

Cardio Hoop Dance Constitution

11/15/2011

Preamble:

We, the students at the University of Delaware, do hereby form the organization known as the Cardio Hoop Dance Club for the purpose of advocating cardiovascular health to the University of Delaware and Newark community through fun hoop dance routines.

Articles:

- I. Name of the group - The organization shall be known as the Cardio Hoop Dance Club.
- II. Object of the organization - The purpose of the club is to advocate for cardiovascular health through the art of hoop dance, which encompasses fun and calorie-burning tricks. Practices will initially teach the fundamentals of hooping and then increase in difficulty as members show improvement to higher calorie-burning tricks. The goal of the club is to not only spread hula hooping to the University of Delaware students, but also to elementary students in the Newark area. We hope to make hula-hooping a popular phenomenon in Delaware and put on performances inside and outside of the university.
- III. Qualification/Criteria for selecting membership - Full time, matriculated undergraduate students at the University of Delaware who agree with the purpose and object of this group. *Members also must complete a liability waiver form before participating - MR*
- IV. Non-Discrimination Clause - The organization agrees to adhere to all policies and procedures of the University and all local, state, and federal laws. Members will become acquainted with policies and procedures in the Official student handbook and other policies and procedures provided by the University. This organization is a viable, functioning organization, composed of at least six full time undergraduate students and we do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, veteran, handicap status, or sexual orientation.
- V. Duties and privileges of membership-A member of the club must regularly attend practices.

- VI. List other types of non-voting or representing membership – Part time or graduate students can participate in the Cardio Hoop Dance Club. These members are not allowed to vote, hold office, count towards the group's membership, nor have any influence upon decision making of the organization.
- VII. Absence Policies –If a member misses more than ten practices per semester that member becomes inactive. An inactive member will not be permitted to participate in club performances.
- VIII. Policies and Procedures for Disciplining/Removing members-If a group member is consistently disruptive during practices and rude to other members they will be removed from the club at the discretion of the officers.
- IX. Qualifications for Officers - All Officers must be full time matriculated undergraduate students at the University of Delaware with a minimum GPA of 3.00. An officer must be able to complete a full academic calendar year and be proficient in the art of hooping.
- X. Officer Duties
 - a. Co-Presidents (2) - This organization shall have two co-presidents, also known as Spirit Hoopers, with the duties of calling and running practices and handling day-to-day affairs. The Spirit Hoopers shall be responsible for the registration of the Registered Student Organization and all required paperwork for the continuation of the organization. The Spirit Hoopers will receive all information from the Activities and Programs Office from an undisclosed email database. The Spirit Hoopers will have the final discretion in appointing new members. The Spirit Hoopers of the organization must be proficient to advanced at hooping in order to teach the rest of the members. The Spirit Hoopers are responsible for designing hoop dance routines and teaching members new tricks and for organizing performances.

b. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall be responsible for all group expenditures and revenues. The Treasurer shall write all checks and have all checks signed by the Activities and Programs staff for the purpose of the organization. The treasurer will also maintain all group ledgers. The treasurer is also responsible for requesting funds from the allocation board.

d. Secretary - The Secretary is responsible for emailing members to notify them about practices and events. The secretary will maintain the membership list and email database.

XI. Election of Officers

- a. Nominations will be accepted for officer positions. Members can audition for officer positions and the rest of the club members will vote for whoever has the highest skill level and leadership capacity. A vote will be taken amongst the previous officers to break ties. Only matriculated undergraduate students that are members of the club are eligible to nominate and become an officer.
- b. Nominations will be held at the end of each school year. Nominations will be held specifically the beginning of May and the new officers will undergo training through the duration of the month. The new officers will assume positions after elections. Over the summer the officers will be responsible for brainstorming on new routines and activities for the club.

XII. Disciplinary of Officers

- a. Impeachment-The officers will be impeached if they miss a more than 3 practices without prior notice to the members. If an officer is going to miss a practice, all other officers and members of the club must be notified a day in advance. Officers will also be in risk of termination if they are rude or insulting to the members after an initial warning. The officer

has the right to a fair hearing in which the members of the club make the ultimate decision through a vote. Upon impeachment of an officer, nominations will be held and the next highly skilled hooper will be appointed.

b. Resignations-In order to resign, the officer must notify the members of the club and the rest of the officers. Nominations will be held for a replacement officer.

- XIII. Meetings – Practices will be held once or twice a week for 2 hours.
- XIV. Dues- If members are using a hula hoop that is property of the Cardio Hoop Dance Club they must submit a down payment of 5 dollars. The five dollars will be returned upon the return of the hula hoop, and will be kept if the member desires to keep the hoop.
- XVI. Procedures for decision-making – Any club decisions that need to be made will be decided with a club vote, and tie breakers will be decided by the officers.
- XVIII. Selection of an Advisor – The purpose of the advisor is to have another professional assist with guidance of the organization and developing leadership skills. The advisor must be a full time professional faculty or staff member.
- XIX. Disbursal of organizational assets should the group become defunct- The University of Delaware shall inherit the assets of any Registered Student Organization should the group become defunct.
- XX. Define a quorum – Six members must be present for any club decisions to be made.
- XXI. Rules for Ratifying the Constitution – Approval of changes to the constitution requires a simple majority vote from the entire club and approval by the Activities and Programs Office.
- XXII. Rules for amending the Constitution – Adding articles/sections to the constitution requires simple majority vote by the entirety of the club members.

Signatures:

President: Karen LeMaster & Monica Piciggi

Activities & Programs Staff: _____

Date: 12/1/11