

# **Constitution of Softball Club (Women)**

## **Article I – Name**

The name of this organization shall be Softball Club (Women) at Iowa State University.

## **Article II – Purpose**

The purpose of Softball Club (Women) is to be committed to allowing students at Iowa State the chance to participate in the sport of fastpitch softball. The goals of this organization are to field a team to compete at the highest possible level against other clubs around the country. To achieve these goals, Softball Club (Women) will practice weekly during the semester, compete against other universities, and advance the skills of our plyers.

## **Article III – Statement of Compliance**

Softball Club (Women) abides by and supports established Iowa State University policies, State and Federal Laws and follows local ordinances and regulations. Softball Club (Women) agrees to annually complete President's and Treasurer's Training.

## **Article IV – Non-Discrimination Statement**

Iowa State University and Softball Club (Women) do not discriminate on the basis of genetic information, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, race, ethnicity, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a U.S Veteran.

## **Article V – Membership**

### Section 1: Requirements

Membership shall be open to all registered students in good standing at Iowa State University, have above a 2.0 GPA to play, and pay semester dues.

### Section 2: Dues

Members must pay a set semester due fee (membership and travel) determined by the Executive Board at the beginning of each semester.

- a. Those participating in club events (ex: being an officer, practicing...) will pay set membership fees.
  - a. If an officer is away (ex: co-op and study abroad...) they are still responsible for membership fees.
- b. Those participating in club events AND games are responsible to also pay for travel fees.

### Section 3: New Members

- a. Tryouts
  - a. New members must tryout during set tryout dates at the beginning of the Fall and Spring Semesters.
  - b. \*Members that were a part of the team in the past and left for a period of time will have the Executive Board's final decision as to whether they need to re-tryout for the team or join the team immediately.
  - c. New and returning (was on the team and is joining again) members must pay all dues, complete registration etc. before attending practice.

### Section 4: Removal

- a. Reasons for removal may include, but are not limited to, use of derogatory language, bullying, harassment, theft, repeated disruptions during meetings, or any other action deemed unacceptable by the current Student Disciplinary Regulations (Code of Conduct).
- b. The removal process may be initiated by any member of the organization.
  - A formal call for removal must first be brought to the officers of the organization. A member may call for removal of another member by emailing the President of the organization and requesting to discuss their concerns at the nearest officer meeting.
  - Officers must have a majority vote of approval to move the removal process to a general membership vote. Officers will vote by show of hands.
- c. Membership may be revoked by a majority vote of club membership present at the voting meeting.
- d. Voting will be conducted by secret ballot at a general meeting.
  - The voting method will be an anonymous virtual form or secret paper ballot (method decided by organization officers).
- e. The member in question must be provided a summary of the reasons for removal at least one week in advance of the general membership vote.
- f. The vote will be announced at least one week prior to the meeting with a summary of the reasons for removal.
- g. The member will be allowed to speak to the membership for a maximum of 5 minutes before voting occurs. The member in question will be asked to leave the meeting while deliberation and voting commences. The member in question will be informed of the results and be allowed access to the ballots if requested.
- h. The member in question may attempt to appeal the results of the vote by contacting the Advisor of the organization and submitting a written statement. The advisor must respond with their decision within 10 days. No secondary appeals will be permitted.
- i. Member in question may request reinstatement 365 days after removal.
  - Member must submit a written request for reinstatement to officers.
  - Officers must reach a unanimous vote through a show of hands to reinstate member.

## **Article VI – Officers**

### **Section 1: Officer Positions and Duties**

- a. President
  - Facilitate officer meetings and general meetings.
  - Oversee the activities of the officers and general membership.
  - Maintains record of membership in the student organization database.
  - Serve as the Risk Management Officer to (a) help minimize potential risks for club activities, (b) recommend risk management policies or procedures, (c) submit documentation to ISU's Risk Management Office, and (d) ensure that proper waivers and background checks are on file with Risk Management for events.
  - Maintain contact with the Advisor regarding organization activities and concerns
  - Maintain contact with Rec Services regarding booking the field for practice times, turf time, Sport Club Council meetings....
  - Complete all trainings as required by Iowa State University policy.
- b. Vice President
  - Communicate with President

- Help facilitate officer meetings and general meetings
  - Keep track of player attendance at practices
  - Help president with creating lineups for games
  - Help president with practice plans
- c. Treasurer
- Manage the club's finances.
  - Hold the club's purchasing card (p-card) and assign additional p-card(s) to other designated club members.
  - Maintain the club's budget and work with officers to determine spending allowances.
  - Collect dues at the beginning of each semester.
  - Work with the Advisor to approve each expenditure before payment.
  - Complete all trainings as required by Iowa State University policy.
- d. Public Relations Chair
- Manage the club's social media accounts
  - Make posts for upcoming events, games, fundraisers, etc.
  - Work on sponsorships throughout the year
- e. Fundraising Chair
- Communicate with Levy for volunteering at Hilton
  - Create sign-up sheet for all Levy volunteering times for the players
  - Send filled out sign-up sheet for each game to Levy before game
  - Make sure all players complete required Levy volunteering time
  - Come up with Fundraising for each semester
  - Make sure all players participate in fundraising

\*If there is not enough interest to have an officer for Fundraising Chair, duties will be split if between the Vice-President and Public Relations Chair.

### Section 2: Elections

- a. Elections will occur annually at the conclusion of the season.
- b. Members interested in running for an officer position will complete an application form and submit the form to the current President at least one week prior to the general membership vote.
- c. An online portal (ex: Google Forms) will be used to conduct the voting process
  - Members anonymously vote based on application responses, involvement on the team, and dedication.
  - Whoever wins the anonymous poll will be the newest serving officer for position.
  - \*In case of a tie, there will be a follow-up election where said applicants must answer a different question.
  - \*\*In case of ANOTHER tie, vote is left to the Executive Team to make the decision.
- d. The term of office for all officer positions shall be one year, beginning spring semester when they are voted in and ending the following spring semester.

### Section 3: Impeachment/Removal

- a. Officers can be removed from their position by a vote of club membership.

- b. Grounds for removal include, but are not limited to, failure to uphold the responsibilities of the position, use of derogatory language, bullying, harassment, theft, repeated disruptions during meetings, or any other action deemed unacceptable by the current Student Disciplinary Regulations (Code of Conduct).
- c. Any club member may initiate the impeachment process by bringing a written request for removal and reasons for removal to the highest-ranking officer not in question for removal.
  - The officers will hold a special meeting with the Advisor to deliberate.
  - The officers (excluding the officer in question) and Advisor must have a majority vote of approval of all officers to move the impeachment process to a general membership vote. The officer in question may not be present for the officer vote. Officers will vote by a show of hands.
- d. Officers can be removed from their position by a majority vote of club membership present at the voting meeting.
  - Voting will be conducted by secret ballot at a general meeting.
  - The vote will be announced at least one week prior to the meeting.
  - The voting method will be an anonymous virtual form or secret paper ballot (method decided by officers).
- e. The officer in question must be provided with a summary of the reasons for removal at least one week in advance of the vote.
- f. The officer in question will be allowed to speak to membership for a maximum of 5 minutes before voting occurs. The officer in question will be asked to leave the meeting while deliberation and voting commences. The officer in question will be informed of the results and be allowed access to the ballots if requested.
- g. The officer in question may attempt to appeal the results of the vote by contacting the Advisor of the organization and submitting a written statement. The advisor must respond with their decision within 10 days. No secondary appeals will be permitted.

#### Section 4: Officer Replacement

- a. In the case of an officer vacancy, a special election must occur within one week of the position being vacated.
- b. Special elections must follow the same format as annual elections, outlined in Article VI Section 2.
- c. If no candidates come forward for the position, the officers may appoint a general member to the position with the member's approval.
- d. In the case of an officer being away for a semester (ex: going on co-op, study abroad...), duties can be completed by officer that was elected OR a special election will take place to fulfill role in question.
  - a. \*Same voting and election process.

#### Section 5: Minimum Cumulative GPA for Officers

The officers of this organization must meet the following requirements:

- a. Be in good standing with the university and enrolled: at least half time (six or more credit hours), if an undergraduate student (unless fewer credits are required to graduate in the spring and fall semesters) during the term of office, and at least half time (four or more credits), if a graduate level student (unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement) during their term of office

- b. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) as stated below and meet that minimum GPA in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment, the semester of election/appointment and semesters during the term of office. For undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, the minimum GPA is 2.00. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration
- c. Be ineligible to hold an office should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in (a) and (b)

## **Article VII – Advisor**

### Section 1: Duties

The duties of the advisor are to provide general oversight to the group and to ensure that the organization is complying with the standards set forth by Iowa State University and Memorial Union Student Engagement.

### Section 2: Method of Selection

- a. Advisor candidates shall be verbally nominated by officers at a pre-determined officer meeting.
- b. A candidate may be elected through a majority vote of officers.
  - Officers will vote through a show of hands.
  - All officers must be present for a vote to occur.
- c. Once a candidate is selected, the President will contact the Advisor candidate to offer the position.
- d. If the Advisor candidate declines, the officers of the organization will repeat steps (a)-(c).

### Section 3: Terms of Service

The Advisor of the organization shall serve at their leisure.

### Section 4: Impeachment/Removal

- a. The Advisor can be removed from their position by a unanimous vote of club officers at an officer meeting.
  - Grounds for removal include, but are not limited to, failure to uphold the responsibilities of the position, use of derogatory language, bullying, harassment, theft, repeated disruptions during meetings, or any other action deemed unacceptable by current Disciplinary Regulations.
- b. The Advisor must be notified and given reason for removal at least one week prior to voting.
- c. The Advisor will be given the opportunity to speak in front of the club officers before a final decision is made. The Advisor may speak for 5 minutes, then they must leave the room while voting and deliberation occurs.
- d. The Advisor will be notified of the decision via email.

### Section 5: Replacement

In the event an Advisor must be replaced, the method of selection shall be the same as described in Article VII Section 2.

## **Article VIII – Finances**

- a. All funds belonging to this organization shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established for this organization at the Campus Organizations Accounting Office and/or approved institution/office (must receive authorization via Campus Organizations Accounting Office). All funds must be deposited within 48 hours after collection. The Advisor to this organization must approve and sign each expenditure before payment.
- b. Upon disbandment of Softball Club (Women), all funds and properties more than liabilities and expenses of dissolution will be distributed as determined by a majority of officers.
- c. Dues will be determined by a majority of officers at the beginning of each semester. Dues will not exceed \$300 per semester.
  - a. Dues will be collected by the Treasurer within the first 3 weeks of each semester through the student organization marketplace.

## **Article IX – Amendments and Ratification**

- a. The amendment process may be initiated by any club member.
  - Requests for amendment must be submitted in writing to the club officers
  - The officers must have a majority vote of approval to move the amendment to a general membership vote.
  - Officers will vote through a show of hands.
- b. The proposed amendment must be presented to general membership at least one week before the vote.
- c. Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of club membership present at the meeting.
  - Voting will take place at a club meeting.
  - Voting will be conducted by show of hands.
- d. Amendments to the organization's constitution must be submitted to Student Engagement within 10 days for approval.
- e. In the event a constitution is rejected because it does not meet Iowa State University policy and/or constitution requirements, the following may occur.
  - Any changes to bring the constitution into compliance may be made with unanimous approval from the Executive Board and Advisor.
  - Notification of these changes must be communicated at the next full organizational meeting.