

CMU Foosball Club

Constitution

Article I: Title

This organization shall be known as the CMU Foosball Club, in short CMUFoos, and was founded by CMU Drama Major Joe O'Neil and Self-Defined Major Derek Pendergrass in September of 2006

Article II: Purpose

The Purpose of the CMU Foosball Club is:

- To introduce and familiarize the community to foosball: the sport's teachings, practices, disciplines, rules, and capabilities as a non-contact alternative to individual or team-oriented athletic participation
- To enhance a member's foosball ability through continuous practice, study, and guidance
- To provide an organizing service to match players for general play
- To provide Tournament play to press players to strive for Epic Master status
- To encourage members to continue playing foosball after leaving the club or university, in friendly or competitive events, by providing the confidence and skills needed to enjoy and successfully participate in foosball

Article III: General Membership Standards

III.A: Admission Policy

- Members will be accepted by having 5 officially recorded matches with established members
- Undergraduate and Graduate Students, as well as Faculty and Staff are eligible for membership assuming all other requirements are met
- The CMU Foosball Club does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, handicap, religion, age or sexual orientation and the organization will abide by the CMU Statement of Assurance
- Membership in good standing is defined as any member who has been a member for at least one semester, and continues to attend at least half of the club meetings

III.B: Attendance Policy

- Members are required to come to at least half of the club meetings. Missing a meeting will be counted as an unexcused absence. Having more unexcused absences than attendances will result in expulsion.

- Issues of excused absences will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. In general the club recognizes classes or meetings as excused absences. If a member knows they will often have conflicts with the chosen meeting times, he/she should contact the Executive Committee.
- Expulsions will take place at the end of each semester based on the previous semester's unexcused absences.
- At the beginning of each new semester all absences will be reset to zero

Article IV: Officers and Duties

IV.A: Qualifications For Election

- Officers must be members in good standing

IV.B: President:

The President is the executive head of the club. Thus, the President's responsibilities include:

- Calling and Chairing Executive Committee meetings
- Appointing special committees
- Acting as representative of the club to all other organizations and university officials

IV.C Treasurer:

- The Treasurer will carry out the financial duties of the organization
- The Treasurer will approve expenditures of less than \$50, while Executive Board (described in V.A) approval is required for expenditures greater than \$50
- The Treasurer will maintain the financial information for the organization
- The Treasurer will be responsible for the purchase and maintenance of all of the organization's properties
- The Treasurer may not delegate his responsibilities pertaining to the group's funds without permission of the President

IV.D Faculty Advisor:

- The Faculty Advisor will assist the rest of the Executive Board with financial and management planning to help insure the existence of the club for the future
- The Faculty Advisor will act as liaison to the University in areas where the President is unfit to perform

IV.D Additional Officers

- To add officer positions, a 2/3-majority vote must be passed by the Executive Committee to accept the new positions. Officers in newly created positions cannot vote on new positions until the next Executive meeting.

Article V: Governing Bodies

V.A The Executive Committee

- The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the organization
- Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote
- The Executive Committee shall meet whenever deemed necessary, and shall ensure the proper running of the group

V.B The General Membership

- Every member in good standing is a member of the General Membership
- Every member of the General Membership gets one vote
- The General Membership shall vote on elections, impeachments, amendments and other significant issues

Article VI: Elections and Terms of Office

VI.A Election Dates

- Elections for new officers will occur at the start of the Spring Semester whenever a position needs filled, or as deemed necessary due to an unforeseen absence.

VI.B Election Procedure

- Nominations for officers will be taken at any time between the announcement of the election, till 24 hours before the election is to be held
- The announcement of the election date must come at least 2 weeks in advance of the election
- Voting for the election shall be by secret ballot
- In the case of a tie, the Faculty Advisor will give the deciding vote.

VI.C Term Limits

- There are No Term Limits

VI.D Transition Period

- The Spring Semester will act as a learning period for the new officers. During this period, the existing officers continue to remain in office, with the newly elected officers assisting them and taking over responsibilities as the semester moves forward.

Article VII: Impeachment

VII.A Calling an Impeachment Hearing

- Agreement of at least 50 % of the General Membership shall be required to call an impeachment hearing
- The hearing shall be held at a specially called meeting
- The Executive Board must set the date of the meeting, giving at least one weeks notice to the club and the accused officer

VII.B Procedure of the Hearing

- The hearing shall be chaired by the President, unless he is being accused in which case the Faculty Advisor will preside over the hearing
- The accused officer shall have the right to speak in his or her defense at the hearing

VII.C Vote Required for Impeachment

- A three-fourths vote of the General Membership shall be required to remove the accused officer from office
- In the case of a tie, the President shall give the deciding vote, unless he/she is being accused in which case the Faculty Advisor will give the deciding vote.

Article VIII: Conduct of Business

VIII.A Meeting Policy

- Club meetings will occur at least twice a month, based on a day and time set by the Executive Committee
- Executive meetings will be held as the Executive Board feels necessary

VIII.B Quorum

- A Quorum for amendment or impeachment hearings shall be 2/3 of the General Membership as well as the full executive board

VIII.C Tournament

- In order for a tournament trip to be funded by the club, a Tournament Trip form must be submitted to the Executive Board for approval and fund disbursement.

Article IX: Amendments

IX.A Advance notice

- Notice of a proposed amendment to the constitution must be given at least two weeks before the General Membership shall vote on it

IX.B Procedure of the Hearing

- The hearing shall be chaired by the President

IX.C Vote Required for Amendments

- A three-fourths vote of the General Membership shall be required to amend the constitution
- In the case of a tie, the President shall give the deciding vote