

# Club Constitution for The Competitive Coding Club

## Article 1: Name

The club's official name will be "Competitive Computer Coding Club" and may be referred to as "C4". No other name will be used in the advertisement or representation of the club.

## Article 2: The Club's Purpose

(1) Purpose: The *Competitive Programming Club* exists to provide students with an opportunity to hone their problem-solving and coding skills in a collaborative and competitive environment. Through regular meetings, workshops, and contests, members are exposed to a variety of challenging algorithms and data structures. The club fosters a community of passionate coders who support and learn from one another, pushing each other to achieve their best. Whether a beginner looking to get started or an experienced programmer aiming to improve, the Competitive Programming Club offers resources and camaraderie for all levels.

(2) Strategy: The Competitive Programming Club will provide members with a platform to enhance their algorithmic thinking and programming prowess. Through hands-on coding sessions, algorithm discussions, and mock competitions, participants will delve deep into the world of competitive coding. The club aims to cultivate a culture of continuous learning, where every member is both a teacher and a student, sharing knowledge and seeking growth. By participating, members will not only prepare for renowned coding competitions but also develop skills that are invaluable in the tech industry. The Competitive Programming Club is committed to creating an inclusive environment where every coder, regardless of their experience level, can thrive and excel; and,

(3) Vision: To be a leading community in the realm of competitive programming, fostering innovation, collaboration, and excellence among its members. We envision a future where every member reaches their fullest potential in coding and problem-solving, contributing to the broader tech community and making a significant impact in the world of technology. Through our efforts, we aim to inspire the next generation of coders, ensuring that the spirit of competition and innovation continues to flourish.

## Article 3: Requirements for Membership

(1) The club's membership is open to all credit students at the Mount Royal University (MRU). The club's membership cannot be excluding any student or group of MRU credit students;

(2) Individuals other than credit-students may join as associate members. Associate members may not hold Signing Authority positions and may not vote on club business.

(3) The club may establish a membership fee by majority vote of the club Signing Authority. The fee for membership may not exceed \$100.

(4) The club will maintain an active record of all current members.

#### **Article 4: Club Signing Authorities**

There shall be Signing Authorities of the club.

(1) Collectively, the Signing Authorities will ensure that the club's activities do not violate the SAMRU and Mount Royal's policies and procedures, and municipal, provincial and federal regulations.

(2) There will not be less than 3 Signing Authority members at any one time that fulfill the following functions:

The *President* will:

1. Oversee the other members in the Signing Authority Role in fulfilling their responsibilities.
2. Chair all Signing Authority Committee meetings.
3. Hold shared responsibility for managing the club's relationship with SAMRU.
4. Hold one (1) vote in the Signing Authority Committee.
5. Hold signing authority for the club.
6. Prepare and submit any annual reporting required by SAMRU; and,
7. If absent, assign a Signing Authority Club Member signing authority with all the responsibilities of the President.

The *Vice President* will:

1. Aid the President in anyway needed.
2. Hold one (1) vote.
3. Hold signing authority for the club.
4. Chair all Signing Authority Committee meetings.

The *Vice President of Education* will:

1. Coordinate educational events.
2. Manage internal support of club members.
3. Hold one (1) vote.
4. Hold signing authority for the club.
5. Chair all Signing Authority Committee meetings.

(3) The term of office for Signing Authority is July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

(4) No Signing Authority shall receive payment for performing their duties on the Signing Authority Committee.

(5) Each year, prior to the end of March, the club will hold elections for Signing Authorities for the following academic year through the following process:

1. The club will accept self-nominations for each of its Signing Authority positions; members of the club may nominate themselves for Signing Authority positions by

informing the current Signing Authority of their candidacy prior to the last day of February.

2. On March 1st of each year, the club Signing Authorities will inform the membership of the candidates for each position, the date(s) and time for voting.
3. Signing Authorities will be elected by regular members of the club via secret ballot, with the candidate receiving the most votes elected to the position.
4. Unchallenged positions will be acclaimed without a vote.
5. In the event of a tie vote, a selection will be made between the tied candidates by the presiding *President*.

(6) Signing Authorities may resign their positions upon two weeks' notice to the other members of the Signing Authority Committee.

(7) Signing Authorities may be removed from office upon receipt of a petition signed by 50% plus one of the current club members.

(8) Vacant Signing Authority positions will be filled by by-election. By-elections will follow the same format as regular elections. The term for positions filled through by-elections will be from the end of the by-election until July 31.

## **Article 5: Finances**

- (1) The club will maintain an internal bank account with SAMRU.
- (2) The club will maintain a positive account balance. The club will only commit to expenses that can be paid with its current account balance.
- (3) The club will ensure that clear records are maintained for all financial transactions, including collection of membership fees, cash handling, fundraising, and payments.
- (4) Property held by the club will be stored in Wyckham House, and available to club members upon an approved request to any member of the Signing Authority Committee. Property of the club may only be disposed of upon written agreement from the current club signing authorities.

## **Article 6: Amendments to this Constitution**

- (1) Amendments to this constitution can be made by holding a general meeting per the below requirements:
  1. The club's membership will be given a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice of a general meeting.
  2. The notice of the general meeting must clearly outline the meeting agenda, including the specific wording of any proposed constitutional amendments.
  3. Quorum for the meeting is at least 25% of the current membership of the club.
  4. Constitutional amendments will be passed by simple majority of the members present, provided quorum is met.

## **Article 7: Dissolution of the Club**

- (1) The club may be dissolved by holding a general meeting as per the following requirements:
  5. The club's membership will be given a minimum of four (4) weeks' notice of a general meeting.
  6. The notice of the general meeting must clearly outline the meeting agenda, including the specific wording of any proposed constitutional amendments.
  7. Quorum for the meeting is at least 75% of the current membership of the club.
  8. The club may be dissolved by a motion of dissolution passed by 75% of the members present, provided quorum is met.
- (2) Upon dissolution, any property owned by the club will be donated to the Students' Association of Mount Royal University.