

The Constitution of the Utah State Wrestling Club

Article I: Compliance

All club business, actions, decisions, members and rhetoric shall be in line and in compliance with all standards and protocols as outlined in the most recent edition of the USU Club Sports manual and shall not at any time contradict them.

Article II: Name of the Organization

The name of this organization shall be (The) Utah State Wrestling Club. It may be abbreviated to (The) USU Wrestling Club

Article III: Mission Statement

Our Mission is to allow USU students to continue their passion for wrestling at the university club level in a safe and positive environment that promotes leadership, brotherhood, and safety.

Article IV: Membership and Requirements

- I. Anyone deemed eligible by current USU Club participation standards may join the team, as outlined in Club sports manual
- II. Members must complete any and all trainings, paperwork as required by USU Campus rec, or as dictated by their position
- III. Members must pay dues prior to competing in formal events and within one month of joining the organization
- IV. Members will become familiar with any and all sections deemed pertinent to their organizational role within the club sports manual.

Article VI :Code of Conduct

- I. As representatives of Utah State University all members of the Utah State Wrestling club are expected to uphold the highest standards of respect towards all people including

- teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, any and all staff of any venue, and anyone else who they may come in contact with.
- II. Sportsmanship is of highest priority and any member of the wrestling club who exhibits unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to disciplinary actions including verbal warning, probation of team participation, or suspension from the team.
 - III. It is a privilege to be able to represent Utah State as a club and therefore it is of utmost importance that all procedures of Utah State Recreation be followed as outlined in the most current version of the Utah State Club Sports Manual. Any refusal to comply with policies and procedures according to the Utah State Wrestling Club or the Utah State's Club Sports program will result in disciplinary actions from both the club and Utah State recreation.
 - IV. The safety of our student athletes is the highest priority. Wrestling is a higher risk sport but any unnecessary unsafe actions are unacceptable. All wrestlers are required to follow all safety guidelines as outlined in this constitution and follow all instructions given by coaches or those leading practice or competitions.
 - V. The main purpose of Utah State University is one of higher education and thus the main priority of all student athletes will be their academics. No wrestling event or responsibility will ever come before that of academics.
 - VI. This club is not a division 1 NCAA team. The purpose of the Utah State Wrestling Club is to give students the opportunity to continue their enjoyment of the sport of wrestling including giving the opportunity to student athletes to improve through competition but recognizes that due to the nature of the lives of the student athletes, they are not expected to have the same level of commitment as a division I athlete.

Article VII: Officers

- I. As per 501C3 requirements the club shall have a: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety/Travel officer
- II. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Safety/Travel may be referred to as Senior officers
- III. Additional positions may be created or disbanded at the discretion of the Officer Corps based on the needs of the team and shall be known as: Junior officers
- IV. Officers are to make decisions that uphold the club's core values of integrity, sportsmanship and responsibility.

- V. The creation of additional positions or support roles does not relinquish the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Safety Officer from maintaining ultimate responsibility over their obligated roles.
- VI. Senior officers preside over general areas of club operations, such as retention/recruiting, events/fundraising. Junior officers serve under Senior officers to aid them in the areas in which they preside.
- VII. Students who serve as managers and support staff are considered officers

Article VIII: Duties of Officers

General duties are as outlined in the manual, more specific team duties are as follows.

At anytime either the president or the vice president of the club should be a representative of either the girls or boys team (ie. one boy's team representative, one girl's team representative).

President: The president of the club is in charge of maintaining focus on the mission and main goals of the Utah State Wrestling Club. The President does NOT have more authority or power than any of the other officers but instead has the role of promoting teamwork and coordination across the responsibilities of the other officers. The president oversees the club as a whole and their respective boy's or girl's team and works in conjunction with the vice president to support them in their role for the opposite gender's respective team.

Duties of the President of the Utah State Wrestling Club include all duties as outlined in the most recent version of the Utah State's Club Sports Manual as well as the following;

- I. Having a knowledge of all events and activities being done by the club and overseeing the successful execution of such events.
- II. Helping out in any scenario where one or more of the officers may be overburdened.
- III. Proper communication with representatives of Utah State Recreation.
- IV. Oversee proper use of funds, equipment, and that all procedures are followed.
- V. Scheduling and leading all officer meetings.
- VI. Overseeing the nomination and selection of new officers as well as making sure those officers get the proper training.

- VII. Seeing that all things done are in accordance with the mission statement and purpose of the Utah State Wrestling Club
- VIII. Organizing and scheduling competitions as well as communications with staff and coaches of other teams.

Vice President: The vice president of the club is in charge of supporting the president in all aspects of their responsibilities over the club as a whole. The vice president also holds the same responsibilities that the president holds over the club as a whole but instead of their respective boy's or girl's team (depending on who is president and vice president).

Secretary: The secretary acts as a team statistician, historian, compliance officer, record keeper and marketer: As such the Secretary is responsible for the following

- I. Keeping 501c3 compliant meeting minutes
- II. Keeping all teams records on a digital file and if applicable printing information at end of each season, and as needed, for storage in a well organized team records binder.
- III. Maintaining Team and individual stats and records
- IV. Ensuring Compliance with USU marketing and Rec department policy
- V. Maintaining team webpage and social media pages (if applicable)
- VI. Supporting other positions as needed

Safety/Travel Officer: The travel and safety officer acts as the team travel agent and ensures the team is compliant with any and all safety guidelines. Duties of the Safety/ Travel officer is as follows

- I. Be certified in CPR/First Aid/AED procedures

- II. Reporting any and all injuries that occur during team activities to the athletic training office within 24 hours or the next working day
- III. Submitting travel rosters to competitive sports coordinator including room and vehicle assignments along with A numbers of everyone travelling
- IV. Complete all training required by travel specialists and competitive sports coordinator and train those who will be succeeding you.

Treasurer: The Treasurer is responsible for the financial obligations of the club

- I. No purchases shall be made without the consent and permission of the Treasurer
- II. The Treasurer will be responsible for ensuring the completion and collection of any funds from wrestlers, including fundraisers, fees, and merchandise purchases
- III. The Treasurer will be in charge of spearheading fundraising events when necessary
- IV. The Treasurer (working closely with the Safety/Travel officer when necessary) will be responsible for the financing of wrestling events on and off campus
- V. Must be ready and capable of training a successor

Article IX: Officer requirements

- I. Candidates must be in good standing with the school and be enrolled as a student at Utah State University
- II. Must be an exemplary member of the club on and off the mat
- III. Officer trainees must be nominated by a current officer and ratified by the club

Article X: Succession of Officers

- I. New leaders are nominated by the leadership corps as leaders leave the program, nominees can accept or reject their nomination. If a nominee accepts a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote from the other members it will ratify them and they will become a trainee, for example;
 - A. Secretary Doe is graduating in 2 semesters and the officers nominate Smith, who accepts. Smith is now the Secretary Trainee and Doe is the Secretary Actual.
When Doe graduates, Smith takes over .
 - B. Trainees are considered Junior officers or deputies and as such do not vote with the officer corp unless a tie occurs.
- II. An emergency appointment can be made if an officer abruptly leaves the program

Article XI: Advisors and coaches

- I. Advisors: Advisors are full-time USU employees or other personnel approved by Campus recreation that help ensure participant safety by attending practices, competitions and team events. Advisors also ensure that anti-hazing, and safety policy is enforced by club officers and that practice procedure remains safe. An advisor may also serve a coach and aid officers if they so choose, or by the request of the team.
- II. Coaches: Coaches are persons brought in by the officers to help instruct the team and help maintain safety in practice, official coaches need to attend team practices and events while volunteer coaches are present when available.

Article XII: Meetings

- I. Meetings will be held at a frequency that is appropriate for the club at any given time.
The Club President is in charge of determining the best times to meet and what needs to be talked about but incorporates opinions of all officers.
- II. It is recommended that meetings are held at the very least once a month during the off season and summer and at least every two weeks in season. It is recommended that officers meet more often in preparation for larger events or any other reason that may necessitate. Meetings may be held in person or via video call.
- III. All meetings should be built on mutual respect for all officers and no one officer's opinions or views should be more important than any other's. No officers should speak over each other. All should listen carefully as others are talking. The spirit of respect should prevail.

Article XIII: Amendment

- I. Amendments to the constitution will be passed by the officers with $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote as needed to ensure smooth operations of the club.