

# Constitution of The University of Pennsylvania Men's Club Soccer Team

## **Preamble**

This constitution provides a framework for the successful running of the *Men's Club Soccer Team* at the University of Pennsylvania.

## **Article I. Logistics**

### Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be, "*The University of Pennsylvania Men's Club Soccer Team*", nicknamed "*The Dolphins*" or "*Penn Men's Club Soccer*".

### Section 2. Purpose

The University of Pennsylvania Men's Club Soccer Team is an organization dedicated to providing an outlet for playing high level, competitive soccer at the University of Pennsylvania. The team consistently organizes and holds soccer practices, plays in soccer matches against other collegiate teams, and strives to make a positive impact on the University and Greater Philadelphia communities both on and off the pitch.

### Section 3. Faculty Advisor

For the time being, there shall be no faculty advisor for this club team.

### Section 4. Dues

#### *Clause 1*

Members shall pay dues as necessary for the running of the team, contingent on the Executive Board (Upper Management) providing a detailed budget and/or spending plan with the capital raised.

#### *Clause 2*

Dues will be divided equally among all active members and must total a minimum of 33% of all funding received from PennRec, the SCC, or SAC.

#### *Clause 3*

When needed, dues will be collected only once per semester at the discretion and enforcement of Upper Management.

#### *Clause 4*

Active members who express financial hardship paying dues will be consulted and financially aided, resulting in paying less if not no dues. .

### Section 5. Quorum

The quorum of the team shall amount to 60% of the total number of active team members.

### Section 6. Meetings, Practices, and Events

#### *Clause 1*

The contents of all meetings, practices, and events shall be determined according to the judgment of Upper Management.

#### *Clause 2*

Upper Management must define logistics for these occasions in a way that complies with the majority of the active membership participating. This includes time, location, and duration.

## **Article II. Membership**

### Section 1. Team Members

#### *Clause 1*

All current students at the University of Pennsylvania are eligible to try out for this club team. Students will be selected to join by a simple majority vote conducted by all current members. Current members are not required to try out for the team again.

#### *Clause 2*

Active membership of the team includes presence at a minimum of 50% of meetings, practices, and matches. Review of active membership will be conducted by Upper Management with a final decision presented to the active membership by the club President(s).

#### *Clause 3*

The club's active membership will hereby be referred to as the General Body.

#### *Clause 4*

In order to remove an active member from the team a special meeting must be held at the first practice in which the club's predefined quorum is met. The President(s) will present grievances against the player, followed by any defense by the player himself, and ended by a verbal vote. The member will be removed if the following condition is met:

- (1) A General Body simple majority.

## Section 2. Upper Management

### *Clause 1*

Upper Management embodies the executive board of the club. All individual members of Upper Management are hereby referred to as “officers” or “captains”.

### *Clause 2*

Returning officers (with 1+ years of experience in Upper Management) will be points of contact with the SCC, Penn Rec, IMLeagues, and all other external entities. These captains will represent the team in matches, at events, and will be considered the “President(s)” of the club.

### *Clause 3*

All new officers will be appointed unanimously by the President(s) at their discretion, at the end of either semester. Officer qualifications include:

- (1) An undergraduate at the University of Pennsylvania
- (2) Good academic and disciplinary standing.
- (3) A General Body member for at least 1 year.

### *Clause 4*

Officers maintain their status for the remainder of their time on the team unless subjected to successful impeachment or by filing a formal, written resignation to the General Body.

### *Clause 5*

There will be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 officers fulfilling the duties of Upper Management at any given time. At least one of these must be able to perform presidential duties in the following year.

### *Clause 6*

Upper Management will be structured and maintain responsibilities as follows:

- (1) President(s)
  - (a) Perform all normal duties of a captain during games.
  - (b) Organize practices, meetings, and all activities performed during the school year.
  - (c) Organize internal and external social activities.
  - (d) Maintain communication with external entities.
- (2) Treasurer / Equipment Manager
  - (a) Run the team’s budget including proposals and contingency

funding.

(b) Ensure the team has equipment necessary to be successful.

(3) Secretary / Social Media

(a) Maintain a minimum “Tier B” standing.

(b) Organize all “mandatory” tier system tasks.

(c) Keep the team website ([www.pennmensclubsoccer.com](http://www.pennmensclubsoccer.com)) updated.

*Clause 7*

In order to impeach an officer, the individual suggesting impeachment must first notify the officer of his impeachment hearing. At the following practice, the impeachment hearing will be held. The officer must defend himself during the hearing, with the person suggesting impeachment leading the prosecution. The club’s defined quorum must be met in order for the hearing to be held. If a simple majority of said quorum vote to impeach the officer, the officer must immediately surrender the position. An election following the same guidelines will immediately follow, with a new officer filling the position.

*Clause 8*

The only standing committee within the club shall be this executive board, referred to as “Upper Management”, which shall be appointed in the manner previously mentioned, and perform the actions previously described.

**Article III. Meetings, Practices, and Matches**

Section 1. Meetings

*Clause 1*

Regular business meetings will be held when necessary as decided by a simple majority of the General Body or Upper Management. The meeting contents will be shared with the General Body prior to the meeting time. All of Upper Management will conduct and oversee the running of the meeting. All of the General Body is required to attend.

*Clause 2*

Special meetings will be exclusively run by the club President(s). All of the General Body is required to attend.

Section 2. Practices

Practices will be held a minimum of twice a week at Penn Park for the entire school year.

Upper Management will organize and run practices.

### Section 3. Matches

#### *Clause 1*

Matches will be held at Penn Park. Upper Management will communicate meeting time and kit selection prior to the match.

#### *Clause 2*

Upper Management will be solely responsible for selecting the starting 11, conducting substitutions, and prioritizing winning strategies.

#### *Clause 3*

Any General Body Member dissent that arises from the previous clause will result in automatic active membership review. All players are recommended and strongly encouraged to discuss questions, comments, and concerns about team selection and playtime with Upper Management at practice.

#### *Clause 4*

Priority for game days/times will be given in the following order:

- (1) Friday evening.
- (2) Saturday morning.
- (3) Sunday morning.
- (4) Wednesday evening.

## **Article IV. Sport Club Council Collaboration**

### Section 1. Penn Rec, SCC, and SAC

#### *Clause 1*

Upper Management will maintain a working relationship with the Sport Club Council where communication with the Council, heads of Penn Recreation and Penn Club Sports, and SAC will be the responsibility of all of Upper Management.

#### *Clause 2*

Upper Management will ensure that the club is maintaining standards set forth by the SCC.

## **Article V. Objectives**

### **Section 1. Standing**

The Dolphins will maintain a minimum of “Tier B” club standing with the SCC and Penn Recreation.

### **Section 2. Schedule**

The Dolphins will participate (at a minimum) in the following events annually:

- (1) The Fall Regional League.
- (2) The Spring Ivy League tournament.

### **Section 3. Social Events**

The Dolphins will host a minimum of 1 internal and 1 external social event per semester.

### **Section 4. Special Meetings**

The Dolphins will host a minimum of 1 special, required meeting per semester. This will likely take the form of a team town hall, occurring at the beginning of each semester, focused on team development, values, and priorities.

## **Article VI. Amendments and Constitutional Review**

### **Section 1. Amendments**

#### *Clause 1*

Amendments shall be submitted in writing to the General Body, and verbally presented at the first practice or special meeting where the club’s predefined quorum is met.

#### *Clause 2*

Amendment ratification requires a minimum of 67% verbal agreement by both of the following two entities in attendance:

- (1) Upper Management
- (2) The General Body

### **Section 2. Constitutional Review**

This constitution shall be reviewed by SAC, the SCC, and Upper Management at least once every three years.