

# UMM Running Club Constitution

## Article I

Name of Organization: UMM Running Club  
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## Article II: Purpose of Organization

The purpose of this organization is to foster a strong camaraderie amongst runners in the UMM community, regardless of skill level and experience. By promoting running as a positive, accessible activity, this organization does hereby wish to encourage the ideas, techniques, and philosophies of running in order that a high level of physical and mental fitness be achieved by all members.

## Article III: Membership

1. The UMM Running Club is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, veteran status, marital status, public assistance status, or sexual orientation, and adheres to all current University of Minnesota equal opportunity and affirmative action policies.
2. The club is open to all members of the UMM community who harbor a desire to run; however, only students at UMM are allowed to vote or hold offices.
3. Any member whose actions run counter to the purpose of the organization set forth in Article II, may be removed from the club by a 2/3 majority vote at any regular meeting. Any active club member wishing to propose the removal of another must first notify the club president or vice-president with their reason for removal. The officers will then notify the club member whose membership is in danger and inform them of the situation surrounding their dismissal. At the next meeting, an opportunity for discussion will be allowed in which both parties can state their respective sides. A vote via secret ballot will be taken of voting members present at the meeting.

## Article IV: Officers

1. All club officers must be enrolled students at UMM, excluding faculty/staff who are also enrolled at UMM.
2. Qualifications of officers: All officers must possess the following traits
  - i. Willingness to enthusiastically promote the ideas set forth in Article II.
  - ii. Dedication to the club and well being of all members.
3. Duties and Powers: The offices of this club shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and a Treasurer.
  - i. Duties of the President: The president will preside at club meetings, create agendas, represent the club, organize events and/or event committees, and provide strong leadership for the club.
  - ii. Duties of the Vice-President: The vice-president shall aid the president in duties deemed necessary for the operation of the club. In the absence or removal of the president, the vice-president shall assume all said presidential duties.
  - iii. Duties of the Treasurer: The treasurer shall manage all financial affairs of the club and is responsible for representing the club in all monetary transactions and meetings of a financial nature.
  - iv. If the situation warrants, the president and vice-president hold the right to create new offices at their discretion. Candidates to these offices will be nominated and seconded by members of the club and the final appointment will be made by the voting procedures defined in Article IV Section 4.

4. Election of Officers: The process of election, unless otherwise noted, will follow these basic tenets.
  - i. Elections for the offices of President, Vice-President, and Treasurer are to be held yearly in the first week of May.
  - ii. Special elections (i.e. those to fill a seat vacated by resignation or removal) will be held at the beginning of regularly scheduled meetings.
  - iii. All elections will be preceded by a two-week election notification.
  - iv. Those wishing to run for office or nominate another must inform the current officers of their intent to run at least two weeks prior to the election, after which no more nominations will be accepted. Their intent will then be made known to all voting members via various forms of communication.
  - v. A majority vote of voting members present is necessary to win an election. In the case of no majority, the top-two vote-getters will compete in a run-off election.
  - vi. The term of an elected official shall begin immediately and run through the following summer and subsequent school year.
5. Procedures for Resignation/Removal of Club Officers
  - i. Those officers wishing to resign their position must notify the remaining officers and announce their intention at the next regularly scheduled meeting. A special election will be held, following the election procedures defined in Article IV Section 4.
  - ii. It is the right of the members of the club to remove an officer whose presence (or lack of) is negatively affecting the club. The concerned member must notify the executive staff of his/her/their wish to remove an officer. The officer in question will be notified of the removal proceedings and the remaining officers will bring the subject before the next general meeting. Discussion on the topic will be opened, allowing the defense of the officer and the concerns of the party member(s) to be heard. When all debates have concluded, a vote will be taken with a 2/3 majority of members present required for removal.
6. All unfilled offices will remain so until the next special election is held to fill the position.

## Article V: Amendments

1. Amendments may be submitted by any voting member to the President and will be voted on at the next regular meeting.
2. Submission of an amendment must be at least two weeks before a general meeting, so as to allow time for distribution of the amendment to all voting members.
3. An amendment is subject to debate prior to its ratification/dismissal vote.
4. A 2/3 majority vote of voting members present will be necessary to ratify a constitutional amendment.
5. All amendments to the constitution are subject to the approval of the Student Services Committee.

## Bylaws

1. The UMM Running Club recognizes that running is a very active sport that presents the possibility of physical harm to even the most seasoned of runners. All club members who actively participate in club activities, be it group runs or races, must agree to and sign an "Assumption of Risk" form, thus clearing the UMM Running Club, University of Minnesota, Morris, and the University system as a whole from any liability to the club member's health.

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