

Constitution of Intercollegiate Eventing at NC State

Article I: **Name**

Section I: The name of this organization shall be Intercollegiate Eventing at NC State, also known as Wolfpack Eventing.

Section II: The team shall be registered as Intercollegiate Eventing Team with United States Eventing Association (USEA), the governing body of all sanctioned events in the United States.

Article II: **Purpose**

Section I: The purpose of this organization shall be:

- 1) To function as an eventing team and participate in intercollegiate eventing sanctioned horse trials;
- 2) To promote, foster, and encourage equestrian activities and education.
- 3) Compete in USEA events.

Article III: **Membership, Dues, and Non-Discrimination Policy**

Section I: Membership in this organization shall be open to all North Carolina State University students, faculty, and alumni and free from any restriction based on race, sex, color, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation. Students are full voting members; other persons joining will be associate members.

Section II: Full members are those persons considered by North Carolina State University to be full-time students (graduates and undergraduates) with full voting rights. Only undergraduates carrying at least 12 hours and a GPA of 2.0 or higher will be eligible for intercollegiate competitions.

Section III: Associate members may participate in all activities other than voting, holding an elective office, and competing in intercollegiate competitions.

Section IV: Membership is maintained by the payment of dues of \$115 a semester for competing members, \$75 for non-competing members, or \$100 for alumni and other, attendance at 50% of activities, and other requirements established by the executive committee.

Section V: Members competing in mounted events must participate in activities as determined by the executive committee. Members competing in intercollegiate events must be current members of USEA.

Section VI: Members with a GPA under 2.0 will be put on probation, during which the member will not be able to vote on any decisions nor compete in competitions, but may make suggestions. If the member fails to receive a 2.0 the next consecutive semester, he/she will no longer be a member of Eventing at NC State. However, if the member does receive a GPA of 2.0 or higher for the following semester, voting rights will resume and he/she will become a full member.

Section VII: Members owing fees or show fees to Intercollegiate Eventing at NC State will have no voice in voting on any decisions, nor be able to compete in intercollegiate eventing sanctioned activities until a zero balance is resumed. However, he/she may make suggestions.

Section VIII: If a member desires to resign from Intercollegiate Eventing at NC State during the semester, he/she must contact EC and will not be given a refund for that semester's dues. If he/she elect to resign between semesters, must still contact EC to be removed from the roster.

Section IX: Special meetings of Intercollegiate Eventing at NC State may be called by the executive committee. The secretary shall notify members, via e-mail, stating the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

Section X: A membership roll showing the list of members as of record date, certified by the secretary of the eventing team, will be produced at any meeting of members. Only those members appearing on such membership roll shall be entitled to vote at the meeting.

Article IV: Officers

Section I: The officers of the organizations shall consist of a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer. These members will constitute the executive committee.

Section II: Duties and Powers

- a) The duties of the president shall be to preside at all team and executive meetings, to call special meetings, to appoint committees, and to promote team spirit.
- b) The duties of the vice president shall be to perform all duties of the president in his/her absence, to be the liaison between the president and the committees, and to promote team spirit.
- c) The duties of the secretary shall be to keep permanent, accurate records of the minutes and proceedings for the organization and to keep attendance at all events.

- d) The duties of the treasurer shall be to keep complete and accurate records of all monetary transactions and to collect the dues. The treasurer must disperse fund money in accordance with the regulations of NC State University
- e) If an officer can no longer fulfill their duties, that officer can be replaced by a new one appointed at the discretion of the executive committee for the remainder of the academic year. An officer is replaced if all the other officers and the faculty advisor agree to replace that officer.

Section III: Election of Officers

- a) The officers shall be elected at the next to last regular meeting of the academic year, or a Guidance Committee appointed by the executive committee will be appointed to provide leadership until officers are elected.
- b) Nominees must be: (1) members in good standing, (2) an active member the preceding semester, (3) committed to being a full-time student, and (4) available for the entire academic year of appointment.
- c) Nominees for the position of president must have held office the previous academic year.
- d) Voting shall be by ballot or show of hands, as decided by the executive committee.
- e) A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for election.
- f) Officers must be present at elections unless they provide an excuse approved by the advisor

Article V: **Executive Committee**

Section I: The executive committee will meet as needed outside of meetings to discuss business

Section II: Powers of the Executive Committee

- a) The executive committee has the power to make policy.
- b) The executive committee determines active membership and benefits received by members.
- c) The executive committee has the right to determine and enforce penalties given to members.
- d) A member given a penalty may appeal by appearing before the executive committee at a prearranged time and state their case.
- e) The executive committee has the power to determine the outcome of the appeal. A simple majority vote of the executive committee decides the state of the appeal. If a tie is reached, the faculty advisor may break the tie.
- f) The executive committee has the right to appoint standing committees and positions as needed.

Article VI: Duties of Faculty Advisor

Section I: Faculty advisor should oversee and support the organization.

Section II: The faculty advisor must be a full-time NC State University employee.

Section III: The faculty advisor shall encourage and promote equestrian activities, and support the officers and members.

Article VII: Team Coach

Section I: The selection of the competitive team coach will be done by the executive committee.

Section II: The team coach may be different at each competition and change based on the wants and needs of the members of Intercollegiate Eventing at NC State.

Article VIII: Meetings

Section I: Intercollegiate Eventing at NC State shall meet biweekly unless deemed unnecessary by EC, excluding official North Carolina State University holiday vacations.

Section II: Students are expected to attend all meetings. See Article III, Section VII for more details.

Section III: The executive committee has the right to call extra meetings.

Article IX: Quorum

Section I: To constitute a quorum to transact business requires 2/3 of the voting membership.

Article X: Amendments

Section I: Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to EC and read at a regular meeting and shall be acted upon at the following meeting.

Section II: This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of 2/3 of those voting members present at the meeting.

Article XI: Dissolution of Organization

Section I: If the organization ceases to exist, remaining funds shall be donated to a charity of EC's choice at the time.

Section II: If debts exist, remaining members are responsible for covering all costs by splitting the remaining costs among members evenly.