

# Proposal for Establishing Recreational Field Hockey Club

## 1 Purpose of Document

This document describes the objectives in establishing University of Michigan Recreational Field Hockey Club, henceforth called UMRFHC.

## 2 Objectives 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 a 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 to strengthen the sport in the Mid-West region. 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.

With this club, we would be able to support a sport that is diverse both ethnically and by gender (i.e. men and women from all areas of the world like Australia, Singapore, India, Pakistan, England, Netherlands, Canada, and U.S) with in the University of Michigan community and the surrounding area.

## 3 Club Membership and Participation

The Club is primarily open to students and faculty from University of Michigan and, also, people in surrounding areas interested to learn and play the game in a semi-competitive form. To promote competitiveness among our players and the sport in the Mid-West region, we would participate and organize field hockey tournaments. We would also like to organize a Mid-West league in the long run.

This club is one of the few field hockey clubs in Mid-West region registered with the United States Field Hockey Association (USFHA).

We propose expand the club membership through the University of Michigan community and the Mid-West community in a two-stage process:

1. Advertising the club with the Students during Festifall, Winterfest, North Campus Fest, and fliers whenever appropriate. Apart from these, we would advertise advertize our club by through mass meetings and website (presently our website is registered with USFHA).
2. Organizing training sessions for new comers and skill improvement workshops regularly with the help of experienced players in the club

Our major form of communication to all UMRFHC members has and will continue to be a UofM mailing list, in which any member can voice his or her comments to the entire club team.

## **4 Facility Requirement**

We would like to use Ocker Field Hockey Field two to three days a week, with two hours per day. We hope to continue building our relationship with the Head Coach, Nancy Cox, and the Varsity field hockey team, as we use the field hockey facilities. We have always maintained good communication with the Head Coach and her staff, and will continue to do so, to ensure that UMRFHC activities do not affect the Varsity teams activities.

## **5 Present status of The Club**

Presently, the club is registered as a student organization with the Michigan State Assembly (MSA). The Club consists of students and faculty from the University of Michigan and a few people from the surrounding region (as far as Sylvania Ohio).

In the past, we have participated in Festifall, North Campus Fest and Winterfest to increase awareness about field hockey in the University. We also have supported the field hockey Varsity Team by donating money to their booster club, and would like to continue this cause.

UMRFHC currently has a diverse membership and in the three years that this club has been in operation, its members have not only greatly improved their hockey skills, but also have had the opportunity to learn about other countries and cultures.