

Constitution of the Southeast Missouri State Equestrian Club

Preamble

We the people of the Southeast Missouri State University Equestrian Club of Southeast Missouri State University, in order to form a more perfect organization, establish success, insure learning, provide for hands-on animal experience, promote a better horsemanship, and secure the Blessings of this club to ourselves and students after us, do ordain and establish this constitution for the Equestrian Club of Southeast Missouri State University.

Article I: Membership

Section One:

The equestrian club is open to any qualifying students of Southeast Missouri State with an interest in the equine world. We will not discriminate against race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, religion, disabilities, or veterans.

Section Two:

To claim to be an active member in the club the student must:

- Pay all club dues on the specific date set my committee members
- Attend at least 2/3 of all meetings (unless excused by president)
- Actively participate in at least 2/3 of the fundraisers per year

Article II: Officers

Section one: The elected officers will be as follows: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section two: The term of office is two semesters. If a student wants to keep his or her position as an officer it must be voted upon at election time.

Section three: One person cannot fill two officer positions and there has to be at least four officers at all times.

Section four: Officers will be held responsible to maintain all books and documentation on the club.

Section five: If an officer is not fulfilling their duties they can be impeached. Three fourths of the officers and the active club members have to agree to impeach the officer.

Article III: Elections

Section one: Elections shall take place on the second to last meeting of the spring semester. It will be the job of the elected officers from then on to take over the club and fulfill their duties as listed in Article IV. The new officers will receive all the documentation from the previous officers.

Section two: To run for a position in the club, the student must be an active club member. Elections shall be by majority vote, with the candidate with the majority vote for each position being the elected official of that specific position.

Section three: If the officer gives up their position in office, a new special election must occur to replace the officer.

Section four: Candidates for president must have previously held an office for one term (two semesters). In an instance when this requirement cannot be met, candidates must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the active members.

Article IV: Duties of the Officers

Section one: The president has to be present at all club meetings and is responsible for all the club's activities. The president may call special meetings. The president must set up events and provide activities for the club to participate in. The president also has to register the club every year to gain grant money.

Section two: The vice president must assist the president whenever possible. In the event of the president's absence, the vice president will be in charge of the club.

Section three: The secretary will be in charge of keeping the time during all meetings. The secretary is also in charge of documenting everything that happens during each meeting and club activity and emailing the members about news and upcoming meeting and activity dates and times.

Section four: The treasurer will be responsible for collecting dues, submitting budget requests, and issuing the clubs funds appropriately. The treasurer will have to keep a permanent record of all the clubs funds.

Article V: Meetings

Section one: The president will call the meetings, having at least one meeting per month, with majority vote determining the best meeting times.

Section two: The officers may call special meetings when necessary.

Section three: All members present may make the voting decisions for that meeting.

Article VI: Fees

Section one: Dues will generally be \$30 per academic year, but the officers can change the dues as needed, as long as fees do not exceed \$45.

Section two: Fees for trips are to be set by the officers, depending on the club's cost for the trip.

Article VII: Anti-Hazing

Section one: Hazing for the purpose of pledging, initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for maintaining membership in a group, organization, or team, is NOT allowed. Hazing is defined as any intentional, knowing or reckless act, whether on or off campus, which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of any person, regardless of consent, or which violates public law or University policy. Hazing includes, but is not limited to a) any physical brutality such as whipping, beating, striking, paddling, branding, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity; b) any physical activity such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects a student to risk of harm, or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of a student; c) any activity involving consumption of food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, drug, or substance that subjects a student to risk of harm, or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of a student; d) any activity that intimidates or threatens a student with ostracism, subjects a student to extreme mental stress, shame or humiliation, or adversely affects the mental health or dignity of a student, or that may reasonably be expected to cause a student to leave the organization or institution rather than submit to acts described above; and e) any activity in which a person solicits, plans, encourages, directs, aids, or attempts to aid another in hazing or intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly permits hazing to occur and/or knowingly fails to report the incident.

Section two: Hazing is inconsistent with Missouri laws/statutes, University policies, the Student Code of Conduct, and fraternal/organizational laws. This student organization and its members agree to abide by the anti-hazing policy required of all student organizations at Southeast Missouri State University.

Article VIII: Amendments

Amendments may be added to the constitution with the approval of 3/4 of the officers and 2/3 of the active members.

*The Southeast Missouri State Equestrian club's constitution was written on February 26, 2009
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