REPRESENTATIVE:

Each team shall be represented on the Executive Board by one or two representatives selected by the team from among its membership.

At least one member of each team's delegation shall be the Captain of the team.

Each team's delegation will receive one vote on the Executive Board, regardless of whether the team has one or two representatives, unless once or both representatives is an officer of the organization, in which circumstance the officer will receive a separate vote from the other delegate of the team.

Team Representatives shall serve a period of time not to exceed one year without reelection, but their service shall be at the pleasure of the team they represent. Any such team may replace their representatives if they so desire at any time by a simple majority vote.

In the event of a vacancy in the position, the team shall select by simple majority vote a representative to fill the empty position.

OTHER EXECUTIVE POSITIONS:

The Executive Board reserves the right at any time by legislation to create additional executive positions on the Board, the qualifications, duties, terms, and terms of election of such shall be included in any such legislation.

REMOVAL OF OFFICERS:

Notwithstanding the procedure for removal of a Team Representative enumerated in Article 5, Section D, Clause D, a member of the Executive Board may be removed from office by a simple majority vote of the remainder of the Executive Board, that member notwithstanding, and subsequently by a 2/3 supermajority vote of the general membership of the organization.

Article VI: Meetings

The Executive Board of the UGA Quidditch League shall meet at least monthly at a time to be determined by the President and communicated by the President to the members of the Executive Board.

The Rules Committee shall meet as necessary during regular or called Board meetings.

If the President is unwilling or unable to call a meeting of the Executive Board or Rules Committee, the Vice President/Treasurer and the Executive Vice President shall also be empowered to call meetings.

At least two of the three chief officers (President, Vice President/Treasurer, and Executive Vice President) and 50% of the other members of the Executive Board or the Rules Committee must be present for business to be conducted. In the event of a decision requiring a 2/3 supermajority vote, at least 2/3 of the total membership of the Executive Board must be present to constitute a quorum.

A general meeting of the whole organization shall be held at least annually at a date set and communicated to the membership by the President.

At least 2/3 of the total members of the organization in good standing must be present at a general meeting, along with at least 2/3 of the total membership of the Executive Board, to constitute a quorum.

Teams may hold individual meetings/practices as deemed necessary by the Captain of each team.

Teams will meet in matches on regular dates to be set and announced in advance, typically weekly.

Teams will practice in scrimmages on dates to be set and announced in advance, typically weekly.

Teams may also hold independent practices at the Captain's discretion.

Meetings will be conducted under the parliamentary guidance of the Executive Vice President in accordance with the latest available edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VII: Amendments

The Constitution of The UGA Quidditch League shall be amended by resolution of the Executive Board requiring at least a 2/3 supermajority vote for passage and a 2/3 vote of the total membership for passage. Voting for amendments will be conducted by recorded vote and the voting period shall be no less than two business days. Any member may propose an amendment, but it must be introduced to the Executive Board in written form by a member of the Board.

Article VII: Ratification & Acknowledgement

This Constitution shall be ratified by the membership of the organization as set forth in the chartering document of the organization. At least three-fourths of the members of the organization must vote "Yes" for this Constitution to be ratified and submission of this Constitution to the University of Georgia Center for Student Organizations shall constitute certification that this Constitution has been duly ratified by the membership of The UGA Quidditch League.

Duly submitted this _____ day of _____, 20____

Josh Glickman, President

Greg Stone, Vice President/Treasurer

Andrew Watts, Executive Vice President