

Constitution of Florida Fencing

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization is Florida Fencing. Florida Fencing will report to the Sport Clubs Office and Division of Recreational Sports at the University of Florida. Florida Fencing is hereafter referred to in this constitution and any bylaws as the Club.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The primary purpose of this organization is to provide fencing opportunities for members across a broad range of skill levels and experiences. The Club is a training ground for leadership, organizational development and teaching. The Club offers opportunities for both competitive and recreational fencing. This organization shall be not for profit or non-commercial in nature.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

The voting membership of the Club shall be limited to registered students of the University of Florida. Faculty, staff, faculty advisor, the spouses of members, and other students may be associate members. Associate members may not hold office or vote on matters concerning this organization. Members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution or harassment. All members must have a Sport Clubs Waiver on file with the Sport Clubs office (120 Southwest Recreation Center).

ARTICLE IV CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION

This organization, including all of its members, will not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, age, nationality, disability, or sexual orientation.

ARTICLE V FINANCE

The Club has no mandatory membership dues nor user's fee for on campus programs or services. Members who wish to compete or participate in off campus events may be required to join the governing body.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers The officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers must meet the University of Florida guidelines and requirements for student leadership position.

Section 2: Nominations Nominations shall be submitted at the first officers meeting in March. Any eligible voting member of the Club may make nominations.

Section 3: Elections Elections of new officers will take place at the last officers meeting of March. Any active club member can be nominated for any office. Members who are running for office must meet eligibility requirements of the Club and Sport Clubs. If an officer decides to step

down from office or the office is vacated, another officer will fill the position or new elections will be held, as decided by the remaining officers. Action must be taken within one month of the vacancy.

Section 3: Terms Officers assume their positions at the end of the Spring semester. Officers will retain their positions through the following Spring semester.

Section 4: Faculty Advisor The office of Faculty Advisor is to be selected by the Club. The faculty advisor should be one whose ideals are aligned with the organization's purpose and is willing to serve as a source of information and advice for the Club. The Faculty Advisor will support the Club members in fulfilling the purpose of the Club, be a resource, and represent the Club to the community and the University of Florida as needed.

Section 5: Roles of the Officers The President will be responsible for presiding over all meetings and act as the official representative of the Club. The Vice President will assist the President in all leadership duties. The Secretary maintains accurate records of all club activities. The Treasurer will be responsible for handling funds, whether collected or distributed for formal or informal events, as well as, maintaining accurate records of all financial transactions.

Section 6: Impeachment The impeachment of an officer can only occur when two-thirds of all the active members of the Club vote in approval.

ARTICLE VII AUTHORITY

This organization shall conform to the regulations prescribed by the Sport Clubs Handbook, Handbook of Student Activities, and the Student Guide and other laws and rules governing the University of Florida and its students. Hazing is, by all means, prohibited and not condoned by the organization.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Any active member of this organization may suggest amendments to this Constitution. Suggestions must be made in writing at a scheduled officers meeting and will be voted on at the next scheduled meeting. Amendments must be approved by two-thirds majority vote of the active membership.