

Constitution of the University of Pennsylvania Cricket Club

Preamble

We, the members of the University of Pennsylvania Cricket Club, realizing our responsibility to the Penn community, hereby establish these laws for the purpose of promoting and developing the game of Cricket at the University of Pennsylvania.

Article I -- Name

The name of this organization shall be University of Pennsylvania Cricket Club, herein after referred to as PCC.

Article II -- Purpose

The Purpose of PCC is to :

- promote and develop the game of Cricket among Penn students,
- provide a forum for interaction between cricket enthusiasts
- represent the University of Pennsylvania in the inter-collegiate cricket competitions.

Article III -- Membership

All members should pay their required membership dues within a month of beginning of each Fall semester. The Board at the start of each Fall Semester will decide all membership dues.

Section (A) -- Eligibility

All students, graduate and undergraduate, of the University of Pennsylvania shall be eligible for membership.

Section (B) -- Active Members

Those members who have paid their membership dues and have attended 50% of the practice sessions and/or meetings during each semester are defined as Active Members. Active Members have the right to vote for the PCC board elections.

Section (C) -- Temporary Members

All those who want to join and want to be a part of PCC but do not qualify for the Active Members status are defined as Temporary Members. Temporary members cannot vote for the PCC board elections.

Article IV -- Officers

Section (A) -- Number and Methods of Elections

The PCC Executive Board is comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Cricket Team Captain. Elections will be held at the beginning of each Fall Semester (not later than a month). All Active Members of PCC will have the right to vote for the following positions : President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Coordinator. However the Cricket Team Captain will be decided by the Board itself later on the basis of playing skills and leadership potential. In case that a Board member is chosen as the Captain, he will have the right to retain both office positions.

All PCC Active Members have the right to run for the board elections. The method for the elections would be as follows :

A general body meeting will be called for all the Active Members. Each active member will be given a ballot paper with the names of all the competing candidates. The candidates will then be allowed to deliver speeches and answer the questions raised by the audience. Each member will be asked to circle any five of their favorite candidates. Based on this information the individual votes for each candidate will be summed up. The candidate with the most number of votes will be chosen as the President, followed by the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Events Coordinator.

Section (B)-- Duties of Officers

The Board is responsible for appointing the team captain for each academic year. The Board is also responsible for the selection of the team for each match/tournament.

1. The President of PCC should :

- Preside over all meetings of PCC.
- Attend all Sports Club Council and Student Activities Council meetings.
- File an Annual Report to the Director of the Sports Club.
- Should give the final approval on the selection of the team for each match/tournament.

2. The Vice-President of PCC should :

- Preside over all meetings of PCC in the absence of the President.
- Attend all Sports Club Council and Student Activities Council meetings incase President is not available.
- Hold the responsibility of registering PCC with all the necessary Penn offices each semester.
- Oversee the schedule of the team and promote the team in tournaments

3. The Secretary of PCC should :

- Record the minutes of all executive and general body meetings.
- Be responsible for maintaining an updated membership record.
- Maintain the PCC list serve.
- Arrange and announce team meetings and practices.

4. The Treasurer of PCC should :

- Coordinate all financial disbursements.
- Record all financial transactions and draft budgets.
- Find ways of obtaining sponsorships.

5. The Captain of Penn Cricket Team should :

- Lead the team in all assigned matches and tournaments.
- Be responsible for the team members turn out during tours.
- Motivate the team and serve as liaison between the players and the board.

Section (C) -- Tenure of office

The board will serve for a duration of two semesters, and will be expected to assist in conducting elections at the end of their tenure. No individual may hold an office for more than three years.

Section (D) -- Impeachment of Board Members (Besides Team Captain)

Any member of the club may at any time draw up a documented case for impeaching an officer of the board. In order to move to impeachment hearings, this document must be signed by at least 40% of the clubs total membership. The hearing for impeachment will be conducted like a General Body meeting and all members must be urged to attend. The meeting will be presided over by the highest ranking board member (excluding the officer who is facing impeachment). The allegations and charges will be read out and the official will be allowed to defend him/herself and then face questions from the floor. Some signatories of the impeachment petition will then be asked to present their case and face questions. This will be followed by a cross-questioning session between both parties and the members. Upon conclusion of these, the chambers will be sealed and the body must move into voting procedure and secretly vote either in favor or against. A two-thirds majority (out of the people present) will be required in order to impeach the officer.

The impeachment of the Team Captain will require the support of 1/2 of the Team and at least one Board Member. However, if 2/3rds of the team requests dismissal of the captain, the board is obliged to suggest a new Captain.

Article V : Committees

The board reserves the right to set up committees for any particular function that they please. The board is required to call for volunteers and appoint a person to head each committee. The board must also set a tenure and specific objectives for each committee. No committee may have a tenure more than a semester, at the end of which their activities may be reviewed by the board and the tenure renewed.

Article VI: Meetings

Section (A) -- Regular Meetings

There must be a minimum of one meeting per month, dully publicized through the listserv and any other means. These must serve as a forum for intellectual discussion about cricket and also as a means of increasing social bonding amongst members.

Section (B) -- Cricket Practices

The meetings must be complemented by regular practice sessions to allow members to practice their skills.

Section (C) -- Extra-Ordinary Meetings

The President is empowered to call extra ordinary meetings in order to address specific concerns or problems. He must however take the board into confidence before declaring his decision.

Section (D) -- Attendance

Members are required to attend at least 50% of all practice sessions and/or meetings.

Article VII: Amendments

Any member in good standing may propose an amendment to the constitution. This will then be sent out via email to all members of the club and will require a majority vote from total membership in order to be passed.

Article VIII: Rules of Order

Any unforeseen issues not dealt with in the constitution must be handled in accordance with Roberts Rules. Otherwise the board may propose by-laws which will be dealt with in the same way as Amendments.

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