

UT CANOE & HIKING CLUB
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

The name of this club shall be the UT CANOE AND HIKING CLUB.

ARTICLE II

This club is organized:

- A. To provide interested students, staff and faculty members an opportunity to participate in wilderness sports such as canoeing, hiking, rock climbing, kayaking, skiing, caving, and other appropriate activities.
- B. To provide frequent outings for the members.

C. To promote and support the conservation of natural resources and the preservation of our wilderness heritage.

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~~ARTICLE III~~

~~Membership must be compatible with those limitations made for the sports clubs and published in the Sport Clubs Officer Handbook.~~

ARTICLE ~~III~~IV

- A. Officers of the club shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Community Service Representative, and one or more faculty advisors. These officers shall constitute the executive council of the club.
- B. Officers of the UT Canoe & Hiking Club shall remain in office for a period of one year.
- C. Officers shall be elected during the spring semester and take office at the beginning of the fall term.
- D. Officers shall be eligible for re-election at the end of their term as long as they remain eligible for voting membership in the club.
- E. Business meetings must be held at least once monthly, but the meeting of the executive council shall fulfill this requirement.
- F. To gain office, other than faculty advisor, a candidate must receive a simple majority of the votes cast.

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ARTICLE ~~IV~~^V

- A. The time of the regular meetings shall be set by the executive council or at a regular meeting of the club. This provision will then be inserted into the by-laws of the club.

- B. Special meetings of the club may be called by the president, two or more members of the executive council, or by petition of 20% of the active membership.

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ARTICLE ~~V~~^{VI} Amendments

Amendments can be made to the constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present at any scheduled meeting of the club, provided the amendment has been read and discussed at a previous meeting of the club.

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ARTICLE ~~VI~~^{VII} Membership

Membership shall be of two types: full member and advisor. Full membership shall be awarded to those who are students, staff and/or faculty at the University of Tennessee and their spouses when their dues are paid. Full members shall have voting rights in all elections and votes and be privileged to participate in all club activities for which they are qualified. Faculty advisors shall consist of those members of the university staff who have been asked to serve as faculty advisors. Faculty advisors shall have all the rights and privileges of full members, except they cannot hold another office. ~~At all times membership must be compatible with the requirements specified by the Sports Clubs Office.~~ Membership is open to all students, and faculty/staff members where appropriate, regardless race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental disability, or covered veteran status.

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ARTICLE ~~VII~~^{VIII} Dues

SECTION I Full Members

Dues for the club are \$50.00 per academic calendar year for full members and \$35.00 for a single semester of the university's academic calendar for university students, faculty, and staff.

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SECTION II Officers

Active officers will be exempt from paying dues. This exemption is in no way to be considered a reward for being an officer, and must never be offered in an attempt to recruit new officers. The exemption exists to offset the significant time commitments and financial strain that come with being an officer. (e.g. Paying upfront for various club expenses and buying gas for other drivers.) ~~In order to fulfill the official membership requirements outlined by UT Sport Clubs officers will pay dues of \$1.00 per academic year.~~

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ARTICLE ~~VIII~~X Powers and Duties of Officers

SECTION I President

The president shall preside over the regular meetings of the club, appoint committees and members to committees, represent the club to outside organizations, act as a liaison with the ~~Sport Clubs Office and the University of Tennessee Outdoor Program, University,~~ and oversee the general affairs of the club to ensure that the assembly's wishes are carried out.

SECTION II Vice-President

The vice-president shall assist the president in all of his/her duties and take major responsibility for those duties delegated to him/her by the president. The vice-president will chair the activities committee, be responsible for the scheduling of group activities and social functions and be responsible for scheduling programs. In the absence or incapacitation of the president, the vice-president will assume all of the duties and responsibilities of the president's office.

SECTION III Secretary

The secretary shall keep a record of the business transacted at the meetings of the _____ club and in meetings of the executive council. The secretary shall be responsible _____ for ~~ec~~ommunications with the ~~University Sports Clubs Office~~ and other correspondence that _____ may be requested by the club or members of the executive council. The _____ secretary will have major ~~r~~esponsibility for the publication of programs and with _____ treasurer, for the maintenance of the ~~m~~embership list. ~~At least once each year the _____ secretary will present the Sport Clubs Office and the Director of Recreation with a _____ summary of the club's activities.~~

SECTION IV Treasurer

The treasurer shall oversee the financial matters of the club, collect dues, and assist the secretary in maintaining a list of the club members. The treasurer shall be responsible for preparing the club budget and should be prepared at each meeting to give a report on the financial standing of the club.

SECTION V Community Service Representative

The Community Service Representative for the club will be responsible for any community related activities that the club is involved in. This will include public services, volunteer activities and raising awareness for the club and its activities for recruitment of those eligible for membership.

SECTION VI Faculty Advisor(s)

~~Faculty Advisor(s) of the club must meet the requirements for faculty advisors, _____ specified by the Sports Clubs Office.~~ Faculty advisors shall be nominated by the _____ executive council and submitted to the club for approval. The faculty advisors _____ will offer counsel to the club and assist in the activities of the club.

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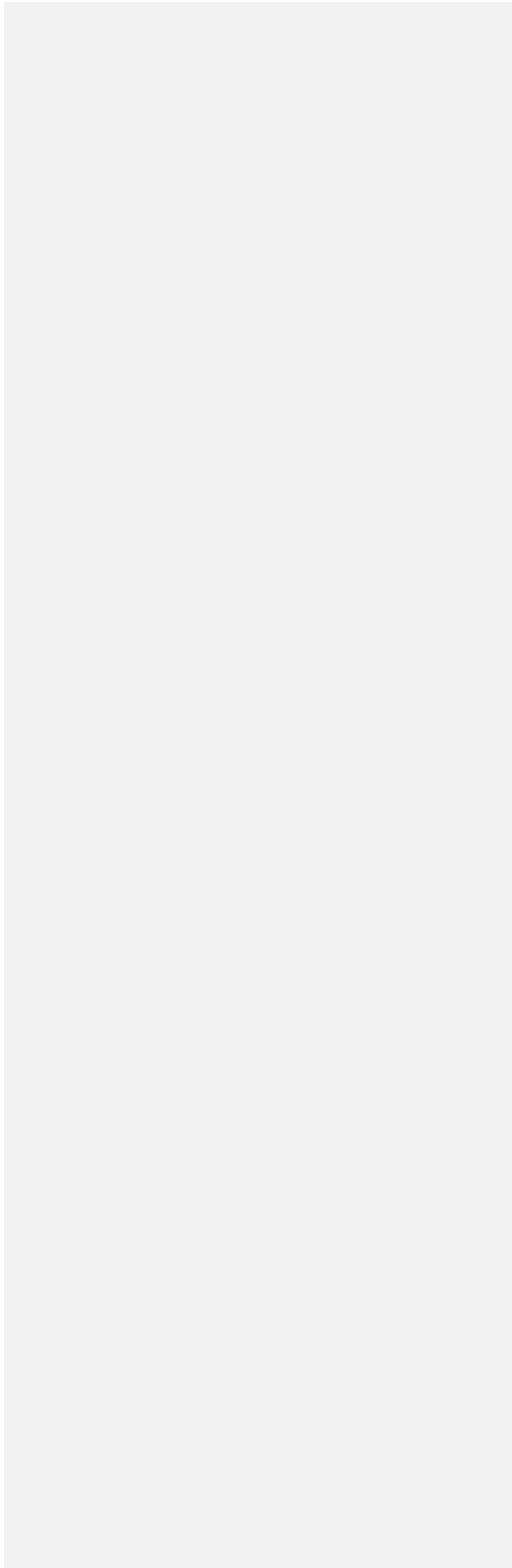
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ARTICLE ~~IXX~~ Committees

The executive committee shall be composed of the officers named in Article ~~IVII~~. The executive committee can spend club funds in amounts not to exceed \$50.00. In addition, the executive council can carry out such business as must go on between the regular meetings of the club. Other committees may be appointed by the president to carry out the business and desires of the club.

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ARTICLE ~~XXI~~ Parliamentary Authority

For matters not specifically mentioned by the constitution and by-laws Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure shall be the ruling authority for this club.

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ARTICLE ~~XIXII~~ Meetings

Every Wednesday that classes are held, the club shall meet at 6:30 p.m. in the evening. Special meetings may be called by the president or as provided under Article ~~VIV~~.

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ARTICLE ~~XIIXIII~~ Rules for Equipment Use

Rules for equipment use that have been accepted and approved by the club shall be considered a part of the by-laws and can be changed or modified by the same procedures.

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ARTICLE ~~XIIIXIV~~ Nonofficial Trips

In order to promote outdoor activity by club members, the club may elect to fund trips not conducted by the club. At the discretion of the executive council, the club may choose to reimburse members for costs involved with accessing the outdoors on their own private trips.

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ARTICLE ~~XIVXV~~ Amendments of the By-Laws

The by-laws may be amended by majority vote of the members present at any regularly scheduled meeting of the club.

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ARTICLE ~~XVXVI~~ Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the organization, any funds on hand and all club equipment will be donated to Ijams Nature Center.

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~~Club Constitutions~~

~~RISK MANAGEMENT: ARTICLE REQUIREMENTS~~

~~1. Documentation and Training~~

~~1. At least two club members must be certified in First Aid, Adult CPR, and AED.~~

- ~~2. All accidents and incidents will be reported to the Sport Clubs staff within two business days of the occurrence. Club Officers will complete a report (injury/incident) and submit it to the Sport Clubs office.~~
- ~~3. Each club member will complete a release form. These release forms will be turned in to the Sport Clubs office where they will be put on file.~~
- ~~4. The University of Tennessee does not provide insurance for club members.~~
- ~~5. All visiting clubs and non-student club volunteers must complete waivers before participating in club events.~~

~~2. Facilities and Equipment~~

- ~~1. Facility hazards will be communicated to the Sport Clubs office immediately. Hazards will either be corrected immediately or cautioned off until repair is complete.~~

~~3. General/Club Specific:~~

- ~~1. Include safety management statements. Example: water sports/lifeguard on duty, etc.~~
- ~~2. Include weather issues. State under what conditions practices and events will be postponed/cancelled.~~
- ~~3. Include national/league membership policies related to risk management.~~
- ~~4. Participation of students in hazing activities is prohibited. Hazing is defined as an intentional or reckless act by a club member or group of members, which is directed against any student, which endangers his/her mental or physical health or safety.~~

~~4. Emergency Plan~~

- ~~1. First Aid kits are available to members to check from the Sports Club office and are required at all club events off campus~~
- ~~2. Clubs should carry with them the "In Case of Emergency" card at all club functions~~
- ~~3. At least two members should carry cell phones while at club functions~~
- ~~4. All members should look out for potentially hazardous situations and take precautions to keep all members safe~~

All club members must abide by these risk management policies.