

Constitution Badminton Club Eastern Mennonite University

Article I – Name

The Name of this group will be Badminton Club.

Article II – Purpose

The Badminton Club was founded in order to serve the following purposes:

- A. To explore the art of badminton.
- B. To learn the game of badminton.
- C. To play badminton with others who are interested.
- D. To exercise by playing badminton.
- E. To have time to socialize and have friendly competitions.
- F. To prepare for Badminton recreational and intramural sports competitions.
- G. To work with intramural sports and EMU student events.
- H. To have fun!

Article III – Membership

- A. Any undergraduate or graduate student studying at Eastern Mennonite University is welcome to join the Badminton club. No experience is needed, but interest is encouraged.
- B. In order to become an official member, one must attend at least 2 gatherings.
- C. Members are allowed to choose their opponent(s) when playing as long as the opposing opponent(s) agrees. Unless it is tournament day, where a staircase tournament method might be used.
- D. Negative sportsmanship, bullying, exclusion, discrimination, and other unacceptable actions towards others will not be tolerated. A warning is given and if the action persists, the member will be removed and reported if need be. The removed member can appeal the decision by writing a letter of appeal and presenting it in front of the members of the Badminton Club. Voting by club members will be held in order to accept or reject the appeal.
- E. Badminton Club 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.

Article IV – Officers

- A. President or Co-Presidents
 - a. The role of the president is to maintain and plan club events and gatherings. They are responsible for reaching out to club members if advisors are not available.
- B. Vice President
 - a. The role of the vice president is to assist the president in planning club events and gatherings. They are also responsible for leading club meetings in the absence of the president(s).
- C. Advisors
 - a. The role of the advisors is to assist the president and vice president in communication and exposing the club to the public including club socials and events. They are also responsible for calling meetings for elections.
- D. To become an advisor or president, one must apply to and present a short speech/statement to the club members before the election period.

- E. In the case of unexpected vacancies for co-presidents the club members can nominate or the president will.
- F. If a member has a problem with or complaint about a president, they should contact the advisor(s) who will call a meeting for discussion with the club members.
- G. Officer term ranges from 1 to 4 years. If the events described in part F occur, an officer's term might be cut short.

Article V – Elections

- A. Officers are to be elected by club members.
- B. Elections will be held annually, during the spring (around April)
- C. Members may nominate a member, a member can apply to become an officer, or the current officers can appoint during unexpected vacancies.
- D. Any member of the badminton club can run for a position. If elected, they must be actively involved in the club.
- E. The voting system during an election will be determined by the majority.
- F. Nomination and elections will be announced via a social media platform chat and/or email, about a month in advance.

Article VI – Meetings

- A. Gatherings would be based on gym availability; our goal is to meet twice a week.
- B. Members will be notified about meetings and gatherings through email and/or a GroupMe chat.
- C. Organizational decisions will be made by the officers. The final decision will be presented to the club members, and members may refute the decision.
- D. All club members are eligible to vote. The votes will be determined by a majority vote.
- E. During gatherings, members will set up badminton courts at courts B and C to play badminton.
- F. Members have the option of learning to play badminton or simply playing badminton with others.
 - a. Lessons will be given to learn the rules and gameplay of badminton by the officers, or other volunteers among the club members.

Article VII – Finances

- A. The badminton club will operate by borrowing equipment from Recreational Sports and intramurals, so finances will not be needed.
- B. The badminton club will submit a budget request to SGA for badminton equipment as needed.
- C. Financial records will be kept by the officers, mainly the president.
- D. If needed, the vice president will be responsible for developing the budget.
- E. Dues will not be required for membership in the badminton club.
- F. Advisors are responsible for the collection and distribution of funds.
- G. Expenditures are authorized by officers.

Article VIII – Advisor

The club advisor's role in the badminton club is to facilitate club activities and assist with space reservation and equipment. This person is selected by the officers.

Article IX – Committees

There are no committees in the badminton club.

Article X – Affiliations

The badminton club has no affiliation with any other organization.

Article XI – Amendments

The constitutional amendments can be rewritten by officers. Once a new constitution is proposed and presented to the members of the badminton club, a majority of the club members must accept it in order for the new constitutional amendment to pass.

Article XII – Ratification

This constitution will be approved by the members of the badminton club in a simple majority vote.

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