

Middlebury Equestrian Constitution

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be the Middlebury Equestrians.

Article II Purpose

- A. To promote the understanding and appreciation of horses.
- B. To develop and improve one's riding abilities through instructional lessons.
- C. To ride in organized groups, creating a sense of community.
- D. To compete in equestrian events. Not all riders are required to compete. The team can change its coach at any time by a two-thirds vote with approval of the Captains(s).

Article III Membership

Membership is open to all Middlebury College students at any level of riding. Riders can choose whether or not they wish to compete on the Intercollegiate Horse Show Circuit. Competition is not the goal of this organization, and membership of the club will not be contingent on riding ability. Voting membership is defined by the people who participate in the weekly group team lessons.

Article IV Offices

The group will be administered by an elected board of Middlebury College students including a Captain or Captains, a Treasurer, and a Dressage Coordinator. The Captain(s) shall be responsible for coordinating the club lessons and shows, as well as any other administrative duties. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the club finances and be the liaison with the SGA Finance Committee. The Dressage Coordinator shall organize the dressage showing.

Article V Elections

Due to SGA Finance Committee Guidelines, all elections must be completed by March 15th. Elections will be held on an annual basis. Term of office shall be one year. A quorum shall be two-thirds majority of the members present for the elections. To be elected, a candidate must receive a simple majority of votes. Should an officer become unable to complete his/her term, an election will be held to re-fill the position.

Article VI Meetings

Meetings shall occur weekly or as needed. Meetings will plan lesson schedules and activities and prepare for shows.

Article VII Committees

The Captain(s) has the power to appoint temporary committees as needed.

Article VIII Faculty/Staff Advisor

The membership agrees to maintain an advisor from the Middlebury College faculty or staff, as required.

Article IX Affiliations

The team shall be affiliated with the IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association) and the IDA (Interscholastic Dressage Association). Membership in these associations is open to any full-time undergraduate students of member colleges or alumni who competed in the ISHA as undergraduates.

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 Organizations Policies section of the Middlebury College Handbook will immediately become policies adopted by the Middlebury Equestrians.

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: December 2, 1994

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