

RUNNING CLUB CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Running Club.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the Running Club is to bring together all of the WPI students who are interested in running and providing them with an environment that supports personal growth and feelings of camaraderie towards their teammates. Through regular practices and meetings, this club will create a social atmosphere that helps push members to be better in a helpful and constructive way. This atmosphere will also be conducive to the creation of new friendships. The Running Club will also provide members with the ability to share their passion for running with the rest of the WPI campus through events and fundraisers.

This organization will help enforce the mission of Worcester Polytechnic Institute by helping men and women push for their personal goals, by educating them in the areas of running and health, and by inspiring a spirit of camaraderie.

Article III. Membership

Membership to the Running Club is open to all WPI students. Those who may be considered active members are individuals who have attended at least 5 workouts per term, at least one meeting per academic term, and are members of the alias and Orgsync. Only those active members and the executive board are able to vote in matters concerning the club when a vote is deemed necessary by the executive board.

The Running Club will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, age, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, marital status or national origin. The organization ensures that its membership will not practice any physically or psychologically abusive hazing behaviors, either intentionally or unintentionally.

Members may discontinue their membership at any time. Members who are not active at any point in time, may become active upon the recommendation of the executive board or fulfill the requirements of an active member as stated above.

Article IV. Officers, Duties, and Requirements

The Running Club will be governed by an executive board which includes a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Captain. Any executive board member will be able to chair an ad-hoc committee as deemed necessary. All executive board members must be in good academic standing at all times during their tenure.

The President will be responsible for the overall supervision of the affairs of the Running Club, will call and preside over all executive board or general assembly meetings, and will work with the Treasurer to create the annual budget. The President will also be in charge of the coordination of events attended or held by the club.

The Vice President will be responsible for all internal affairs of the organization including performing the duties of President in the absence of the standing President and overseeing elections for the organization. The Vice President will also be required to record attendance during workouts and meetings and ensure that only those members who fulfill attendance requirements be granted active member privileges.

The Treasurer will be responsible for all fiscal responsibility connected with the Running Club. This individual will work closely with the executive board and Advisor to maintain a balanced budget and oversee all paperwork and transactions attached to the club. In addition, the Treasurer will organize all fundraising efforts and manage the expenditures to which those funds are used.

The Secretary will be responsible for keeping record of and distributing all meeting minutes, maintaining the club's alias, and posting material on the club's networks (Orgsync, Facebook group, etc).

The Captain will be responsible for designing all workouts for the Running Club and will make them available to all members no less than three days before the workout. The Captain will also appoint and oversee Run Leaders. These Run Leaders shall ensure the completion of all workouts done by each group. Groups shall be created by the Captain and will be based on skill level. Members may choose whichever group they would like to participate in.

Article V. Meetings

The Running Club shall hold 3 workouts per week that are open to all members. These workouts will be overseen by the Captain and his appointed Run Leaders.

In addition, there will be two general assembly meetings per term which will be called and presided over by the President. When voting is necessary during a meeting, at least two thirds of the organization's active members must be present.

Article VI. Elections and Officer Removal

Executive officer elections will take place once an academic year in B term through a democratic procedure in the form of a written ballot. To be eligible for an executive position, the candidate must be an active member for the preceding term or receive approval from the current executive board. The President shall not participate in the elections unless there is a tie. Should this occur, the President will act as the tie-breaker. These elections will be presided over by the Vice-President, or the President in the case of a conflict.

Any general member of the Running Club may remove themselves from the organization at any time. Additionally, any executive officer may resign from his or her position at any given time by submitting written notice to the remaining officers which will be effective immediately upon receipt of the notice. Removal from office may be due to the disinterest or resignation of the current officer. In this case, the remaining members of the executive board may hold a meeting to appoint an interim officer until an official election can be held to elect a new officer by majority vote. If removal is due to the officer failing to perform his or her duties to the club, a vote of two-thirds of the active membership is necessary to remove an individual from office.

Article VII. Judicial Action

The Running Club shall abide by all rules and policies of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The organization shall also accept the decisions of a Campus Hearing Board in dealing with charges brought against the organization should policies be violated.

Article VIII. Finances

The Running Club may obtain money through the Student Government Association and fundraising in order to subsidize its expenses.

Article IX. Advisor

The Advisor to the Running Club shall be a full-time WPI faculty or professional staff member. This Advisor shall attend general meetings at least once per term and meet periodically with the executive board to update and discuss issues concerning the Running Club. The Advisor will not have voting privileges within the organization.

Article X. Amendments

Amendments to this constitution must be made by a majority vote (two-thirds of the active membership). Any proposed amendments must be made public to all members at least two weeks prior to a vote. Any active member may propose an amendment to this constitution.

Article XI. SOC Enabling Clause

The Running Club agrees to abide by the policies of Worcester Polytechnic Institute as well as all federal, state and local laws. Any changes to this constitution and/or bylaws will follow, in word and spirit, all WPI policies and all federal, state and local laws.