

1. BUTLER UNIVERSITY Club Hockey
2. *Purpose*
  - a. The primary purpose of the Butler University Club Hockey team is to give students the opportunity to continue their hockey career in a competitive environment.
3. Precedence
  - a. The rules and regulations of Butler University shall take precedence over this constitution.
4. Members

Membership shall be open to all currently enrolled Butler University students.

Butler University Club Hockey will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, marital status, religion, creed, national origin, disability, age, military or veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression or any other protected characteristic.

a. Eligibility

In order to maintain eligibility for the team, a member must adhere to the following:

- Sign and agree to the Financial Agreement Form.
- Attend all meetings of the team, including but not limited to both games and practices, unless the member informs a captain or officer of the team concerning their absence
- participate in any volunteer or outside commitments of the team
- Remain respectful to all participants of the organization, which is to include fans and supporters of the team, both on and off the ice

\*It will be the coaches' responsibility to pick the members of the team.  
Tryouts shall be held prior to each season in order to select the team.

b. Rights and Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of both the team and the individual member to represent both Butler University and Butler Hockey in an outstanding manner while the individual is a member of Butler University Club Hockey and while the team is a representative of Butler University. Any member of the program has the right for an opportunity to defend one's own actions if it is determined by the officers of the program or select members of the university that the member's actions were in violation of his or her responsibilities, eligibility or any other deed which is against this constitution or the Butler University's Club Hockey Mission Statement.

c. Privileges

All members of the program are given the privilege of participating in all programs, activities and events of Butler Hockey, so long as they are in good standing with this constitution.

d. Compliance

All members of the program will adhere to the rules set forth in the Butler University Equal Opportunity policy and therefore will also be subject to disciplinary sanctions in the event of noncompliance.

e. Fees

Each year the president, in accordance with the other officers, will provide a budget of money which will be used in determining the fees and cost of the program for the year. Dues are required in order to participate in any part of the program. If a player is to have trouble with the amount required, then it is the responsibility of that player to bring it to the attention of the president who will work with the player, team, and organization to determine whether any financial assistance may be provided. Fees and costs for the program may be subject to change annually. It is the responsibility of the officers to keep an intact, organized copy of all finances and budgets, in the instance that one may need to be provided.

f. **No hazing or discrimination will be used as a condition of membership** in the Butler University Hockey Club.

5. OFFICERS

a. Titles

There will be 5 total officers involved in this club. All officers must be currently enrolled Butler University students. The following are the titles for officer positions within the program:

-President

The president is in charge of overlooking the overall progress and operation of the team. He or she has deciding factor over all actions, which are not elected as voted decision.

-Vice President

It is the responsibility of the vice president to provide assistance to the president as well as assist in decisions and team functioning. The vice president will assume the position of the president if he or she resigns.

-Treasurer

It is the Treasurer's responsibility to keep track of all finances for the program and make sure that these assets are in order. The treasurer shall be responsible for providing proof of expenditures and money distribution to members of the program, if desired. The treasurer will assume the position of the vice president if he or she resigns.

-Secretary

The Secretary will keep all records of the team outside of finances. It is the Secretary's responsibility to make sure that the program's documents and records are well looked after and kept in satisfactory manner. The Secretary should also be present in any case of major decision in order to maintain the proper records. The secretary will assume the position of the treasurer if he or she resigns.

-Director of fundraising

The director of fundraising is in charge of planning events in order to raise money for the club. He or she will attempt to bring the cost of participation for the members down. The director of fundraising will assume the position of the secretary if he or she resigns.

**\*IN ADDITION** to these officers, an advisor to the program shall be elected from the faculty of the university. The position of advisor and president must be filled prior to the team beginning its regular season. In the case of absence of any officer, the position directly below the listed position will act in that officer's place. In the case of secretary, any additional officers decided on prior to the season shall act in place, or the team shall hold a decision to determine who will act in their place

b. Election

All members of the club are eligible to participate in any election of officers. In addition, all members of the club are eligible to be considered for any officer position, so as they have met all member requirements. Elections of officers for the next season should be held in the spring no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> following the completion of the prior season. Members of the program who do not actively participate in on ice events are still eligible for officer positions.

c. Removal

An officer may be removed from office for any of the following reasons:

-The officer has not met major eligibility requirements.

- Has been consistently absent from his or her duties.
- Has provided unsatisfactory work in their position.
- Has been removed from the program
- Is substantially late on payment fees

\*In order to remove an officer from his or her position, 3 out of the 4 remaining officers must agree on a removal.

d. Committees

All committees shall be approved by a majority vote of the officers. In the event of a tie, the President may choose to call for a revote or have the committee in question re-present itself.

e. Advisor

The club will have a full time Butler University faculty/staff member that will serve as the club advisor. The advisor will maintain a good relationship with the members of the office and of the team. He or she is to overlook the standing of the program and provide any assistance which he or she is able. The advisor may allot their input into decisions in order to create an unbiased outcome. It is to be recognized that this program is to be the major responsibility of the students.

## 6. VOTING

a. Eligibility

All members of the program are entitled to vote on decisions which have been deemed by the president and vice president as team decisions. Outside votes are only permitted when deemed acceptable by at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the program.

b. Quorum

For all voting to occur, a minimum of 60% of the decided members must be present. Voting of decision other than officer elections shall be handled by the cabinet of officers unless determined by that cabinet that the matter is to be subject to a vote by the entire program. In all voting, the president of the program must be present in order for the decision to be upheld.

-Proxy Voting

Decided members of the vote who are unable to be present at the time of voting may cast their decision prior to the vote only if approved by the president and recorded on paper by the secretary.

## 7. MEETINGS/EVENTS

a. Frequency

Two mandatory meetings shall be held annually. One directly following the conclusion of the season and one prior to the beginning of the next season. All other meetings will be set by determination of the team and/or officers.

b. System

Meetings will be run by order of the program president. In case of his or her absence, the next in line of officers shall run the meeting with the approval of the president.

8. AMENDMENTS

This constitution and its bylaws are permitted to be amended following an overwhelming necessity for such action. In order for any amendment to become legitimized, the following procedure (in order) must be followed:

- The issue is addressed in a meeting, which shall be open to all eligible members of the program.
- A vote shall be done by all eligible members of the program in deciding whether or not the issue shall be passed onto the cabinet of officers.
- If successful, the issue shall then be deliberated on by the specific cabinet of officers for the program.
- A vote shall then take place in which a minimum decision of 75% must be reached in order to legitimize the amendment.
- If approved, the amendment shall be instituted following the passing of a 24 hour time period.

\*In case of tie or indecision, the president shall be able to call for a revote or allow for the amendment to be presented again following a waiting period of at least 48 hours.

8. EXCEPTIONS

In the case of extenuating circumstances for any of the rules and bylaws recorded in this constitution and its bylaws, the president shall have executive power in determining the allowance of a vote by the members of the cabinet for any and all exceptions.