

Fencing Club
July 3, 2007

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this organization shall be “Fencing Club.”

ARTICLE II – Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide its members opportunities to train, practice and compete in the sport of fencing, and to promote the sport of fencing within the UIC community.

ARTICLE III – Membership Requirements

- Section 1. Membership is limited to UIC students, faculty and staff.
- Section 2. All requirements must meet the Board of Trustees’ policies regarding nondiscrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex or national origin.
- Section 3. Eligibility Requirements of New Members:
Any UIC student, faculty or staff member who is interested in the sport of fencing is eligible to join the club for the first time simply by filling out an application form. In the case a previously expelled member who is reapplying for club membership, unanimous approval by the club officers is required.
- Section 4. Expulsion of Members:
Any member may be expelled from the club for one year by a majority vote (50% +1) of club members present at a general meeting. At least two weeks notice, from a club officer via email to all members, is required prior to an expulsion vote at a general meeting. Possible reasons for expulsion: endangering the safety of others by inappropriately handling the fencing weapon; repeated poor sportsmanship according to standard fencing practices; disrespecting the authority of tournament referees, and abusing an officer’s power and privilege.

ARTICLE IV – Officers

- Section 1. This organization shall have three officers; these officers are:
(a) President; (b) Vice President, and (c) Treasurer.
Faculty, staff or alumni may not be officers.
- Section 2. Qualifications of Officers:
Any member may be elected to become an officer of this club.
- Section 3. Terms of Office:
Each officer shall serve for a term of one year, beginning in the Fall Semester.
- Section 4. Duties of Officers:
The president calls and presides over general meetings, and serves as the main contact person for the club. The vice president maintains a list of

members and fulfills the duties of president when the president is unable to do so. The treasurer keeps financial records for the club.

Section 5. Provisions for Removal of Officers:

Officers may only be removed by being expelled from the club (see Article II, Section 4).

Section 6. Legitimate Transfer of Power:

If an officer resigns, the remaining officers may appoint a temporary replacement until the beginning of the next semester when an election for that position will be held.

ARTICLE V – Elections

Section 1. Election of officers shall be held at the end of the Spring Semester.

Section 2. Any member may vote in the officer elections, by secret ballot. Members may only vote in person – no proxy votes are to be accepted.

Section 3. At least two weeks notice, from the club president via email to all members, is required prior to the officer election. If an appointment of an officer is made to replace one who is resigning (see Article IV, Section 6), the president should notify all members by email at least two weeks before the appointment becomes official.

ARTICLE VI – Meetings

Section 1. Regular club meetings shall be held at the discretion of the president.

Section 2. Special club meetings may be called by any officer, with two weeks prior notice to all members via email.

Section 3. A quorum shall consist of a majority (50%+1) of club members, and is required for meetings called for the special purpose of expelling members.

ARTICLE VII – Advisor

Section 1. The club advisor shall be a full-time faculty or staff member at UIC.

ARTICLE VIII – Committees

This topic is not addressed.

ARTICLE IX – Dues

The Fencing Club has no dues.

ARTICLE X – Handling of Funds

Section 1. The club's on-campus COF account will be managed primarily by the club Treasurer.

- Section 2. The registration form will indicate to university staff which officers are authorized to sign what types of documents concerning funds.
- Section 3. All monies collected on campus, with the exception of dues, must be deposited into the club's COF account.

ARTICLE XI – Amendments and Revisions

- Section 1. This constitution may be amended or revised at any time when approved by the membership.
- Section 2. Approval of 3/4 majority of all members attending a special session is required for any changes to this constitution.
- Section 3. The president is responsible for initiating the creation and distribution of a new or revised constitution.