

# UNLV SPORT CLUBS

## Constitution of UNLV Independent Winterguard

### Article I – Name and Purpose

**Section A.** The name of this Sport Club shall be UNLV Independent Winterguard.

**Section B.** The mission of UNLV Winter Guard is to develop the self-esteem and self-reliance of young adults by providing an environment that fosters learning, self-discipline, character development, and self-confidence; and to promote the values of team work, sportsmanship, civic pride and the contributions of one's personal best to a group effort by providing competitive performance art of the highest caliber. Through practice, every participant will acquire the necessary skills to be successful in the pageantry art known as Colorguard. Through local and regional performances and a competitive schedule with teams from across the country, every performer will be challenged to learn and grow and will have a chance to function as a member of a team.

**Section C.** UNLV Independent Winterguard will adhere to all UNLV and UNLV Sport Club polices and procedures including but not limited to the Sport Club Handbook, Campus Recreation, the Office of Civic Diversity and Engagement, and the Office of Student Conduct.

### Article II – Membership & Expectations

**Section A.** All Sport Club members must be high school graduates and must meet the age requirements set forth by the Winter Guard International and Winter Guard Association of Southern California Rules and Regulations.

**Section B.** Membership selection of the competitive group must be completed by October 20 to allow adequate time for planning of competitive show by design team. Other interested parties may attend scheduled spring and summer rehearsal for experience and membership outside of the competitive group.

**Section C.** All Sport Club members who are registered students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas will need to become a member of the club through the Involvement Center/CollegiateLink by November 1.

**Section C.** Color guards in the Independent A Classes from the United States composed of performers not over 22 years of age as of 12:01 a.m. on April 1st of any given year shall be permitted to compete in contest

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**Section D.** Participating in the UNLV Independent Winterguard requires a fee (tuition) to cover expenses. These fees are non-refundable. Fundraising can also be used to help pay tuition costs for the season. No member will be allowed to perform with another unit until all fees are paid in full. Per WGI and WGASC rules, individuals who have outstanding fees to other Winterguard or Drum Corps programs will not be permitted to accept membership with UNLV Winterguard until those fees are paid.

**Section E.** UNLV Winterguard shall not haze any prospective member for the purpose of admission into or affiliation with the Sport Club. UNLV Winterguard shall not discriminate based on race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, disability and sexual orientation.

**Section F.** All members will adhere to policies in the Sport Club Handbook, Campus Recreation, the Office of Civic Diversity and Engagement, and the Office of Student Conduct. If any member is found to have engaged in behavior detrimental to the club, the sport club officers will meet to review the behavior and decide an appropriate consequence for the member.

**F-1.** All club activities will be alcohol and controlled substance free. This pertains to all participants on club trips. Alcohol and controlled substances are not permitted the entire duration of the club trip or home activity. Therefore, consumption of alcohol is prohibited in hotel rooms occupied by club members or coaches. If any member has been found to violate this policy, they will be prohibited from all club activities for the current semester, and will be suspended from the club for the following two semesters.

**F-2.** Club travel is a privilege. While traveling, all players (and drivers) will adhere to the travel itinerary that is provided prior to departing on the trip. Any diversions from the itinerary must be discussed with the Director for approval.

**Section G.** Performing and competing as a representative for UNLV is a privilege. Student-athletes at UNLV are held in the highest regard and are seen as role models in the community. As leaders you have the responsibility to portray your team, your university and yourselves in a positive manner at all times. Sometimes this means doing things that are an inconvenience to you, but benefit the whole team. Players are expected to not have any inappropriate content on any personal social media site. Inappropriate content includes photos, videos, or comments showing: 1) personal use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco, 2) content of a sexual nature, 3) condoning drug-related activity (e.g., portraying use of marijuana and drug paraphernalia), 4) unsportsmanlike, derogatory, demeaning or threatening toward any other individual or entity (e.g., derogatory comments regarding another institution; taunting comments aimed at other performers, instructors or groups and derogatory comments against race and/or gender), 4) content depicting or encouraging unacceptable, violent or illegal activities (e.g., hazing, sexual harassment/assault, gambling, discrimination, fighting, vandalism, academic dishonesty, underage drinking, illegal drug use).

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**G-1.** If a member violates any part of the social medial policy, they will be suspended for the next performance. Repeated offenses will result in further consequences from the officers.

**G-2.** All players must read, sign and adhere to the Code of Conduct & Sportsmanship Policy (see attached Addendum A).

**Section H.** Performances are the result of hours of hard work by everyone involved with UNLV Winterguard. In order to make each performance as successful as it can be, it is important to understand that all members must attend all rehearsals. Attending practice is mandatory for all members of the club with the exception of an injury, academic class, illness or family emergency. If a player is going to miss practice for these reasons, they must contact an officer and/or coach to communicate why they will not be at practice. Missing rehearsals will jeopardize your performance opportunities and could lead to dismissal from the team.

**Section I.** UNLV Winterguard is a performance group distinguished by the use of flags, rifles, sabres, and other equipment. The maintenance and care of this equipment is incredibly important. All members will be issued a costume and equipment and will be responsible for their upkeep. All costumes and equipment are property of UNLV Winterguard. Cost for the use of practice and performance equipment is covered by initial membership fee; however, if a member is irresponsible, he/she must replace the broken or lost equipment. Equipment must be stored and cared for correctly. Equipment should never be lent out, left out, or unattended for any reason. It should be cleaned and handled with care and per given instructions. All equipment should be stored and transported in an equipment bag. Members are responsible for purchasing or making their own bags.

## **Article III - Officers**

**Section A.** The officers of the Sport Club shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

**Section B.** The term of office is per official school year. Term of office will begin the first Monday of August and run through the third Monday in May. There is no limit to the number of terms for which any single person may be re-elected.

**Section C.** Powers and Duties of the Officers

The President is responsible for sending out all vital information to each member of the club (i.e. important announcements, when forms are due, practice days and times, game schedule, etc...). The President is responsible for handling all paperwork, duties, and scheduling related. The President is responsible for attending all Sport Club Council meetings. The President will also be responsible for handling all paperwork requirements for UNLV and UNLV Sport Clubs. The President is the official representative of the Sport Club.

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The Vice President is responsible for assisting the President to accomplish duties and will run meetings if the President is unable to attend.

The Treasurer is responsible for working with the Director on all matters relating to team finances and banking. The Treasurer will handle all funds. If the President and Vice President are unable to attend team meetings or Sport Club Council meetings, the Treasurer will act as a representative.

The Secretary is responsible for working with the Director on all matters relating to travel arrangements and will also keep meeting minutes for all team meetings. Travel arrangements include booking hotels, calculating rental car and gas money, coordinating flight arrangements, and all other matters pertaining to out of state travel. The Secretary will work directly with the Treasurer and Director in handling all finances for travel arrangements. If the President, Vice President, and Treasurer are unable to attend team meetings or Sport Club Council meetings, the Secretary will act as a representative.

**Section D.** While the officers are the main contacts for certain duties, every member is responsible for participating and aiding in every event, meeting, and fundraiser. All officers are also required to assist other officers with duties when needed.

### **Article IV - Advisor & Coach**

**Section A.** The position of Faculty Advisor is to be chosen at the start of Fall semester lasting through Spring semester. The Faculty Advisor should be one whose ideals are aligned with the Sport Clubs purpose and is willing to serve as a source of information and advice for the club. Advisor position will be a member ex-officio with no voting privileges. The Faculty Advisor will need to fill out an Advisor form and become a member of the club on CollegiateLink at the start of the Fall semester.

**A-1.** All required documentation and training must be completed and submitted to the Sport Club Program Coordinator prior to any involvement with the club.

- Application/Agreement Form
- Liability
- Medical Waiver
- Assumption of Risk
- Title IX Training
- Sport Club Information Session

**Section B.** The Director will assist in all practices, events, fundraising, and meetings that the club is involved in. The Director should be one whose ideals are aligned with the Sport Clubs purpose and is willing to serve

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as a source of information and advice for the club. The Director will need to fill out a Coaching form at the start of the Fall semester.

**Section C.** There are certain forms and requirements to be met in order to become Director or be on staff for the UNLV Independent Winterguard. All required documentation and training must be completed and submitted to the Sport Club Program Coordinator prior to any involvement with the club.

- Application/Agreement Form
- Coaching Expectations & Qualifications Form
- Liability
- Medical Waiver
- Assumption of Risk
- Title IX Training
- Sport Club Information Session
- Sport Club Coach Training

### **Article V – Implementing New Officers**

**Section A.** Officers will serve a term of one year, starting in August and ending in May. When the spring season is over, if current officers meet requirements they may serve again after the approval of all current officers.

**Section B.** All members of the Sport Club who are full time UNLV students are eligible to be an officer. Officers must meet Sport Club membership requirements and have been a member of the team for at least one year.

**Section C.** Members interested in becoming an officer will meet with current officers to go over details of position and requirements before approval.

### **Article VI - Removal of Officers**

**Section A.** Cause for removal shall be defined as not meeting Sport Club membership requirements or the majority of officers decides the officer unproductive and wish to select a new officer.

## **Article VII - Amendments**

**Section A.** Any member of this Sport Club may suggest amendments to this Constitution. All suggestions will first be delivered to officials of club, and announced at next meeting.

## **Article VIII - Meetings**

**Section A.** Mandatory meetings must occur before any practices or events have taken place or after all practices and events have been completed. There will be a total of 4 mandatory meetings: Fall Planning Meeting, Spring Season Meeting, WGI Regional-Prep Meeting, End of Season Meeting. The first meeting will take place at the beginning of the fall semester before any practice or events have taken place. The second meeting will take place near the end of Fall semester around the time of Winter Break. The third meeting will take place 2 weeks prior to the WGI Western Championships at Thomas and Mack. The last meeting of the semester will take place at the conclusion of the competitive season.

**SIGN AND RETURN WITH UNLV MEDICAL & LIABILITY FORMS**

*By signing below, you certify that you have read the above Constitution, that you know and understand the meaning and intent of the club's policies and bylaws, and that you are entering this agreement to abide by all club policies knowingly and voluntarily.*

Members Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Members Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR CLUB USE ONLY**

Club Representative Initials:

Date Received: