

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE CAPOEIRA CLUB CONSTITUTION

Article I

Name: The name of this organization shall be the Middlebury College Capoeira Club.

Article II

Purpose:

- To teach Capoeira (Brazilian dance/martial art) and all it entails (learning the music, dance, Portuguese, etc.) to those willing to learn
- To bring awareness of Capoeira to the Middlebury community
- To raise the physical fitness of all those who participate
- To hold Capoeira performances and workshops

Article III

Membership: Membership is open to students, faculty, and staff.

Article IV

Officers:

President(s): The President is the leader of the Middlebury College Capoeira Club and is responsible for calling all meetings and practices. The President will also run the meetings and practices, or appoint one of the other members to run the meetings in his or her absence. In addition, the President will work together with the Social Coordinator on planning, trips and other club activities.

Social Coordinator(s): The Social Coordinator is responsible for planning all trips, in conjunction with the President(s). In addition, the Social Coordinator is responsible for seeking potential guest speakers and performers, as well as planning and arranging for the use of space on campus for these above mentioned events.

Secretary: The Secretary is responsible for recording decisions made and actions taken during all board meetings and general meetings (this does not include practices). In addition, the Secretary is responsible for recording minutes and distributing them to all board members and other members of the Club.

Treasurer: The Treasurer acts as a liaison to the Finance committee. He/She is responsible for managing all of the funds allotted to the Middlebury College Capoeira Club by the SGA Finance Committee. In addition, the Treasurer is responsible for submitting requests for all purchases and expenses. He or she is also responsible for submitting a yearly budget request to the SGA Finance Committee.

Article V

Elections: Candidates can nominate themselves or be nominated by other members of the Club. The President or selected chair will run the elections, which will occur in the month of March, no later than March 15. A quorum must be present and must consist of more than half of the active members of the Club. An active member is defined as a member who has participated in no less than ½ of all events and meetings (practices are not included). To be elected, a nominee must receive a simple majority.

Article VI

Meetings:

1. Board Meetings will occur no less than once a month. All board members must be present, or notify the President(s) of his or her absence.
2. General meetings will occur as needed. General meetings will be open to all members of the student body, staff or faculty.
3. Practices will occur no less than once a week.

Article VII

Committees:

No standing committees exist currently. However, the President(s) reserves the power to appoint temporary committees as the need arises.

Article VIII

Faculty/Staff Adviser:

The membership agrees to maintain an adviser from the faculty or staff, as required.

Article IX

Affiliations:

No standing affiliations exist currently. However, the board reserves the power to make the decision if needed in the future.

Article X

Discrimination Policy:

This student organization operates in full accordance with Chapter Four, Section II, A of the Middlebury College Handbook concerning Student Organization Policies of Discrimination, Freedom of Association, Anti-Hazing, Freedom of Inquiry and Expression, Student Publication, Funding, Advertising, and Scheduling. Any and all changes made to the Student Organization Policies section of the Middlebury College Handbook will immediately become policies adopted by the Middlebury College Capoeira Club.

Article XI

Ratification:

- A. The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- B. The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

Article XII

Amendment:

- A. The constitution must be amended by a two-thirds majority of the membership
- B. The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

Approved as to Form: April 3, 2001

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