

# **Clarion University Cross Country, Track and Field Club Bylaws**

## ARTICLE 1.-NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the **Clarion University Cross Country, Track and Field Club** (CUXCTFC).

## ARTICLE 2.- PURPOSE

The CUXCTFC is being formed to give male and female students at Clarion University the opportunity to be a part of a community that will support them in their athletic pursuits. We believe that this club will be a valuable addition to the recognized student organizations, providing a number of previously unavailable benefits.

This group will provide a supportive environment for both competitive and casual individuals who may not otherwise have the chance to participate in collegiate athletics. Whether members are looking to improve on their personal bests or simply increase their physical fitness, the CUXCTFC will give them group support in their endeavors. The club will also give students a constructive outlet for their free time, and teach them discipline that can carry over from the workouts to daily life. Finally, a training regime is much more effective when there are others to keep you accountable. The CUXCTFC will give participants this support and enable them to reach their fitness goals.

The purpose of the CUXCTFC is to improve either individual performance or physical condition in a manner that is satisfactory to individual members.

In the future, once the club has gained a reputation, it may also serve the secondary purpose of increasing Clarion's appeal for prospective students.

## ARTICLE 3.- MEMBERSHIP

### **Section 1.**

The following qualifications are needed to join the Club.

1. The Student must have a 2.0 G.P.A. This is so individuals can show they can balance curricular and extracurricular activities evenly.

2. The club is open to freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors.
3. There are no Major recommendations.
4. Members have to attend at least one meeting per week of club meetings.
5. You have to be a current student of Clarion University to join.

## **Section 2.**

There will be no Membership fees required to join the club.

**Section 3.** States conditions which members may be dismissed.

Members of the Club will be dismissed under the following conditions.

1. Underage drinking/substance abuse or drinking related reprimands.
2. Cheating or other disciplinary actions taken by the University/Police.
3. Excessive absences from meetings.
4. Failure to maintain 2.0 G.P.A.

## ARTICLE 4.- DUTIES AND ELECTIONS OF THE OFFICERS.

### **Section 1.**

President - Oversees club activities/acts as main representative to University and community.

Vice President- Assists President and oversees regulation of membership.

Treasurer- Keeps track of the Club's funds.

Secretary- In charge of roll and record keeping of individuals.

### **Section 2.**

Officers will initially be elected at the first meeting following club approval. Subsequent elections will be held the first meeting in April to establish leadership for the following year. Candidates will be nominated (requiring two motions to get on the ballot) and then an anonymous ballot will be distributed to decide each position by a majority vote.

## ARTICLE 5.-ROLE OF CAMPUS ADVISOR.

### **Section 1.**

The advisor shall be selected by the members of the club prior to its inception. At any time it becomes necessary for a new advisor to be selected, the current officers of the club will assemble a list of nominations (1 each) to be voted upon in an anonymous ballot by the entire club. The

advisor will act as a constant authority figure to insure that the club rules are followed, and provide advice as they see fit.

## **Section 2.**

It will be the advisor's prerogative to exercise discretion with regards to the behavior of club members and the proper functioning of the officers. In the case of blatant abuse of membership by members or officers, the advisor may remove the offending party from the club.

## ARTICLE 6.- MEETINGS

### **Section 1.**

Each week, one general meeting will be held to discuss any administrative, logistic, and general club matters. This will be mandatory for all members. Exact times for the meeting will be established after the club is approved, and at the beginning of each new semester. A practice schedule will also be decided at this time.

### **Section 2.**

Each meeting requires a minimum of 10 members in order to fulfill the quorum.

### **Section 3.**

Simple majority will rule in all voting practices conducted.

### **Section 4.**

Meetings will begin with roll call by the secretary to account for attendance. This will be followed with a general report by the club president and a statement of accounts by the treasurer. The floor will then be open for any members to voice their ideas and concerns. The meeting will then be adjourned by the president.

### **Section 5.**

Special meetings can be called by any member, though their request must first go through the officers, who will proceed to notify the club body through an e-mail.

## ARTICLE 7.-FINANCES AND FUNDING.

### **Section 1.**

There will not be any dues required of members.

## **Section 2.**

Funding from student senate will be sought to help defray the costs incurred through meet fees, transportation, and other logistical expenditures directly relating to attending sporting competitions.

## **Section 3.**

The club will seek funding from student senate, so it will not be entirely self-supporting, however fundraisers will be established to offset the aforementioned costs. Tentative ideas include hosting races and/or meets in and around Clarion, carwashes, raffles, and bake sales.

## ARTICLE 8.-AMENDING, SUSPENDING, AND ACCEPTING.

This article will discuss how the Bylaws can be changed. It will define what vote of the organization's membership is needed in order to change the Bylaws. This article should also define all conditions under which the Bylaws can be changed.

### **Section 1.**

The bylaws are subject to change under the following conditions:

- When a circumstance arises that is not addressed by the current bylaws.
- If it becomes apparent that the current articles do not adequately address matters that arise during club activity.

In order for the bylaws to be reformed, the amendment must be presented at a weekly meeting and receive a 2/3 majority vote of the total membership at that time. All changes to the Bylaws must then be approved by the Student Senate, the Vice President of Student Affairs, and the President of Clarion University.

## ARTICLE 9.-RATIFICATION.

### **Section 1.**

These Bylaws, and its amendments, shall become effective upon ratification by the members of the Clarion University Cross Country, Track and Field Club and following the approval of the Student Senate of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, the vice president for student & university affairs, and the president of Clarion University.