

**University of Mississippi
Men's Volleyball Club Team
Constitution**

Article I. Name

The official name of the organization shall be University of Mississippi Men's Volleyball Club.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the organization shall be:

The development of advanced volleyball players through teaching and practice.

As a highly competitive organization, it will require extraordinary effort to be successful. Although this type of play will be encouraged, there will be an understanding that no player is to endanger his fellow teammates or opponents.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. All members must be currently enrolled as a student or employed as a staff/faculty member at the University of Mississippi.

Section 2. Although this organization will participate in all tournaments as a men's team, females will not be discouraged to participate. Otherwise, there shall be no discrimination on the basis of race, age, color, religion, disability, or national origin.

Section 3. All student members must maintain a minimum grade point average of at least a **2.5**. If a member falls below this average, he must improve his average to at least **2.5** at the end of the following semester of attendance to be eligible for play at Off-Campus Tournaments. Any member whose average falls below **2.0** will be suspended from all participation.

Section 4. Eligibility requirements for voting membership include:
A) Proper and timely payment of annual dues
B) An attendance to at least one half of all practices

Section 5. Members shall be subject to disciplinary measures under the following conditions:

If any member of the Men's Volleyball Club should neglect the principles of sportsmanship or disregard the well-being of other members or opponents, that member is subject to discipline by censure, suspension, or expulsion, which will be decided by a unanimous decision of the club's officers.

Article IV. Officers

- Section 1. The officers of the organization shall be:
- A) President
 - B) Vice-President
 - C) Treasurer
 - D) Secretary
 - E) Coach
 - F) The Assistant Coach shall be an officer only if deemed necessary by the convening Men's Volleyball Club team by a unanimous vote.
- Section 2. The officers shall be elected by:
- A) A nomination by one of the voting members of the Men's Volleyball Club team.
 - B) A majority of the popular vote among the convening Men's Volleyball Club team.
 - 1.) The election is to be held by secret ballot.
 - a) The ballot shall be assessed by the former Coach and President.
 - b) A request to view the voting breakdown and/or to view the actual ballots can be made by a candidate within twenty-four hours of the publicized results.
 - c) A two-thirds majority vote of the convening Men's Volleyball Club shall institute an open ballot count with in twenty-four hours of the publicized results conducted by the former Coach and President (in the event of a former Coach or President seeking re-election, Men's Volleyball Club member-at-large shall be selected to conduct the open count).
 - 2) In the event of a tie, a run-off shall be instituted
 - a) After the run-off, if a tie should persist between two candidates, the incumbent officers shall determine the outcome by consensus. The coach(es) will be excluded from this decision.
- Section 3. Duties of the officers shall include the following:
- A) President shall oversee all business that takes place within the Men's Volleyball Club.
 - 1) This requires maintaining and updating the constitution each year if needed.
 - B) Vice-President shall serve as a representative between the Men's Volleyball Club, the University and the Department of Campus Recreation.
 - 1) This requires serving as a liaison for the Club Officers in order to report all information for the proper discussion and decision.
 - C) Treasurer shall be the handler of all money and dues from the members of the Men's Volleyball Club.
 - 1) This requires collecting all of the money from the members of the Men's Volleyball Club and turning it into the Intramural Office.

- 2) The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining and updating the money forms for the Men's Volleyball Club.
- 3) The Treasurer shall be responsible for reimbursing the members of the Men's Volleyball Club.
- D) Secretary shall be recorder of the business that takes place within the Men's Volleyball Club.
 - 1) This also entails reaching out to interested members by coordinating recruitment tables in the Union and other means the Men's Volleyball Club deems necessary.
- E) Coach shall be responsible for the teaching of the rules, plays and proper techniques of the game.
- F) Assistant Coach shall help the Coach in anyway the Coach deems necessary.

Section 4. When officers consider disciplinary action or other voted decisions:

- A) On any matters that require a vote by the officers of the Men's Volleyball Club, the following guidelines will be followed:
 - 1) Unless contra-indicated, the Coach is included as a voting member. (See Article IV, Section 2 and Article V, Section 4)
 - 2) The Assistant Coach does not vote as an officer.
 - 3) In the case of disciplinary action against an officer, the officer in question may not have a vote. However, the vote must be unanimous.
 - 4) All officers must be present for a vote to be valid.

Section 5. The officer's term of office shall be the following:

- A) The officers shall serve for a period of one year beginning on the day following the election day and ending on the election day of the following year unless otherwise removed from office due to disciplinary measures.
 - 1) In the event of the expulsion of an officer, a new officer shall be elected at the following Men's Volleyball Club meeting, abiding by the same election rules. (See Article IV, Section 2)
 - a) The newly elected officer shall fulfill the remainder of the term.
- B) There shall be no term limits restricting the number of years Men's Volleyball Club members can serve as an officer.

Article V. Finances

- Section 1. Members shall pay \$35 dues annually to the Treasurer.
- Section 2. All other funds shall be either provided by the University or raised independently from local sponsors.
- Section 3. All receipts that the members of the Men's Volleyball Club team need to be reimbursed for shall turn them into the Treasurer with a brief description of the payment and its use.
- Section 4. The Coach(es) do not have a vote in the financial matters of the Club

Article VII. Amendment and Ratification

- Section 1. This constitution may be amended at any time by a two-thirds vote from the convening Men's Volleyball Club team on a proposal submitted by any eligible member of the team.
- A) The Officers reserve the right to veto any proposal passing the two-thirds vote.
 - 1) The veto shall only be affected if the Officers' decision is of unanimous agreement.
- Section 2. Nothing contained in this constitution shall in any way limit the final authority of the University of Mississippi.
- Section 3. Ratification of this constitution shall be following approval of the membership, and approval of the Committee on Student Organizations and/or the Office of the Dean of Students.
- Section 4. The constitution can be suspended for a specific amount of time by a unanimous vote from the convening Men's Volleyball Club team.

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