

# Maize Rage Constitution

We, the members of the Maize Rage, in order to develop an atmosphere of high spirit and sportsmanship in Crisler Arena, do hereby establish this Constitution.

## Article I – Name

The name of the organization will be the Maize Rage.

## Article II – Purpose

The Maize Rage is a student cheering section for Michigan Men's Basketball which emphasizes spirit and sportsmanship in its support of Men's Basketball. The Maize Rage's 2000+ members strive to provide a vocal presence at Crisler Arena, as well as to promote the University of Michigan Basketball Wolverine program and other Wolverine athletic teams to fellow students on campus, and to sports fans across the nation.

## Article III – Membership

1. Active membership shall be limited to persons officially affiliated with the University of Michigan as a registered student, faculty, and staff.
2. All student season ticket holders for Men's Basketball are automatically official members of the Maize Rage. Any member wishing to be more actively involved is eligible to join the Maize Rage Core (herein after referred to as the Core), a smaller group of students who meet regularly to plan and implement the daily operations of the Maize Rage. Core membership is on a strictly voluntary basis; any Maize Rage member is able to join or withdraw from the Core of his/her own volition.
3. Maize Rage openly admits students to its membership and does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, or Vietnam-era veteran status.

## Article IV – Officers

The Maize Rage is led by five officers – Superfan, President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

1. The Superfan shall embody and promote the ideals of the Maize Rage (class, sportsmanship, positive support). The Superfan will support a variety of Michigan athletic teams, as laid out by the examples of past Superfans and individual preference. The Superfan acts as the official representative of the Maize Rage to University of Michigan students. Only those with upper class standing (Juniors and Seniors defined as person with 55+ credit hours) are eligible for the position of Superfan.
2. The President shall organize and facilitate weekly Core meetings, including the preparation of an agenda. The President will maintain positive relationships in the name of the Maize Rage, with the Athletic Department, Men's Basketball program and Men's Basketball players. The President shall encourage member participation at meetings, while maintaining a balance of on-topic discussion and a laid-back, comfortable atmosphere.
3. The Vice President is responsible for all paperwork regarding the status of the Maize Rage as a registered student organization, including MSA registration. The Vice President shall reserve meeting rooms and venues for events such as Diag Day and mass meetings. The Vice President shall lead alumni outreach efforts.
4. The Secretary shall record minutes for all weekly meetings and send them via email to the Maize Rage Core. The Secretary will maintain a copy of meeting attendance lists for the purposes of voting procedures presented in Article V. The Secretary shall maintain Maize Rage email lists. The Secretary shall send Maize Rage Weekly emails to keep non-Core members up-to-date on Maize Rage news and operations.

5. The Treasurer is responsible to overseeing the finances of Maize Rage. The Treasurer shall maintain records for financial transactions the Maize Rage, manage the budget and all group accounts, and coordinate financial activities.

## **Article V – Operations**

1. Annual Nomination & Election Meeting
  - a. In the last academic month of each school year, the Maize Rage will hold an Annual Election Meeting in place of the normal weekly meeting. At the Annual Election Meeting, any member eligible under the 'voting eligibility' clause may nominate another member for an officer position. Only Upperclassmen may be nominated for the position of Superfan. Nominees will have a short amount of time to present his/her platform, followed by a secret ballot vote for each officer position. In the event of a tie, there will be a runoff vote between the top nominees until one is elected by majority. Officers assume their positions immediately following the Annual Election Meeting.
2. Voting Eligibility
  - a. Any matters concerning the spending of Maize Rage finances throughout the academic year will be voted upon by whoever is present at the weekly meeting in which said matters are proposed. To ensure that the Maize Rage has a say in all financial matters, the following restrictions must be placed on expenditures:
    - i. All expenditures of Maize Rage money must be proposed and voted in favor of by a simple majority of present members being expensed.
    - ii. Any recurring expenses can be proposed once each academic term, as long as a detailed budget for the term is included in the proposal. Derivations over the proposed budget must be authorized again via vote.
  - b. Any matters regarding the nomination/election of officers or amendments to this constitution require a different standard of eligibility. Voters may be eligible in one of two ways:
    - i. A voter must have attended 50% of the academic school year's weekly meetings; this will be verified when the attendance figures are compiled by the Secretary, and will be announced at the weekly meeting one week prior to the Annual Election Meeting.
    - ii. A voter may be nominated for voting rights by voters eligible under the previous clause, and approved via vote of eligible voters present at the Annual Election Meeting. Nominated voters may only be given voting rights following a simple majority vote by members eligible under previous clause.
3. Weekly Meeting Votes
  - a. Any member of the Maize Rage may introduce a proposal for spending Maize Rage funds or changing non-constitutional Maize Rage policies at any weekly Maize Rage Core meeting.
  - b. Proposals must be in written form, including a detailed budget (if needed), and will be voted upon following the procedures explained in the 'Voting Eligibility' clause (Article V, Section 2).
4. Attendance Figures
  - a. To ensure that attendance figures are not tampered with during the academic year, an attendance sheet will be passed around and signed by each member during each meeting; this sheet will end in the hands of the Secretary. The Secretary shall compile the names of all in attendance in an electronic file, which will be sent out to the maizeragecore email list as an attachment to the weekly meeting minutes.
  - b. Members eligible to vote based on 50% attendance must be notified of their eligibility no later than the weekly meeting one week prior to the Annual Election Meeting.
  - c. It is the responsibility of the Secretary to pass an attendance sheet around the room at the start of each weekly meeting, and it is the responsibility of the individual attendee to

ensure that his/her name gets on the attendance list before it is electronically compiled and sent to the Core. All attendance lists are final when sent to the maizeragecore email list.

#### **5. Delegation of Duties**

- a. Any action or duty not delegated to the officers belongs to the Core as whole.
- b. The core can delegate the responsibility to an individual, committee or officer with a simple majority vote.

### **Article VI – Finances**

1. Maize Rage will finance its activities by the following means:
  - a. University of Michigan sponsored funding (ie Michigan Student Assembly).
  - b. Group Fundraising
  - c. Private Donations
2. Maize Rage finances shall be overseen by the Treasurer. If needed, the Treasurer can form a finance committee, made up of at least one representative from each academic class. This committee shall keep a detailed account of expenses and will present an account balance for Maize Rage members as requested.

### **Article VII – Amendments**

This constitution is binding to all members of the Maize Rage, but the constitution is not binding unto itself. Amendments to the constitution may be proposed in writing by any eligible voting member at the Annual Election Meeting. Proposed amendments will become effective following approval of two-thirds of eligible voters at the Annual Election Meeting.

### **Article VIII – Removal of Officers**

Any officer in violation of the Maize Rage's purpose, constitution, stated expectations, or University of Michigan policy may be removed from office by the following process:

1. Submitting a written request signed at least three members of the Maize Rage Core
2. The Secretary (or the President if the Secretary is the officer in question) will send a written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next weekly meeting and prepared to speak.
3. A two-thirds majority vote of currently eligible voters (using procedure of Article 5, Section 2 sub-section b) is necessary to remove the officer.

### **Article IX – Registration Renewal**

1. The Maize Rage Vice President will re-register with the Michigan Student Assembly on an annual basis, no later than September 15.
2. The Maize Rage Vice President Will return a signed Student Organizations Account Services (SOAS) card no later than September 15.

### **Article X – Statement of Compliance**

1. By completing the registration process, we agree to abide by the University's policies. We understand that the organization's registration is contingent on the acceptance of these policies.