

# Constitution for Wushu Club at UCI

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## ARTICLE I – NAME

Wushu Club at UCI is the official name of this club sport organization.

## ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to provide the University of California, Irvine with:

1. A competitive wushu team to compete in competitions of the college level or higher.
2. An educational environment for students to learn or continue developing their wushu techniques.
3. An outreach towards the UCI community to raise the awareness of the martial arts known as wushu through, but not limited to, demonstrations.

## ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

1. Member eligibility will be under the same regulations as the policies of the Anteater Recreation Center (ARC)
2. In order to be recognized as a member, one must:
  - 2.1. Pay the club fee of \$25 quarter. Subject to change at the beginning of every quarter. Membership fees are non refundable.
  - 2.2. Register as a Club Sport member through the Campus Recreation registration.
  - 2.3. Attend meetings and practices regularly. Regularly is defined as attending at least 75% of the practices in the previous quarter. New members are exempt.

- 2.4. Participate in fundraising events including but not limited to boothing, demonstrations, and sponsored events. As per the following restrictions:
  - 2.4.1. Set up/breakdown (includes moving items) is ½ hour
  - 2.4.2. Driving is an hour
3. Members have the right to nominate potential officers, impeach officers, and assist in making club choices, as per officer discretion.
4. Members will receive stipends for competition fees and travel.
  - 4.1. The stipend will be decided based on the club's current financial status, and the fundraising contribution of the member in question.
    - 4.1.1. 2 hours results in 25% of a full stipend; 4 hours results in 50% of the full stipend; and 8 hours results in 100% of the full stipend
5. Members are expected to act with respect and have positive influence on others.
  - 5.1. If a member is misbehaving or disrespecting other members/officers, the member can be removed from the club or banned from practices and activities by a vote from the club officers.

#### ARTICLE IV – MEETING

1. Throughout the school year there will be at least 2-3 practices/meetings per week, excluding holidays and breaks. Times will be specified before the beginning of each the quarter as times vary due to the availability at the ARC.
2. Regular meeting/practices location and times, which ultimately are validated by the ARC, are determined by the most appropriate time schedule for most members. Special meetings must be mutually determined by the club officers and must be communicated to club members at least a week prior.

3. Throughout the year, an anonymous form will be available for club officers to receive feedback on the quality/content of the practices.

## ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

1. Officer positions and duties are as follows:
  - 1.1. President – The president is the representative of the club with duties to lead the club, maintain organization and unification of the members, and to define the club’s future direction. The president is also the main coordinator between the club and the ARC managers as well as other campus wushu communities.
  - 1.2. External Vice-President – The external vice-president mainly focuses on outreach to the UCI community and outside UCI, social events, as well as assisting the president in external matters.
  - 1.3. Internal Vice-President – The internal vice-president’s core duties are to assist in the planning of or initiating fundraising events, and to assist the president in his/her duties in keeping the organization unified.
  - 1.4. Financial Officer (Treasurer) – Organize fundraising events for the club. Strives to meet the club’s financial needs to support club activities and needs for future directions. Other duties include purchasing club equipment and materials.
  - 1.5. Secretary – Involved with creating club events and helping other officers with their duties as needed.
2. The Media Chair Role is not officially an officer position, yet its role is defined:
  - 2.1. The Media Chair is responsible for collecting various forms of media, which includes, but is not limited to photos, videos, and audio files.
  - 2.2. The Media Chair will have the power to utilize social media of channels to directly publish their work, without the necessity of going through an officer.

- 2.3. The Media Chair does not have say in club decisions or leadership.
- 2.4. The Media Chair is not elected, rather it is a role granted based on photographic and media experience, as per officer discretion.
3. All officers are responsible to instill a positive atmosphere by attending +75% practices, arriving on-time, encouraging others to participate, and assist others members when required.
4. In the case of a vacant position, the organization will hold a meeting to determine how to either fill the position or how to make up for the missing position(s). Vacancies may also be filled with a short election 5th week of Fall Quarter.
5. In the case of incompetent club officers:
  - 5.1. Before an officer can be impeached, they must be given 2 warnings stemming from the same issue.
    - 5.1.1. Via anonymous form, members may voice their concerns about a particular officer. The results of these warnings will be made public. When more than 25% of the wushu club has voiced a concern about a particular issue/officer, a warning will be issued.
    - 5.1.2. The president or next-in-line officer will directly deliver the warning privately per their discretion.
  - 5.2. An officer can be impeached with a 70% vote from all members (excluding the officer under impeachment) resulting in the removal of the officer from their position and potentially from the club, depending on a decision made by all members.

## ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS

1. The president, external vice-president, internal vice-president, financial officer (treasurer), and secretary will be nominated by club members. The nominees will then be interviewed by the current officers, and the next-year officer will be selected by representative vote by the officers.

2. A form will be released during the 3rd or 4th week of Spring quarter so that members can anonymously nominate members for officer positions. The following two weeks will be nominee interviews, and eventually, the election.
3. Elections/interviews will be held a week after nominations (4th or 5th week) where the nominees will:
  - 3.1. Introduce their background and qualifications related to position.
  - 3.2. Answer concerning questions asked by the current officers. Questions will be randomly assigned by position to promote fairness.
  - 3.3. Officers will vote for the best fit nominee for the positions. Majority (+50%) must agree for a nominee to obtain the position.

#### ARTICLE VII – FUNDS

1. Club funds must only be used for the benefit of the organization as a whole. Before club funds are spent all members must be notified.
2. Membership dues are another form of fundraising money for club equipment, described in Article III.2.1.
3. Fundraising events will be scheduled based on member availability, to the best of the officers' knowledge.

#### ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES/DIVISIONS

1. On a committee with the national organization "Collegiate Wushu Committee".

#### ARTICLE IX – AFFILIATIONS

1. N/A

#### ARTICLE X – COACH

1. There will only be one main coach for the academic year unless the coach and members agree to have a secondary coach.
  - 1.1. In the event of multiple coaches, coaches must discuss and agree on the way basics will be taught and practiced.
  - 1.2. The coach will be determined during the Summer Quarter before Fall begins. If a coach cannot be selected/found, officers will assume the role until the position is filled.
  - 1.3. Potential coaches will teach unofficial practices; after each practice, the members will have the opportunity to submit an anonymous form regarding the performance of the coach. After all coaches have taught their unofficial practices, the feedback will be pooled by the officers to narrow the number of potential coaches. All members will then hold a popular vote to select a coach.
2. Coach(es) will not be paid hourly or salaried. Changes to this rule can be made via the amendment process (see Article XII).
3. Coach(es) cannot control or manipulate the club for their own academy/school purposes.
  - 3.1. All members can attend any wushu academy they desire.
  - 3.2. Coaches cannot directly or indirectly force members to attend their academy, but members may do so of their own volition.
4. Coach(es) who do not obey the rules above or do not promote a healthy and productive environment will be reported to the ARC managers and will be under investigation which can potentially lead to the end of the coach's contract with the club.

#### ARTICLE XI – RATIFICATION

1. The constitution should be a collaborative effort by the club officers. Afterwards, members will have 2 weeks to report issues and grievances with the changes.
  - 1.1. Club members may speak to officers to propose amendments.

## ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS & BYLAWS

1. Members will have 2 weeks after a change to the constitution to discuss changes and/or report issues with said changes.
2. Amendments and bylaws can only be approved with +75% member approval.
  - 2.1. Missing members will be e-mailed and given a two (2) day period to submit their votes.
  - 2.2. Members who do not submit their votes will be treated as “in favor”.