

# Constitution of the Butler University Men's Intercollegiate Lacrosse Club

## **Article I:** Name of the organization

1. The official name of this organization is "The Butler University Men's Lacrosse Club."

## **Article II:** Objectives of the organization

1. The objective of this club will be to provide men on campus with the opportunity to play organized lacrosse with fellow students against men's clubs and/or lacrosse organizations from other universities.

2. The purpose of this organization will be to act as the governing body of the Butler University Men's lacrosse club. It will manage paperwork, fundraising, publicity, scheduling, hiring/assigning coaching duties, and making purchases if necessary.

## **Article III:** Membership and Eligibility

1. To be a member of the Butler University Men's Lacrosse Club, he must be enrolled as a current student at Butler University at the start of the spring semester of that school year. This is meant to allow students who transfer or are not enrolled in the fall the opportunity to join in the spring. No experience is needed, however, he must be committed to making practices, games, and fundraisers during the spring season, and is strongly encouraged to make all practices during the fall months.

2. All members must be able to meet all the financial obligations and requirements by the date which they are due. Dues will not be charged upon admission into the club, however, there may be times when the officers call upon the team to provide money for team needs. For example, if the team buys new jerseys, all of the players are required to pay for their new equipment.

3. Playing time will be at the coach's or acting coach's discretion.

4. Permission as well as termination from the organization will be left to the discretion of the coaches and club officers based on the criteria mentioned. If needed, the officers can ask the fellow team/club members for a vote on any given matter (see Article IV, Section 1).

5. The Butler University Men's Lacrosse Club will not discriminate on the basis of race, age, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, residence, or any other legally-protected category as well as attempt to be accessible to all regardless of physical or mental disability. However, this organization will not allow females to officially play in competition or practice. Manager positions are available, and help in other aspects is more than welcome.

6. This organization reserves the right to search for a coach with no affiliation to the university. Volunteers from the community are also welcome to help if they feel so inclined.

#### **Article IV: Voting Stipulations**

1. Any decision that requires a vote shall be decided by a majority rule by all present and eligible members. The vote shall also include all officers who wish to vote. Officers are not granted the power to veto. If a vote is required, that will be the final decision, made by all present and eligible members.

#### **Article V: Officers and Duties**

1. The officers of this club will include president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary.

2. The president and vice president are responsible for scheduling games, hiring/assigning coaches, hiring referees, and organizing meetings and events. The treasurer is responsible for managing the fundraisers and keeping track of members dues as well as the organizations total monetary balance. The secretary is responsible for keeping track and relaying information from the officers/coaches to the players and other members of the team, as well as advertising anything for the team. All officers will assist in SGA meetings, fundraising, attend team meetings, events, and practices, and decide upon team purchases.

3. Elections for officers will be held at the end of each spring season starting after spring 2008. Terms for officers will be one calendar year unless he feels the need to step down, or is terminated (see Article V, Section 4), and will begin immediately following their acceptance of the position. From the time of the organization's recognition to Jan 2008, officer duties will be on a volunteer basis among the initial members of the team. After April 2008, the positions will be filled by holding a vote among all current members at that time (see Article IV, Section 1). All elected officers, assuming they accept their position, will be expected to fulfill all of their duties as outline above.

4. If an officer cannot fulfill his duties, he may receive three warnings from his fellow officers and/or coaches. Following the warnings, the other three officers may decide if removal is necessary. In the event that an officer may need to be replaced or removed, the decision will be made by a majority vote including all other residing members and officials in the club.

5. There will be a faculty/staff advisor who will help in all dealings with university officials. Outside of this they are free to choose how involved they will be in club events and activities.

## **Article VI: Meetings and Practices**

1. There will be two meetings for all officers and two separate meetings for all prospective members both held before the first official practices in the fall, as well as in the spring.
2. Practices may be scheduled at the discretion of the president, vice president, and/or coaches, with the loose outline of scheduling them monthly, thereby giving the rest of the members ample time to know when and where practices will be held. As stated above, fall practices will be recommended but not mandatory, spring practices will be mandatory unless the member has valid reason to not attend, and there will be no club actions during the summer months.
3. Aside from the first meetings of the semesters, other meetings may be called at any time by the officers and/or coach.

## **Article VII: Amendments**

1. The constitution or the amendments included may be amended or revised by a two-thirds majority vote by all eligible members of the Butler University Men's Lacrosse Club.
2. The altered or new amendment(s) must be submitted to all members of the club in writing at least one week prior to the vote.