

# University of Rochester Hatha Yoga Club

### **ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT**

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the University of Rochester Hatha Yoga Club of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its governance. Failure to follow this constitution could result in revocation of Students' Association recognition of this organization.

### **ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT**

The purpose of the University of Rochester Hatha Yoga Club is to provide students, faculty, and staff of all fitness levels with weekly yoga instruction and practice.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION ONE - MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Eligibility All Students' Association (SA) members shall be eligible for membership. An SA Member is a University of Rochester undergraduate of the College who has paid their SA activities fee. All University of Rochester faculty, staff, graduate students and Eastman students shall be eligible for associate membership. All members and associate members shall be listed on the organization's Campus Community Connection site. Membership is automatically renewed yearly unless the member graduates, requests to cancel their membership, or fails to meet membership requirements.
- B. Definition of active member Members will be considered active if all pertinent paperwork for the Club Sports Council has been completed (roster, risk and liability, etc.) and if all weekly class fees or dues have been paid.
- C. Definition of associate member In order to maintain associate membership they must fill out all the pertinent paperwork that active members do (there may be extra paperwork to fill out depending on if they are graduate students) and pay dues. They will have the same privileges as active members.

## **ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING**

#### **SECTION ONE - OUORUM**

A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as one quarter of the active membership plus one officer.

**SECTION TWO - VOTING** 

- A. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
- B. All members shall have equal voting power.
- C. Procedure All decisions shall be arrived at by simple majority using a hand vote unless otherwise specified by the presiding officer. The President shall only vote to break a tie.

### **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **SECTION ONE - OFFICER POSITIONS**

A. Hatha Yoga Club Sports mandatory officers shall consist of President, Vice President, and Business Manager. Additional offices of Club Sports Representative, and Publicity and Events Chair may be adopted as necessary. To be an officer you must be a student at the University of Rochester and an active member of the club.

#### **SECTION TWO - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- A. All officers shall be members of the Students' Association.
- B. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
- C. All officers shall enforce this constitution.
- D. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this organization.
- E. The President shall preside over the meetings and shall maintain organization within the club, communicate with other officers and delegate duties to maintain a functioning club that fulfills the purposes set forth above.
- F. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances, including dues, and keep detailed records of all transactions.
- G. The President shall be responsible for maintaining a current copy of this constitution open to inspection by all members of this organization, Senators, and all members of the Students' Association.
- H. The Vice President shall also take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.
- I. The Club Sports Representative shall attend Club Sports Council meetings and oversee Club Sports Council obligations.
- J. The Publicity and Events Chair shall be responsible for maintaining social media, printing and putting up flyers, advertising, and the planning and execution of events.
- K. All other officer duties will be determined by the President and Business Manager as necessary and shall include only those responsibilities that directly benefit the club.

#### **SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure There will be open nominations at least one week prior to elections. Nominations may be made by any club member. Elections will be held at a general meeting (class) and all active members may vote. Nominees may elect to give a brief speech. A majority vote will suffice. Elections shall be presided over by the president; in the case that the president is again running, the election of the president shall be overseen by another officer.
- B. Term of Office Each officer maintains their position until they graduate unless they resign or another active member expresses interest in a position. Then, elections will be held for that position. Officer transitions will occur in April and new officers shall take office in May.
- C. Timing of Elections Elections will be held annually every spring semester.

#### SECTION FOUR - VACANCIES, RESIGNATIONS, AND REMOVALS

- A. At the first valid meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled by the same manner described in *Article V*, *Section Three*.
- B. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove an officer. Such a vote shall require a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> majority of the entire active membership to pass. Any member of the organization may call for a vote of no confidence.
- C. If a vote of no confidence on any officer is to take place, they must be notified one week in advance.
- D. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

#### **SECTION FIVE - PROVISIONS OF ADVISOR**

A. The role of the club sports Hatha Yoga club sports advisor is relatively limited and protocol as established by the Club Sports Council shall be followed.

### **ARTICLE VI - FINANCES**

**SECTION ONE** - Students' Association members shall receive priority at SA-funded events conducted by this organization.

**SECTION TWO - FUNDING** 

A. Hatha Yoga shall be eligible for SA funding.

### **ARTICLE VII - CLASSIFICATION**

SECTION ONE - Hatha Yoga shall be classified as a Club Sport - Recreational.

### **ARTICLE VIII - ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

SECTION ONE - Two-thirds of the entire active membership must approve the constitution.

**SECTION TWO** - This constitution will be ratified upon the signature of the Student Organization Administration & Review Committee and approval of the Senate.

**SECTION THREE** - This constitution shall not conflict with the Students' Association Constitution or Bylaws.

# **ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS**

Adoption and ratification of amendments to this constitution shall follow the same procedure as adoption of the entire constitution.

# **ARTICLE X** - BYLAWS

**SECTION ONE** - At least a 2/3 majority of the active membership must approve the bylaws and any amendments.

**SECTION TWO** - Bylaws should not conflict with this constitution or the SA Constitution or Bylaws.

# **ARTICLE XI - HAZING POLICY**

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by the the Hatha Yoga Club. Behavior prohibited under this rule includes actions threatening substantial risk of physical or mental injury; actions exposing the individual to

distressing, repulsive, or alarming situations or sensations; forced consumption of alcohol or drugs; actions in the form of social pressure which might cause harm to an individual.

# **ARTICLE XII - NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY**

The Hatha Yoga Club of the University of Rochester does not discriminate against any individual or organization of individuals on the basis of age, color, disability, domestic violence status, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, genetic information, marital status, military/veteran status, national origin, race, religion/creed, sex, sexyal orientation or any other status protected by law.

Signature of Confirmation

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