

Athletic Training Students' Club Constitution

In 1986, an organization was formed for the athletic training students at Eastern Michigan University. This Organization was designed to supplement the educational program and to provide additional opportunities for the development and refinement of skills, knowledge and practices in the sports medicine- athletic training profession. The following is the constitution of the organization, providing pertinent information to membership, elections, meeting, etc.

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be The Athletic Trainers' Club.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The Athletic Trainers' Club shall be a club for students in the Sports Medicine-Athletic Training Program at Eastern Michigan University, founded upon a basis of superior scholarship, and with the avowed purpose of advancing educational ideals. It shall exist to meet the needs of close fellowship and social intercourse among persons of like ideas, interested in the same goals, and striving to advance the interests of education.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Classes of members shall be the following:

A. Active Members

- (1) Students of this University who (a) are in the Athletic Training Curriculum program, (b) who are enrolled or have completed Practicum I, and (c) whose Grade point average is at least the minimum GPA required of Practicum I, shall be eligible to become an active member.
- (2) To remain an active member, it shall be necessary to attend 75% of all regular meetings including special meetings, speaker meetings and committee meetings. Excused absences consist of those that are beyond the control of the individual at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Notification for excused absences must be given to a member of the Executive Committee either orally, or in written form, within 24 hours of

the missed event. TO be considered in good standing, all dues must be paid as stated in Article VII. If a member fails to meet any of these requirements, he/she shall be placed on the involuntary inactive roll until such time he/she meets the requirements of active status.

B. Honorary Members

Alumni, faculty, and staff members of EMU may be initiated into the Athletic Trainers' Club by a three-fourths vote of the active members present at a regular meeting.

C. Inactivity and Expulsion

(1) The member seeking inactive status which shall encompass a legal loss of voting privileges, shall present a letter of inactivity to the Secretary before the beginning of the second regular meeting of the semester. Inactivity shall be effective upon receipt of the letter. The inactive member shall no longer be required to attend meetings. Dues SHALL be required of the inactive member. Persons requesting inactivity shall submit the aforementioned letter for each semester they wish to remain inactive.

(2) Grounds for expulsion from the Club shall be any incident defined as unbecoming of a member of the Athletic Trainers' Club as determined by a three-fourths majority of all the active members.

D. Non-Discrimination Policy

Membership into The Athletic Trainers' Club is open to the entire qualified EMU community without regard to race, creed, color, disability, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age or sexual orientation.

ARTICLE IV

Advisors

At least one full-time faculty or staff member of the EMU community is to be selected to advise and counsel the members. The advisor(s) shall serve the best interests of the organization and its members and reasonably attempt to ensure that all business conducted by the organization meets University policies.

ARTICLE V

Officers

A. Qualification of Officers

- (1) All Officers shall possess the minimum requirements for active members.
- (2) All officers shall be undergraduate members in good standing and have at least one full semester of active membership.

B. Duties of Officers

- (1) The President shall preside at regular and special meetings, shall promote the general interest of the Athletic Trainers' Club and shall see that all rules and regulations are followed.
- (2) The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President, shall serve as President in the event of the latter's disability, and shall organize and oversee the operation of the committees.
- (3) The Secretary shall preserve the constitution, records, other documents and supplies of the Athletic Trainers' Club. This person shall also keep accurate minutes and roll of all meetings.
- (4) The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Athletic Trainers' Club, provide for their safe-keeping, pay all debts authorized by the membership, pay anticipated committee expenses if approved by membership, maintain a record of receipts and expenditures, report at regular meetings and make special reports when requested by the President. This member shall balance the accounts and relinquish possession of the records to the newly elected Treasurer before the last regular meeting of his/her term of office.

C. Election of Officers

- (1) Any member interested in becoming an officer of The Athletic Trainers' Club must submit a letter of intent to the President, before the date specified by the Executive Committee.

- (2) Elections of the President and Treasurer shall be held no later than the second Thursday of February.
- (3) A simple majority of the active members will be required to elect the officers.
- (4) Election of the Vice-President and Secretary shall be held no later than the first Thursday of April.
- (5) Any vacancies shall be filled by the executive committee and approved by a majority vote of the active members present at a regular meeting.
- (6) In the case of a tie, the deciding vote shall be cast the the Club Advisor(s).

D. Terms of Office

The term of office shall be one year, from the end of the Winter semester to the end of the following Winter semester.

E. Impeachment Procedures

- (1) The President, Vice-President, and all other officers shall be removed from office on impeachment for failure to fulfill the duties of their respective offices.
- (2) A motion calling for impeachment shall be accepted from an active member.
- (3) This motion must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the active members.
- (4) The court for this trial shall consist of eight active members chosen at random and one officer also chosen at random (not including the accused), who will serve as the residing court officer. This court shall meet within two weeks of the impeachment vote.
- (5) This court shall try the accused and make a recommendation to the members within two regular meetings.
- (6) After the court has made its recommendation, it shall take a two-thirds vote of the entire active membership to convict the accused.
- (7) If the accused is convicted, immediate resignation from the office shall be required.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

- A. There shall be a meeting every month after the first meeting of each semester.
- B. The date, time and place of all regular meetings shall be called by the President with the agreement of the membership at the first regular meeting of each semester.
- C. Special meetings in the case of special events may be called by the executive committee with members being notified a week in advance.
- D. In the event of an emergency, the President shall call an executive committee meeting or a special meeting if deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VII

Finances

- A. Each member shall pay dues, as determined by the Athletic Trainers' Club at its regular first meeting of the semester. These dues shall be paid to the Treasurer no later than the second regular meeting. Any member active the semester immediately preceding the present one will be considered active until the start of the second regularly scheduled meeting. At this time, the member will be considered inactive until dues are paid in full or special arrangements have been made with the Club Treasurer.
- B. The accounts of the Athletic Trainers' Club shall be audited at least once a year by the Treasurer and the Club.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members, provided the amendment shall have been submitted in writing at the preceding regular meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Ratification

This constitution shall be declared ratified and in force when approved by two-thirds of the active members.