

Constitution

EMU Ultimate Club

Eastern Mennonite University

Club Purpose: To organize and promote Ultimate on the EMU campus.

Guiding principles:

1. **Spirit:** This has been a central part of Ultimate since its founding. It is defined by the following:

"Spirit of the Game. Ultimate relies upon a spirit of sportsmanship that places the responsibility for fair play on the player. Highly competitive play is encouraged, but never at the expense of mutual respect among competitors, adherence to the agreed upon rules, or the basic joy of play. Protection of these vital elements serves to eliminate unsportsmanlike conduct from the Ultimate field. Such actions as taunting opposing players, dangerous aggression, belligerent intimidation, intentional infractions, or other 'win-at-all-costs' behavior are contrary to the Spirit of the Game and must be avoided by all players."

All players are encouraged to conduct themselves with spirit in mind.
2. **Stewardship:** This pertains most directly to the care of fields and EMU property. Specifically not playing on fields when they might be damaged by overuse or while overly wet.
3. **Openness:** EMU Ultimate will strive to be inclusive of all people wishing to play Ultimate. Players of all abilities and genders are encouraged to play and should be welcomed by all.
4. **EMU Ultimate abides by Eastern Mennonite University's non-discrimination clause:** EMU does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or any legally protected status in any of its school administered programs.

Advisor and vice-captains

A three person student team of vice-captains will work with our staff/faculty advisor to help organize play and work with budget. This team consists of two returning students and at least one first year student. They volunteer and then are confirmed by a majority of members. The two returning students will be confirmed in the end of the spring semester for the following school year, and the first year will need to be confirmed in the beginning of the fall semester. Or in the case of a vice-captain decides to step down, they may be replaced mid-year.

Budget

The staff/faculty advisor will work with the vice-captains on submitting an annual budget request. These funds will be used for equipment and to aid in encouraging Ultimate on campus. All finances will be handled by the staff/faculty advisor and vice-captains and any expenditures must be approved by the staff/faculty advisor.

Organized play

We anticipate organizing three games a week: two organized under the rules setup by USA Ultimate 11th Edition and one for more relaxed play. We also hope to facilitate students joining in on local tournaments.

Ratification

This constitution can be ratified by a proposal being put forward by the advisor and vice-captains and being voted on by all members. Any member can pass along feedback, suggestions, and things that they want to change to the faculty/staff advisor or vice-captains.