Constitution of the UNC-CH Racquetball Club

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# Article I – Name

UNC-CH Racquetball Club

# Article II – Affiliations

The UNC-CH Racquetball Club team is affiliated with the following organizations:

* The UNC-CH Sport Clubs Council

# Article III - Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of the UNC-CH Racquetball Club team is to provide students, faculty, and staff at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with the opportunity to continue playing racquetball at a recreational and competitive level. Objectives of this team include competing at a high level against other club teams locally, regionally, and nationally.

# Article IV - Membership and Participation

Active membership is open to all currently enrolled UNC-CH students with the right to vote and hold office.

The UNC-CH Racquetball Club team abides by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Non-Discrimination Policy for Student Organizations, which states the following: Membership and participation in the organization must be open to all students without regard to age, race, color, national origin, disability, religious status or historic religious affiliation, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Membership and participation in the organization must also be open without regard to gender, unless exempt under Title IX. 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 his or her age, race, color, national origin, disability, religious status or historic religious affiliation, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or, unless exempt under Title IX, gender.\*

To remove a member or officer, adequate written notice to that person (7 days minimum) is required before officially removing them from the UNC-CH Racquetball Club team. \*\*

All members of the UNC-CH Racquetball Club team must fulfill requirements set forth by the UNC-CH Sport Clubs Council including:

* Club members must fill out the Sport Clubs Participation Waiver.
* Club members must fill out the Medical and Emergency Contact Information Form.
* More than 50% of a club’s membership base must be currently enrolled students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
* Club members must have paid the Campus Recreation Membership in order to participate. Currently enrolled full-time students automatically hold a valid membership.

Members of the UNC-CH Racquetball Club team have the following rights and privileges:

* Each member of the team has the privilege of using the team equipment.
* Each member of the team may travel to collegiate competitions and compete with the team when eligible.
* While the team emphasizes and encourages attendance to practices, games, and tournaments, each member of the team has the right to choose to attend the events.

*\*Single Gender Organization Statement: Social fraternities and sororities are RSOs whose primary purpose is the personal development of their members, as distinguished from honorary, professional, departmental, and service fraternities. Some social fraternities and sororities are culturally- and/or community-based. Social fraternities and sororities may select members according to subjective criteria consistent with the University’s non-discrimination policies. Social fraternities and sororities are entitled to single-gender membership, provided they qualify under the provision of Section 86.14 of the regulations promulgated under Title IX of the U.S. Education Act of 1972, which require the organizations be exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. To be recognized as a fraternal organization through Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life, the organization must meet the definition outlined by Title IX and be affiliated with at least one of the currently recognized councils.*

*\*\*Due process must be allowed, as in the right to speak on one’s behalf, and right to an appeal.*

# Article V - Advisor

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.

For as long as the UNC-CH Racquetball Club team is a member of the UNC-CH Sport Clubs Council, the advisor will be the full-time staff member(s) in the Campus Recreation program that advise the UNC-CH Sport Clubs Council.

The minimum expectations of advisors are as follows:

* Maintaining regular contact with the organization
* Assisting the organization in abiding by UNC-Chapel Hill policies
* Assisting the organization in abiding by UNC-CH Sport Clubs Council policies and expectations
* Helping the organization to seek out and utilize available resources
* Being familiar with the goals and activities of the organization
* Providing support and guidance as needed

The minimum expectations of the organization include:

* Abiding by UNC-Chapel Hill's policies and guidelines and seeking out counsel when there is a question about the organization's programs or activities
* Abiding by UNC-CH Sport Clubs Council policies and guidelines and seeking out counsel when there is a question about the organization's programs or activities
* Consulting with the advisor as needed
* Updating the advisor regarding organizational activities
* Inviting the advisor to organizational functions

# Article VI – Coaches

The duties of coaches for the UNC-CH Racquetball Club team include:

* Complete a Coaches Agreement Form and submit it to the UNC-CH Sport Clubs Council.
* Complete the requirements, including a cleared background check, in order to become an official volunteer at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
* Restrict his/her involvement with the club to teaching and coaching in practice and competition.
* Must allow the student representation to serve as the liaison between the team and the UNC-CH Sport Clubs Council.
* Attend practices, games, and tournaments.
* Understand and accept the philosophies of the UNC-CH Sport Clubs Council and Campus Recreation and be aware that students have the right to terminate any non-contractual relationship.

# Article VII - Meetings

Team meetings are to be called based on the need to have all members of the team present if they cannot all attend practice. Team meetings can be held for any reason specific to the team. Attendance is not mandatory for meetings; however, attendance at meetings is encouraged. After all meetings, a meeting summary will be shared with all members of the team.

# Article VIII - Executive Board

All major officers of the organization are full-time, registered students of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

The officers of the UNC-CH Racquetball Club team include:

* Presidents
  + A minimum of one team member will be chosen by the team to attend the UNC-CH Sport Clubs Council meetings and relay any important information to the team. Presidents must also handle any paperwork and event logistics as well as ensure fulfillment of all policies and expectations of the UNC-CH Sport Clubs Council and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, unless these responsibilities are delegated to another officer.
* Treasurer
  + A minimum of one team member will be chosen to handle all financial transactions and recordkeeping, including expenditures and deposits. Membership fees will be handled by the treasurer and will be deposited to the team’s bank account. The Treasurer oversees the financial aspects of the club, managing all club expenses and profits, handling our BB&T account, keeping track of all receipts and checks, and attending meetings with Sports Clubs/Student Government to fulfill requirements for our funding. The Treasurer is also responsible for the budget management of the Tar Heel Classic Tournament.
* Coordinators
  + A minimum of one team member will be chosen to handle the organizing of service and social events. This includes organizing and planning team pictures (official team photo and candids), team social events, and service projects. Another responsibility of the coordinators is recruitment and development of the organization. This includes coordinating Fall Fest sign ups, organizing first practices after Fall Fest, creating and posting flyers, and finding opportunities for the club that align with Campus Rec's PLUS initiative.

Any vacancies that occur within this board will be handled by the President(s), who will appoint additional members to the board or re-delegate responsibilities to remaining responsibilities as needed.

# Article IX - Elections

All officers will be selected by members of the team. Members of the team may be nominated or volunteer for different positions. Nominations and volunteers will be taken at the end of the competitive season (spring semester). Officers will be decided by a vote of the team.

# Article X - Funds

All members are required to pay a membership fee of $50 at the beginning of the Fall semester. If a member joins in the Spring semester, or if they intend on only being a part of the team for a portion of the year, the club officers may offer a prorated rate for membership fees. All revenue taken in by the team will be deposited to the team’s bank account. Expenses for games, tournaments, and team equipment not covered by the team’s allocated funds from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill through the UNC-CH Sport Clubs Council will be paid using the funds from the team’s bank account. Occasionally there are additional expenses that members must pay out-of-pocket, such as purchasing of optional merchandise and buying their own racquet/other equipment.

# Article XI – Ratification

The constitution should be approved by the membership after their review.

# Article XII - Amendments

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.