

CONSTITUTION
OF
LANDER UNIVERSITY RUGBY CLUB

I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Lander University Rugby Club (LURC).

II. PURPOSES

1. The primary purpose of this organization is to enhance the overall educational experience while at Lander University.
2. The secondary purpose of this organization shall be to support the principles of club rugby which is leadership, thinking for oneself, honor, discipline, humility, fair play, camaraderie, and team work.

III. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is open to anyone subject to the conditions below.
2. Only full-time, undergraduate students in good standing and with a GPA 2.0 may compete in matches. The USARFU, the governing body of United States collegiate rugby, has a five-year eligibility rule, that is, students, playing rugby in a competition leading to a national championship must be undergraduates working towards a first bachelor's degree and have first enrolled at any college or university (including junior or community colleges) within 5 years before the beginning of the competition. Any alien who is a full-time student may play for his/her college or university and is subject to the same regulations as any other student.
3. No persons shall be denied membership due to sex, race, color, creed, religion, or handicapping condition.

4. To be recognized as a *full member* of the LURFC a student must:

- Be enrolled in the current year's USARFU Club and Individual Participation program (CIPP)
- Attend club organized training on a regular basis
- Participate in club fund raising campaigns
- Pay club dues

5. To be recognized as a *social member* of the LURFC someone must:

- Be a student, faculty, or staff member of Lander University
- Attend club organized training on a regular basis
- Participated in club fund raising campaigns
- Pay club dues

4. The membership of a player may only be revoked by a 2/3 vote of the club members present at an officially scheduled meeting. Substantial reasoning for such removal must be documented.

IV. OFFICERS AND DUTIES

The Officers of the club shall be elected by the members of the club at the annual meeting. The annual meeting will be held at the end of the spring season. Any member of the club in good academic and club standing is eligible to hold office. In order to be elected to any office, a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required. Elected officers and the coach(es) comprise the Executive Board. All officers who have served a full term shall be eligible for re-election to the same office. A member of the executive board may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the executive board. Any vacancy in office shall be filled by a special election held at the meeting at which the announcement of the vacancy is made. The executive board will hold an administrative meeting at least every two weeks.

The positions are as follows:

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

TREASURER

SECRETARY

SOCIAL DIRECTOR

EQUIPMENT MANAGER

PUBLIC RELATIONS LIASON

ALUMNI COORDINATOR

1. The PRESIDENT shall preside at all meetings of the Club, conduct official business on behalf of the club and see that the actions of the club adhere to the tenets as set forth in this constitution. The PRESIDENT shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of the club and shall ensure representation at all Palmetto Rugby Union meetings. The PRESIDENT oversees the activities of all the other members of the executive committee.
2. The VICE PRESIDENT shall be responsible for initiating recruiting of club membership. The VICE PRESIDENT shall also assist the PRESIDENT in day-to-day management of the club.
3. The TREASURER ensures that clubs pays all of their dues including, CIPP registration, Territory dues, Local Area Union dues, Referee dues. The TREASURER is responsible for collecting dues from club members and organizing fundraising activities.
4. The SECRETARY is responsible for corresponding with match secretaries of other clubs and scheduling matches. The SECRETARY will ensure that the team has directions and a cell phone contact for away games or that directions and a cell phone number has been sent to the visiting team. The SECRETARY will complete the official "Roster Form" before each league game and carry all the club members CIPP information to every game home and away.
5. The SOCIAL CHAIRMAN shall be responsible for arranging for meaningful exchange with visiting teams and for promoting a spirit of sportsmanship and hospitality within the club and the union.

6. The EQUIPMENT MANAGER ensures that the home field is maintained for practices and matches. This may be accomplished by appointing a field committee. The EQUIPMENT MANGER also ensures that equipment (jerseys, balls, cones, water, and pads) are at each practice and game.
7. The PUBLIC RELATIONS LIASON ensures that LURFC is involved in university and community projects that highlight the positive impact of an organization like the LURFC.
8. The ALUMNI COORDINATOR is responsible for maintaining a communication link between the club and former players/members of LURFC.

V. MEETINGS

1. The Club plays two seasons a year
 - a. The fall season lasts from mid-September to mid-November.
 - b. The spring season lasts from the mid-January to the beginning of May.
2. Practices will occur at a time determined by the executive committee.
3. There are regularly scheduled Saturday games throughout both seasons.
4. Attendance at practices is required of all Club members, with potential conflicts with academic and work schedules taken into consideration.
5. Failure of attendance to regularly scheduled practice is subject to disciplinary action from the executive committee.

VI. AFFILIATIONS

The Lander University Rugby Football Club is affiliated with the Palmetto Rugby Football Union, the USA Rugby South Territory, United States of America Rugby Football Union, and the International Rugby Board.

VII. AMENDMENTS

The Constitution of the Lander University R.F.C. may be amended at any officially scheduled meeting of the club when the following conditions are met:

- It is passed by a 2/3 vote of all voting members
- Prior written notice of the amendment has been mailed to each member in advance.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS POLICIES

1. Participation of Members

The club will make every effort to play each member of the club each weekend of scheduled matches. Players may be expected to play more than one game if that is what is required to ensure that all members who attend a match are given the opportunity to play.

2. Club Dues

The executive board shall set the amount of dues required for membership for each season. Dues will go toward paying for union dues, CIPP membership and match and tournament fees. If any money remains, it will be used to help defer transportation costs for away games. There will normally be two seasons, spring and fall, per calendar year. Any person who has not met the financial obligations set forth below shall not be considered a member in good standing. Good standing members shall be the only voting members. Dues shall be paid before the first regularly scheduled match of the season. If an individual is not able to meet this requirement, arrangements may be made with the President. Individuals who wish to join the club after the first match must pay their dues in full before they will be considered a club member.

3. Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages

The policy of the club shall always be to comply with state law. Members under the legal drinking age who consume alcoholic beverages may be asked to relinquish their membership. The club does not condone the abuse of alcohol or its consumption in an irresponsible manner by any club member.

4. Dangerous, Irresponsible or Illegal Activities

Dangerous, irresponsible or illegal activities in conjunction with scheduled club functions will not be tolerated. Members who engage in such activities will be asked to relinquish their membership.

5. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Lander University R.C. runs concurrent with the school year from August 1 through July 31.