

THE MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY ROWING CLUB CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The intent of this constitution is to introduce the Marquette University Rowing Club and its purpose as a club sports organization within the Marquette University community. It will also serve as a legal representation of the construction of the managing body of the club and its duties as they pertain to the proper function within the guidelines of the club, the club sports organization, and the university.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the *Rowing Club – Marquette University*, hereafter referred to as the organization.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be the opportunity for all those who qualify for participation to learn and experience how to row competitively and do so against other organizations and representing universities. It is a chance for students to work together and with other age groups and the university body as a whole.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Regular membership in the organization shall be open to any Marquette University undergraduate student who has a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.0.

Section 2 – Payment of dues will be made by all rowers as mandated by the budget set by the representing board at the beginning of each semester season. Coxswains will be required to pay on a percentage system as set by the representing board. This system is set to reduce coxswain dues by 17% of the amount received by the organization (Milwaukee Rowing Club dues excluded) each semester following the first as an active coxswain.

Section 3 – Non-discrimination Clause. Consistent with all applicable federal and state laws and University policies, this organization and its subordinate bodies and officers shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sexual orientation, religion, veteran's status, sex, national origin, or disability in its selection of members, educational programs, or activities.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1 – Officers of the organization shall be as follows:

1. Co-President (2)
2. Secretary
3. Financial Chair
4. Regatta Chair
5. Fundraising coordinator
6. Clothing coordinator
7. Communication Coordinator

Section 2 – Officers of the organization shall be elected at the end of the month of April (at the end of the rowing season). A majority ballot by all members of the organization will decide who will be in office for the following duration of the following rowing season. Any member is eligible to run for office in the spring of the rowing season. In the event of a tie between two candidates running for the same position, there will be a second vote taken by all students with senior or above standing as dictated by Marquette University credit requirements in order to determine the final recipient of the board position.

Section 3 – Officers shall take office after the month of May (after the previous rowing season ends). Officers will hold office for one rowing season (May/June – May).

Section 4 – Officers shall not be on academic or university probation at the time of their election and throughout the duration of their term in office.

Section 5 – Duties of officers:

1. Co-President: Two official presidents shall preside over the board and shall hereafter be referred to as the co-presidents. The co-president shall preside over all meetings and conduct all official organization business. The co-presidents will also be responsible to act as liaisons between the club and all external organizations with which the organization is involved. The co-presidents are also authorized to co-sign on checks.
2. Secretary: Shall handle administrative duties of the organization and act as the primary assistant to the co-president.
3. Financial Chair: Shall be in charge of the accounting of the organization and has primary responsibility of the handling of the monetary functions of the club as authorized by the co-presidents.
4. Regatta Chair: Shall be responsible for the coordination of transportation of all organization members and any pertinent equipment. Shall also be responsible for any regatta related tasks including but not limited to: registration, trailering, and housing.
5. Fundraising coordinator: Shall be responsible for the development and execution of all fundraising events meant to benefit both the organization and the local community at the approval of the board.

6. Clothing coordinator: Shall be responsible for ordering, inventory, and sales reporting of clothing and all other organization paraphernalia at the approval of the board.
7. Communications coordinator: Shall be responsible for the regular upkeep of the organization website within the guidelines of club sports and will be responsible for accurate reporting of general organization activities to the general public. Will also act as club historian and will have in their care any and all historical documents for the organization. Shall also be responsible for the alumni relations. Will need to keep an up to date alumni contact list and will be the main liaison between the club and the alumni.

ARTICLE V: REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Any officer that fails to fulfill their duties or has to take an extended leave of absence may be removed under the consensus of the organization's representing body.

ARTICLE VI: REPLACEMENT OF OFFICERS

Any officer that leaves at any point of their tenure in the organization will be replaced by a majority-voted candidate in the same form as the yearly elections.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1 – A regularly scheduled meeting shall be held at least once a week with additional meetings called by the co-presidents when the need arises.

Section 2 – A quorum shall consist of, at minimum, 50% of the organization's registered members.

Section 3 – A quorum shall be present in order to conduct official club business. This includes elections of representing board members and official announcements on dues payments as well as any other administrative duties that affect the majority of the organizations members.

Section 4 – The parliamentary authority shall be the current edition of *Robert's Rule of Order*, NR.

ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

The officers of the organization shall have the authority to create any committees, standing or special, that will further the purpose of the organization.

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ARTICLE X: FINANCES

Dues paid by all members of the organization will be determined by the officers at the beginning of each semester in observation to all responsibilities to the Milwaukee Rowing Club and any other external constituent necessary to account for.

ARTICLE XI: AFFILIATION

This organization shall be affiliated with the Milwaukee Rowing Club and shall abide by its constitution and by-laws in all cases where there is no conflict between their constitution and by-laws and this constitution and/or the rules, regulations, or policies of Marquette University. In instances of conflict, this constitution and/or the rules, regulations or policies of Marquette University shall take precedence over the constitution or by-laws of the Milwaukee Rowing Club.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – All amendments to this constitution require notice of one week prior to being discussed and voted upon.

Section 2 – All amendments require 2/3 vote of a quorum for adoption.

Section 3 – Amendments become effective only after approval by both the Office of Student Development and the Student Senate of the Marquette University Student Government (MUSG).

