

Bowlers & Batters of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Constitution and By-laws

Article I: Adoption and Enforcement of Constitution:

Section1: We, the members of the Bowlers & Batters of University of North Carolina (BOUNC) at Chapel Hill, have agreed to and have adopted this Constitution and its By-Laws, and do hereby establish an organization to be known as the Batters & Bowlers at UNC-Chapel Hill club, which shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the cricket community of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Section2: This Constitution shall be adopted and enforced immediately after approval from the Leadership group and the General body.

Section3: The legislative and administrative bodies of the Bowlers and Batters at UNC-Chapel Hill are:

General Body: Comprised of official registered members of the Bowlers and Batters of UNC-CH at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on heel-life.

Bowlers and Batters at UNC-Chapel Hill club Leadership Team: Members who are elected for leadership positions.

Elections, duties & responsibilities, and rules of operation of both the General Body and club Leadership team are described in this constitution.

Article II: Aims and Purpose:

Section1: The purpose of the club is to grow the sport of cricket here at chapel hill and serve the needs of the cricket community in accordance with the university rules and regulations.

Section2: The purpose of the club will be to best serve the cricket community here at chapel hill at large, so to this end, the goals of the club shall be:

1. To spread the sport of cricket throughout the university community, through events, programs, and many tons of cricket games.
2. To be a haven for good cricket being played within the spirit of cricket.
3. To establish a judgement-free, friendly culture around the cricket team and strengthen it as much as possible.
4. This list is not exhaustive and open to change.

Article III: Membership:

Section1: Membership of the club will be open to all UNC-CH students who can become affiliated via heel-life.

Section2: The organization abides by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Non-Discrimination Policy for Student Organizations, which states the following: (A)



Membership and participation in the organization must be open to all students without regard to age, color, disability, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Membership and participation in the organization must also be open without regard to sex, unless exempt under Title IX.

(B) Student organizations that select their members on the basis of commitment to a set of beliefs (e.g., religious or political beliefs) may limit membership and participation in the organization to students who, upon individual inquiry, affirm that they support the organization's goals and agree with its beliefs, so long as no student is excluded from membership or participation on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or, unless exempt under Title IX, sex.*

Article IV: Governance

Section 1: Only currently enrolled UNC-CH students can be active members with the right to vote and hold office.

Section 2: In the initial days of the Bowlers and Batters at UNC-Chapel Hill club, the leadership will only compose the President and Treasurer. After the club settles into a consistent schedule, the many leadership roles, such as the roles of captain and vice-captain will be handed out. These roles, however, are not exhaustive and may be expanded upon throughout the life of the club.

Section 3: Nominees for leadership positions must meet the following eligibility criteria on or before January 1 of the election year.

- A. Registered member of Bowlers and Batters at UNC-Chapel Hill club via heel life.
- B. Nominee must be of a competent and sound mind.
- C. Must have proof of residence within Chapel hill for at least a year.
- D. To be eligible for the presidency of BOUNC, a registered member must have been part of the leadership team for at least one year prior to the election.

Section 4: Terms of Office:

Members shall serve a one-year term that will end at the conclusion of each academic year.

Section 5: Leadership members cannot be expelled without due process as defined in the constitution and by-laws.

Section 6: To remove a member or officer, adequate written notice to that person (7 days minimum) is required before officially removing them from the organization. Due process must be allowed, including the right to speak on one's behalf and the right to an appeal.

- A. Day 1: The need for removal is identified, prompting the initiation of the carefully outlined procedure. The Leadership Group convenes to deliberate on the matter, ensuring thorough consideration of all pertinent factors.
- B. Day 2: Following the decision-making process, the identified member or officer is formally notified of the impending proceedings. They receive written notice



detailing the reasons for potential removal and providing a clear understanding of their rights in the process.

- C. Day 3: The member or officer under scrutiny is afforded the opportunity to address the Leadership Group. They are granted the right to present their perspective, provide explanations, and offer any relevant information or evidence in their defense.
- D. Day 4: The Leadership Group attentively listens to the statements and arguments presented by the individual in question, upholding the principles of transparency and impartiality. Every effort is made to ensure that all viewpoints are given due consideration.
- E. Day 5: Deliberations ensue as the Leadership Group weighs the evidence, deliberates on the presented arguments, and reflects on the implications of their decision.
- F. Day 6: Should the decision be made to proceed with the removal, the member or officer is informed of the outcome and provided with an opportunity to appeal.
- G. Day 7: The seven-day period culminates with the completion of the removal process, should no appeal be lodged or if the appeal is unsuccessful. The Leadership Group ensures that the proceedings have been conducted with integrity and respect for the rights of all involved parties, thereby upholding the organization's commitment to due process and fairness.

Article V: Meetings

Section 1:

- A. Meeting times for the General Body shall be announced before the beginning of the academic semester by the Leadership team both in the General Body meetings and via the listserv for BOUNC.
- B. The General Body may request regular or emergency meetings through the leadership board, which will then vote via simple majority.

Article VI: Elections

Section 1:

- A. Elections shall be held in the beginning of the next spring semester and will be announced via the listserv or GroupMe for the BOUNC.
- B. One week prior to the elections, a nomination form will be sent out to all consistent members, as highlighted in Article III, Section III, to recommend a specific assignment of a position for a specific individual.



- C. The Ballot shall include on it the names of all consistent members of the General Body.
- D. On the day of elections, each consistent member shall be given a ballot and vote for different leadership positions.
- E. The votes shall be tallied by a neutral third party with no interest in elections.
- F. The registered members with the highest vote totals shall be convened by the outgoing President. The new leadership members will decide amongst themselves on their officer positions.
- G. Results of the elections shall be announced via listserv and GroupMe.
- H. In the case of vacancies between elections:
 - a. The leadership team shall appoint, by simple majority, members who meet the requirements listed in Article III, Section III to fill the vacant offices. In the case of a tie, the President shall have the weight of two votes.
 - b. Such appointments shall be effective until the next scheduled election date. On such an election date, the consistent members shall elect new officers to fill the vacant office along with the rest of the offices of the leadership team.
 - c. In case of the resignation, departure, or dismissal of the President, the remaining leadership team shall elect a new president from the remaining members of the consistent members. The leadership team shall then appoint a registered member to take the place of the vacated office.
 - d. No more than one-half of the leadership team can be filled by appointment.
 - e. If one-half or more of leaderships positions become vacant during a term, (singularly or cumulatively), the leadership team will function as a “Care-Taker” board until an emergency election is held to fill the vacant positions within 60 days from the date of the last vacancy.
 - f. These emergency elections will be conducted in the same manner as standard elections, except in relation to their timeframe.
 - g. A “Care-Taker” Board shall retain the normal authority for the 60 days it is in place.

Article VII: Assets

Section 1: Any assets purchased or donated to the BOUNC shall be titled or registered to the BOUNC club.

Section 2: Restricted funds collected for a specific cause or purpose shall not be used for any other purpose without the explicit consent and approval of the original donor or designee.

Article VIII: Amendments

Section 1: The constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of active membership, provided the amendment has been submitted to members in writing at least one week prior to the business meeting.



Section 2: The leadership team may present its own proposed amendments to the constitution or By-laws of the Bowlers and Batters at UNC-Chapel Hill to the General body.

Article IX: Celebrations of world cups

Section 1: During the world cup season, if the world cup occurs during the normal Fall and/or Spring semesters, then there will be a “chill meeting” every week to watch, discuss, and analyze, and enjoy world cup cricket.

Article X: Injuries

Section 1: The Bowlers and Batters at UNC-Chapel Hill club hereby disclaims liability for any damages resulting from injuries incurred during club cricket games.



By-Laws

Article I: Members

Section 1: The Bowlers and Batters at UNC-Chapel Hill club and its members, both consistent and otherwise, shall follow, respect, and abide by the constitution and By-laws of the Bowlers and Batters at UNC-Chapel Hill club.

- A. Consistent members are those who participate in more than three cricket games a semester and will be given privileges such as the rights to vote for leadership positions, and those who participate in more than five games a semester for two semesters will be given the opportunity to run for leadership positions.
- B. Non-Consistent members shall be anyone who wishes to participate in less than three games a semester and are allowed the same freedoms that normal consistent members are except for rights to vote for leadership positions, or the right to run for such positions.

Article II: Governance and Officers

Section 1: All major officers of the organization must be full-time, registered students of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA. For graduate students, you must be a full-time, student activity fee paying student who is in good academic standing.

Section 2: The leadership team shall:

- A. Manage, direct, and coordinate all activities of the Bowlers and Batters at UNC-Chapel Hill club.
- B. Form Ad-Hoc committees.
- C. Manage funds, expenses, and functions of the club and report them to the general body.
- D. Establish and maintain through active involvement an efficient link between the Bowlers and Batters at UNC-Chapel Hill club and other organizations with similar goals within Chapel Hill or wherever possible.
- E. Preserve and maintain the cricketing culture here at UNC-Chapel Hill.
- F. Select a faculty advisor for the club among the faculty at UNC-CH.
 - a. The advisor must be a full-time faculty or staff member of UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC Hospitals, or an affiliated department; an emeritus UNC-Chapel Hill faculty or staff member; a UNC-CH retiree with affiliate status; or a campus minister. The advisor does not have the right to vote.

Section 3: Responsibilities of the President of the Bowlers and Batters at UNC-Chapel Hill shall be to:

- A. Oversee and coordinate the various events and games of the Bowlers and Batters at UNC-Chapel Hill.
- B. Maintain open communication by evaluating member feedback (suggestions and concerns) and assessing overall progress towards goals and vision of the organization through regular updates at weekly meetings.



- C. Represent, correspond, and speak on behalf of the organization in a professional and effective manner.
- D. Call for removal of an individual from leadership if they are not performing their duties adequately. In this case, the consistent members will decide by majority vote if resignation should be effective immediately.
- E. Call for the removal of leadership team members if not present for more than five weekly meetings consistently.

Section 4: Responsibilities of the Treasurer shall be to:

- A. Maintain all records of all financial transactions of the Bowlers and Batters at UNC-Chapel Hill club and prepare statements about their disbursements and release of funds to be presented to Consistent members.
- B. Report the status of financial affairs before the leadership team and consistent members.
- C. Coordinate expenditure of funds of Bowlers and Batters at UNC-Chapel Hill club with the leadership team.
- D. Present a financial report to the consistent members and leadership team at the beginning of each semester via email.

Article III: Meetings

Section 1:

Meeting code of the Bowlers and Batters at UNC-Chapel Hill club:

- A. General Body meetings should be held according to the guidelines stated in Article V section 1 (Part A and B).
- B. Cricket games shall occur at least two times a month, and ten times a semester.
- C. Leadership team meetings shall be held at least six times a year. The leadership team may schedule additional meetings as necessary.
- D. All meetings of the General body and the Bowlers and Batters at UNC-Chapel Hill club are open to all consistent members or otherwise.

Article IV: Finance

Section 1:

- A. All checks withdrawn on Bowlers and Batters at UNC-Chapel Hill club financial accounts must be signed by either the president or the treasure of the leadership team.
- B. Expenses may be authorized by the appropriate member of the leadership team and signed by either the president or treasurer of the Leadership team.
- C. Expenses above 50\$ must be approved by the leadership team.

We, the undersigned, acting as official representatives of the Cricket Community of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, hereby declare that on this day, the 22nd March,



2024, this document sets forth the formal organizational structure and Charter of the Bowlers and Batters at UNC-Chapel Hill club (BOUNC) and shall hence be considered the governing law of the CC of UNCCH.

