

MIT Curling Club Constitution

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I Purpose

The MIT Curling Club serves two main purposes: to grow the sport of curling and to enhance student life at MIT. Many curlers are passionate about their sport, and by developing a strong college program, we hope to introduce the sport to people and encourage them to become lifelong participants. For students, the club provides benefits by encouraging physical activity, by providing a great social environment, as well as providing the opportunity for competition.

II Membership

A member of the MIT curling club, as defined by the club, is a current MIT student or affiliate who actively participates in club activities, which primarily includes the weekly trips to Broomstones Curling Club during the winter months. The MIT curling club has not and will not discriminate against anyone based on any characteristic listed in the MIT Nondiscrimination Statement. All are welcomed and encouraged to participate regardless of any factor, including curling ability. Officer positions are open to any students, though there is a club participation requirement (detailed below) for the President and Treasurer, however the Secretary position is open to any new member and, in addition, a 4th or 5th governing board position may be created if an enthusiastic new member is interested and all existing positions are full.

III Officers

The MIT curling club operates with a governing board of 3 officers: President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Each position must be held by distinct persons, and the club may operate without a Secretary if no suitable candidate should arise. The position of President and Treasurer must be filled by an active member of the club, that is, someone who has participated in a minimum of 3 curling trips or tournaments within the past 2 years, and who is a current MIT student. Additional officer positions may be made available should any candidate arise who wants to get involved and has lost an election or does not yet meet the

requirement for president or treasurer. The decision to expand the governing board will be made by majority vote by existing governing board members at the annual election.

Elections are held annually, shortly after the end of the curling season in April. Each officer term lasts for one year, though existing officers are always permitted to run again. Any officer found to not be fulfilling their duties may be removed following a majority of vote of the other officers, though a hearing will be provided before any official decision is made where the offending officer may defend their position. Officer duties are as follows:

President

Primary leader of the club. Responsible for organizing the schedule, contacting the curling club administration, and registering MIT for college bonspiels (tournaments). Leads any operational meetings.

Treasurer

Assists President with financial duties. The treasurer handles club finances by paying expenses to the curling clubs for weekly curling and bonspiels, or approving payments. The treasurer will be responsible for collecting any necessary dues from members for their participation in club events. The treasurer is responsible for submitting the funding application to the UA during sessions where the club will be requiring funds.

Secretary

Assists President with organizational duties. The secretarys main responsibility is to run the election and help with club publicity, in particular the ASA midway. Help will also be provided to the President with club scheduling and booking trips, and the Secretary acts as an important voice in the clubs decision-making process.

IV Meeting Times

The club has 3 official meetings each year. One is the election in April where officers for the following year are elected, and is an open meeting. Decisions are made by majority vote, regardless of participation, though there are eligibility rules to run for the primary officer positions. The Secretary runs the election. There are also two other annual meetings, one in September and one in January. These meetings outline the clubs schedule for the upcoming semester, including regular curling trips and bonspiels. Attendance of the 3 governing board members at these meetings is mandatory, and decisions are made by majority vote. The President presides over these meetings. The club also has weekly meetings from October-April in the form of curling trips to Broomstones Curling Club. Any member of the MIT community is invited to join. Oftentimes, discussions occur on the bus during the lengthy trip and input is always welcomed, particularly from newer members, though official decisions are typically not made.

V Amendment Procedures

Any member of the club may propose amendments to the Constitution. A final decision on an amendment may occur at either of the two annual planning meetings by majority vote amongst the governing board members.

VI ASA Governance Clause

The MIT Curling Club agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association of Student Activities, and its executive board. This constitution, amendments to it, and the by-laws of this organization shall be subject to review by the ASA Executive Board to insure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.