

**Constitution of the**

**ALABAMA WRESTLING CLUB**

In effect April 2019

**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

*Section 1: Name*--The name of this organization shall be Alabama Wrestling Club.

**ARTICLE II**

**Purpose and Objective**

*Section 1:* --The purpose of the Alabama Wrestling Club shall be to promote wrestling as a sport on the campus of The University of Alabama as well as in the community and state of Alabama and to provide training and opportunities for students to participate and compete in the sport of wrestling.

*Section 2:* --Objectives of the Alabama Wrestling Club shall include providing an opportunity for students to continue or begin an athletic career at the collegiate level. Our goal is to work with nearby high school wrestling programs to mentor and assist development of local high school wrestlers.

**ARTICLE III**

**Members**

*Section 1:* -- Persons interested in becoming members may join after attending 3 practices and paying the membership fee. No formal application or interview required.

**Section 2:** -- Active members shall be enrolled students at the University of Alabama. Associate members shall be faculty or staff interested in wrestling.

**Section 3:** -- The number of active members in the organization must be one more than 50% of the total number of members. Associate members are not eligible to hold office or vote.

**Section 4:** -- Annual dues of \$125.00 (subject to change based on cost estimate of season) shall be paid by October 15<sup>th</sup> of the competition year. Members will be dropped from the competition roster until yearly dues are paid. Deadline for season membership is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Section 5:** -- In order to maintain active membership status, a member must not have an unexcused absence from more than 10% of practices in a season. (Excused consists of class, medical, family, academic events) This number will be announced by the executive board when a consistent schedule is set in place for that season. Failure to meet this requirement will result in a suspension from the competition roster until active membership status is restored by the executive board. Restoration requirements include practice attendance, organization activity participation (such as community service, fundraisers). The secretary is responsible for tracking attendance.

**Section 6:** -- There will be a 2 week long tryout period where participants who have completed the waiver will be welcome to practice before determining full membership and commitment to the club. This period will be established by the executive board based on the start of each season.

**Section 7:** -- Membership in registered student organizations shall be open to all students of The University of Alabama, without regard to race, religion, sex, ability status, national origin, color, age, gender identity, gender expression, sexual identity, or veteran status except in cases of designated fraternal organizations exempted by federal law from Title IX regulations concerning discrimination on the basis of sex.

## ARTICLE IV

### Office

**Section 1:** -- The officers of the association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Secretary. These positions comprise the executive board. The board as a whole is responsible for organizing fundraisers, community service projects, and improving the quality of the club in all aspects.

**Section 2:** -- All executive board members must be an active member of the organization for at least one year prior to running. Any member running must display commitment to the organization, reliability in attendance and effort, along with knowledge of the position they wish to fill.

**Section 3:** -- Elections shall be by secret ballot through google forms. Each election cycle will first consist of a retention election for any officer who is capable and willing to retain his/her position. If a majority votes against retention, an open election will be held to fill that position. The retention elections will be held the third week (Monday-Thursday) of March with follow-up elections being held the following week. Candidates receiving one vote more than 50% (majority) of the total number of votes cast shall be named to their respective. In the event multiple candidates are running and no candidate receives a majority, a run-off election will follow between the two highest vote-getters.

**Section 4:** -- Officers shall elected to serve one year, beginning at the close of the meeting at which they are elected. Unexpected vacancies in offices shall be filled by nomination of the executive board and voting by a quorum of active members.

**Section 5:** -- The President is responsible for organizing meetings and determining matches and tournaments. The president will also contribute to the duties of managing funds (collecting dues and dispensing funds for purchases) and applying to the FCA for funds along with the treasurer. The President shall work closely with University Recreation in order to ensure policies are being followed and all requirements are being met to maintain good-standing with the University as a sport club.

**Section 6:** -- The Vice President is responsible in the stead that the president can't fulfill his duties and organizing all home matches. Shall fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the secretary if the position is vacant.

**Section 7:** -- The Secretary is responsible for effectively communicating scheduled events with members.

**Section 8:** -- The Treasurer is responsible for collecting membership dues and dispensing funds for the purchase of new equipment and other possible expenses such as travel.

**Section 9:** -- In the event that a current officer is acting in a manner detrimental to the club's success, a meeting will be scheduled with the current officers and the club liaison. This meeting will consist of discussing the officer's behavior in question and seek advice from the liaison. If it is decided the officer should be removed from his or her position with a unanimous vote from the officers and liaison, then an announcement and election will occur within 2 weeks to fill the vacant position. Section 10 outlines the procedure in more detail.

**Section 10:** -- In the event of an unexpected vacant officer position, an announcement followed by nominations from officers and members will occur. A meeting will be held to present candidates and will be followed by a vote with a google form.

## **Article V**

### **Meetings**

**Section 1:** -- Meetings with administrative purposes will be held at the beginning of the first scheduled practice of the week every two weeks. This will be on every other Monday unless otherwise noted by the executive board. A target of at least 5 practice sessions will be held during the season with times that will be voted on by members to maximize attendance. When out of competition season, practices will be held based on availability of space and member availability.

**Section 2:** -- Practices shall be conducted with the intent to improve technical skills as well as cardiovascular and strength conditioning. Proper warmup (at least 10 minutes) and hydration breaks (at least 3 for 2 hour practice) will be allocated for practice. All University Recreation safety standards should be upheld and any injury will be consulted by Drayer before further participation.

**Section 3:** -- The regular meeting on the first Monday in April shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of elections, receiving reports from officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

**Section 4:** -- Special meetings may be called by the President or of the Executive Committee and shall be called upon the written request of 25% members of the association. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the notice, and three days' notice shall be given except in cases of emergencies.

**Section 5:** -- Over fifty percent of the active members shall constitute a quorum.

## **Article VI**

### **Relationship**

**Section 1:** -- Alabama Wrestling Club shall have relationship to National Colligate Wrestling Association. Competitions will be organized through this association.

**Section 2:** -- There are dues for teams and additional dues for each individual. It is determined by the executive board if the individual dues will be the responsibility of each member, or the cost will be incorporated into the annual club dues.

## **Article VII**

### **Committees**

**Section 1:** -- The Executive Committee shall include the officers of the association. They shall supervise affairs of the association between its business meetings, make recommendations to the association and perform other duties as specified in these by-laws. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the orders of the association, and none of its acts shall conflict with actions taken by the association.

**Section 2:** -- Other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President as the association or the Executive Committee deem necessary to carry on the work of the association. This may include but is not limited to a fundraising committee and outreach committee.

## **Article VIII**

### **Advisor**

*Section 1:* -- One or more advisors shall be elected each year in the same manner as the association's officers. Responsibilities shall be those assigned by The University of Alabama Student Handbook.

*Section 2:* -- A coach is brought into the club with the approval of every executive board member after an interview is conducted with all board members. The coach will develop practice plans with the executive board and moderate and instruct practices along with conditioning. The coach will also adhere to NCWA requirements as found in their constitution.

## **Article IX**

### **Parliamentary Authority**

The rules continued in the current addition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws and special rules of order the association may adopt.

## **Article X**

### **Amendments**

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the association by two-thirds vote of all members, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

## **Article XI**

### **By-Laws**

By-laws to this constitution may be added at any regular meeting of the association by two-thirds vote of all members, provided the by-laws has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.