

Michigan Men's Reserve Lacrosse Team Constitution

Preamble:

We, the members of the Michigan Men's Reserve Lacrosse Team, in order to play lacrosse in an enjoyable and somewhat competitive atmosphere, do hereby establish this constitution.

Article I: Name

The name of the organization will be Michigan Men's Reserve Lacrosse Team

Article II: Affiliation with other groups

The Michigan Men's Reserve Lacrosse Team is affiliated with the National College Lacrosse League (Also known as the NCLL)

Article III: Purpose, vision, mission, aims, functions of the organization.

Section 1. Purpose:

The Michigan Men's Reserve Lacrosse Team is established for the purpose of providing a fun atmosphere to play lacrosse in a somewhat competitive environment while at school.

Section 2. Mission:

Our mission is to create an on-campus community for fellow lacrosse players to feel welcome and be able to play the sport that they love and make some friends along the way.

Section 3. The Michigan Men's Reserve Lacrosse Team understands and is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities of abiding by the University of Michigan policies and procedures.

Article IV: Membership

Section 1. Active membership shall include:

Active membership shall be limited to persons officially connected with the University of Michigan as faculty, staff, or registered students. In addition, the following requirements are necessary to constitute active members: a) Payment in full of financial obligations as determined by The Michigan Men's Reserve Lacrosse Team. b) Attendance of at least 50% of all practices during a given semester. c) Upon joining the organization, all members agree not to undermine the purpose or mission of The Michigan Men's Reserve Lacrosse Team.

The Michigan Men's Reserve Lacrosse Team is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, height, weight, or veteran status in its membership or activities unless permitted by university policy for gender specific organizations.

Section 2: Joining the organization: Interested individuals may join the organization by attending a practice, requesting to be added to the listserv, or contacting a member. To be considered active, the individual must meet the requirements outlined in Article IV, Section 1.

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Section 3: A member may voluntarily withdraw from the organization by notifying the executive board of their desire to discontinue membership. Financial obligations previously paid to the organization will not be refunded.

Article V: Officers

The leadership for the Michigan Men's Reserve Lacrosse Team is structured as follows: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Communications Chair, Apparel Chair. The President is in charge of general oversight of the team meaning everything from organizing games and practices to ensuring each player has the necessary transportation and lodging for all off campus events and everything in between. The job of the Vice President is basically to assist the President with whatever is needed in team oversight, to learn the responsibilities and how things are done as well as possible, and be the second in command if the President is ever absent. The treasurer is in charge of collecting registration fees from all players, managing the teams finances and paying for whatever the executive board deems necessary (hotel rooms, gas, etc.). The communications chair is responsible for all contact with the university as far as reserving field time for games and practices and things of that nature, in addition to communicating all necessary information to the team in regular group emails and group messages. The apparel chair is in charge of communicating with lacrosse apparel vendors and creating apparel that will be available for the team, in addition to storing and distributing the apparel in whatever capacity is necessary.

Article VI: Advisor

The Michigan Men's Reserve Lacrosse Team does not have an advisor.

Article VII: Operations

Section 1. Voting Eligibility: Those members meeting all requirements of active membership as set forth in Article IV, Section 1 will be granted voting privileges.

Section 2: The selection process for leadership is as follows: the president steps down after their one year tenure (the president is usually a senior so this is usually just a result of graduation, however if the president were ever not a senior he would step down). The Vice President automatically becomes the President the following year of their vice presidency and the next Vice President is selected by a team vote that is run by the incoming President. In this vote anyone can nominate themselves and send in a campaign speech that will be distributed to the whole team to read prior to voting and then a blind vote is cast and whoever has the most votes becomes the next Vice President. For the rest of the leadership positions, members may submit a campaign speech as to why they would like to hold a certain leadership position to the incoming president, the incoming president will then evaluate each candidate with the leadership from the previous year and they will appoint the next leadership based on who they think will do the best job in each position.

Section 3: Practices will be structured on a week by week basis and organized by the executive board to work on whatever they deem necessary to improve the team's performance for the next game.

Article VIII: Finances

The Michigan Men's Reserve Lacrosse Team will finance their expenses through membership fees.

Article IX: Quorum

One-Half (1/2) of the active members must be present to constitute quorum for elections and official business that requires a vote.

Article X: Removal of Members and Officers**Section 1: Removal of Officers**

Any officer of The Michigan Men's Reserve Lacrosse Team in violation of The Michigan Men's Reserve Lacrosse Team's purpose, constitution, or who fails to fulfill their responsibilities as outlined in Article V, may be removed from office by the following process:

- a) A written request by at least three members of the organization.
- b) Written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to speak.
- c) A simple one-half (1/2) majority vote of eligible voting members is necessary to remove the officer.

Section 2: Removal of Membership

Any member of The Michigan Men's Reserve Lacrosse Team in violation of The Michigan Men's Reserve Lacrosse team's purpose, constitution, or who fails to meet the membership requirements as outlined in Article IV, may have their privileges as a member revoked through the following process:

- a) A written request by at least three members of the organization must be sent to the executive committee.
- b) Written notification to the member in question, asking the member to be present the next executive committee meeting and prepared to speak.
- c) A unanimous decision by the executive committee members to remove the member from the organization.

Article XI: Ratification

This constitution must be ratified by two-thirds of all active members to take effect and shall be reviewed every 3 years.

Article XII: Statement of Compliance

The Michigan Men's Reserve Lacrosse Team has read and agrees to fully comply with the University's policies. We understand that the organization's registration is contingent on acceptance of these policies.