

Constitution of the University of Michigan Recreational Field Hockey Club

1 Name of Club

This constitution shall govern the operation of the University of Michigan Recreational Field Hockey Club, hereafter referred to as UMRFHC.

2 Purpose of Club

The primary focus of UMRFHC is to provide the opportunity to learn and play field hockey to the students and faculty of the University of Michigan, with a secondary focus on the surrounding community. This is achieved by the recreational semi-competitive atmosphere of the club, which allows player to enjoy the game at a less intense but nonetheless competitive level. The experienced members of the club would regularly organize training sessions for the amateurs to achieve club growth and to promote the sport in the surrounding community. The club will participate in and/or organize friendly games and/or competitive tournaments. Social events will be organized to encourage more member interaction off the playing field. It is the hope of the club to contribute to the growth of field hockey in Ann Arbor and the Mid-West region.

3 Membership

Membership is open to anyone possessing a desire to learn and/or play field hockey. Members must be willing to obey the rules of the game (international field hockey rules) and play in a safe and sportsman-like manner. Deliberate failure to comply with the above conditions will result in three written warnings and may lead to expulsion from the club, at the discretion of the officers. UMRFHC does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, sex, color, finances, or athletic ability.. All members must sign a Department of Recreational Sports release waiver to participate. Use of personal safety equipment (shin pads, mouthguards, gloves, goggles, etc.) is highly recommended but left to the members discretion. UMRFHC will not be held responsible for any bodily harm or injury sustained by members. All members (including officers) must also pay semester dues (unless a dues waiver is approved in accordance with ArticleVII).

4 Officers

4.1 UMRFHC Officers

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary.

4.2 Duties of Officers

4.2.1 President

- Manage overall operation of club.
- Supervise officers.
- work as liaison between Dept. of Rec Sports and UMRFHC.
- Work as liaison between UMRFHC and other hockey clubs
- Lead coordination of friendly games or competitive tournaments.
- Approve dues waivers.
- Other functions as appropriate to administer the general operation of the club.

4.2.2 Vice President

- The Vice President is in charge of the team in absence of the President.
- Manage membership, recruitment and publicity
- Provide for constant upkeep of web page (<http://www.umich.edu/fd-hockey>).
- Provide for constant upkeep of UMRFHC e-mail list
- Assist in coordinating the operating activities of the club.

4.2.3 Treasurer

- Manage UMRFHC account.
- Raise funds for club when necessary.
- Manage dues payment.
- Design, production and sale of club T-shirts.
- Approve dues waivers.
- Coordinate with president and officers to manage funds.
- Make regular account summaries to officers.

4.2.4 Secretary

- Maintain attendance records, address and contact information and any other club documents.
- Distribute/collect release forms for all members.
- E-mail club updates and meeting reminders as necessary
- Organize and coordinate team social activities.
- Maintain goalie equipment
- Supervise set-up of goal cages before and after practice

4.3 Election of Officers

1. Date: Officers are elected in mid-march, or as close to March 16 as convenient. Notice of elections MUST be given at least 15 days in advance with reminders each subsequent week.
2. Time: During normally scheduled practice hours.
3. Requirements:
 - President- Student at the University, club member for two semesters. Must be present all Fall and Winter semesters of term of office. Must attend at least 2/3 of practices during term of office.
 - Other Officers- Club member for one semester (or portion thereof). Must attend at least 1/2 of practices during term of office.
4. Manner:
 - For an election to be considered valid, no fewer than one half of active members for the semester may be present.
 - Any member may nominate a qualified member for the position of President.
 - After being seconded by another member, that nominee is considered a candidate.
 - Each candidate for President will make a short (5 minute) speech.
 - Following all candidate speeches, a secret ballot vote will be held and the candidate with the most votes shall be announced the winner.
 - Candidates for Internal VP will follow steps (a) to (e), then the candidates for External VP, then Treasurer, then Secretary, following the same nomination/speech/vote/winner pattern prior to advancing to the next position.
 - In the event of a tie for the winner, there will be another secret ballot vote considering only among those tied.

- The elected officers will assume their positions immediately following election.
- Outgoing and incoming officers shall meet and discuss the manner of execution of duties.

5. Removal of Officers

- Should an officer fail to fulfill their assigned duties and/or fail to work toward the goals of UMRFHC alongside other officers, they will be subject to removal.
- For an officer to be removed from office, there must first be a motion made by another officer to have the officer removed, then there must be a majority vote by remaining officers to remove the officer, followed by a majority vote by the members of UMRFHC.
- The officer in question must be given the opportunity to defend and explain his/her actions before each of the votes above.

6. Replacement of Officers

- Officers who resign or are removed can be replaced on an acting basis by a majority decision of the remaining officers.
- An election must be held within 6 weeks of such a vacancy to fill the position permanently. This election is held in accordance with standard club election practices with the vacant position(s) the only one(s) to be filled.

5 Special-Purpose Committees

Special-purpose committees are formed on a majority vote of the executive board, for the purposes expressed by the board.

6 Meetings

- At the beginning of each semester, the officers will meet and discuss plans for the semester, in consultation with UMRFHC members. These plans shall be amended as needed during the semester.
- Practice shall be held outdoors or indoors, depending on the season and facilities availability.
- The day(s) and time(s) of practice shall be determined by the officers after consulting the members and considering facilities availability.

7 Dues

- Dues shall be collected on a per semester basis (standard Fall and Winter terms and combined Spring/Summer term).
- The amount of dues paid per person should be kept at a minimum and will be re-evaluated at the beginning of each semester. This is to ensure maximum membership and minimum cost to the individual.
- Dues payment can be waived in the event of financial distress, as approved by the president and treasurer.

8 Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any time through a unanimous vote of officers and majority vote of the members of UMRFHC.