Constitution of the Southwestern Fencing Club

Article I

Name
Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Southwestern Fencing Club, hereafter referred to as the Club. The club is a recognized affiliate of Southwestern University’s student organizations as a club sport.

Article II

Objective
Section 1. The object of the club is to provide members of the Southwestern University community an opportunity to fence, and to promote the sport of fencing throughout the general area.

Article III

Membership
Section 1. Membership into the club shall be restricted to students, staff, and faculty of Southwestern University.
Section 2. Members shall be eligible to fence for a period not to exceed five years.
Section 3. Student members of the Club may participate in competition only as long as they remain in good academic and disciplinary standing with the University as defined in the Student Handbook.
Section 4. Each member will be required to donate a membership due not to exceed $20.00/semester.
Section 5. Any equipment purchased by the Club with University funds and/or membership dues will become property of the Club.

Article IV

Officers
Section 1. The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
(1) The Officers shall be voted upon by the current members of the Club at the beginning of each semester.

Section 2. President. A President shall be the executive officer of the Club and preside over Club meetings. The President’s duties shall include but not be limited to:

(1) Enforcing the constitution and bylaws of the Club.

(2) Enforcing the operating policies and procedures set forth by SIRA (Southwestern Intramural and Recreational Activities).

(3) Serving as a liaison with the SIRA professional staff and the Office of Student Activities.

Section 3. Vice President. A Vice President’s duties shall include but not be limited to:

(1) Serving as the President in the absence of the President as prescribed by parliamentary procedure.

(2) Serving as the Safety Officer responsible for seeing that all safety rules and regulations of the United States Fencing Association, the Club, and Southwestern University are compiled with in full, including submission of accident forms.

Section 4. Secretary/Treasurer. A secretary/Treasurer’s duties shall include but not be limited to:

(1) Keeping minutes of the Club meetings.

(2) Conducting the business affairs of the Club in close association with the President, Coach, SIRA professional staff, including collecting dues, issuing receipts, drawing vouchers and paying bills and expenses.

(3) Being accountable for all funds of the Club, arranging for their safekeeping, and keeping records of all transactions.

(4) Being responsible for the distribution and completion of SIRA’s participation packets by members.

Article V

Faculty/Staff Sponsor

Section 1. The Club’s faculty/staff sponsor shall take on his/her responsibilities solely on a volunteer basis.
Section 2. The Club’s faculty/staff sponsor shall aid the Club officers with their long-term strategy. The sponsor is responsible for protecting the interests of the University as well as the Club.

Article VI
Coach

Section 1. The Club coach shall take on his/her responsibilities solely on a volunteer basis.

Section 2. The coaches’ responsibilities shall include but not be limited to:

(1) The athletic training of the members of the Club.
(2) Promoting the sport of Fencing throughout the general area.

Article VII
Affiliation

Section 1. The Club is a member organization of the United States Fencing Association.

Section 2. The Club will seek approval of the SIRA professional staff before joining any other leagues, associations, etc.

Bylaws to the Constitution of the Southwestern Fencing Club

1) A faculty or staff person will accompany the Club on out-of-town trips.
2) In the event that University vehicles are used, the proper forms will be secured and completed prior to departure.
3) There will be no alcohol consumption on trips or at after game activities.
4) The Club will display good sportsmanship and behave in an orderly, acceptable manner on and off the competitive site.
5) Eligibility will be adhered to following the rules in the Student Handbook and the SIRA Sport Club Manual. Failure to abide by the rules will be cause for expulsion from the Club.
6) All club members will be covered by suitable insurance prior to the first official practice.
7) All forms will be completed according to the deadline established by the SIRA professional staff and turned in to the SIRA Office.

8) Dues for fencing members of the Club shall be ten (10) dollars each semester and will be paid by the first practice. These funds shall be supplemented by those monies provided by the SIRA Sport Club Program and gifts from friends of the Club to meet team expenses.

9) The Club will not tolerate any discrimination based on gender, race, color, religion, age, physical handicap, sexual preference or national or ethnic origin.