

Charger Pickleball Club
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Article I
NAME

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be known as Charger Pickleball Club.

Section 2. When Abbreviated, this organization shall be referred to as CPC.

Section 3. This organization shall be situated at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Article II
PURPOSE

The Purpose of Charger Pickleball Club is to teach pickleball basics to the charger community as well as bring the charger community to the competitive Pickleball stage.

Article III
MEMBERS

Section 1. Membership to this organization is self-nominated and open to any full-time or part-time student attending classes at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

A) To become an eligible member one must attend two regularly scheduled meetings in a semester, in addition provide a phone number and email address.

Section 2. Membership to this organization is granted to currently enrolled students, faculty, and staff at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Section 3. Penalties to club membership in response to offenses made by club members may be incurred according to the following system, unless an offence is deemed to require further action by the sitting council:

A) First, a warning will be issued to the member in private.

B) Second, the member will be suspended from three meetings or otherwise deemed appropriate amount after said offense.

C) Third, the offender's club membership will be suspended after the council deems appropriate. Said offender will be notified privately via email or meeting.

Section 4. Membership shall be open to all students of The University of Alabama in Huntsville, without regard to race, religion, sex, disability, or national origin, except in cases of designated fraternal organizations exempted by federal law from Title IX regulations concerning discrimination on the basis of sex.

Article IV OFFICERS

Section 1. The Executive officers of this organization shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Media Coordinator, and Coach. As needed/unofficial officers will be as follows: Consultant, Equipment Manager, and Assistant Coach. These positions fill the Charger Pickleball club at UAH.

Section 2. The terms of office for the Charger Pickleball club will last from appointment of office to may the following year. Elections will be held in April and will be anonymous through a Charger Connect Form which will be overseen by the Secretary of the club. All officers shall be required to re-run for office after their turn is complete if they are interested in holding office.

A) Unofficial Officers: If the members of the club show interest in the positions of Unofficial Officers when election time comes, said officers will be voted upon as well unless the council agrees to vote in the member mid-term. In this case, said officer's term would end with all other officers.

B) Interim Clause: If an officer is unable to complete their duties for a short period of time due to unforeseen circumstances or any other legitimate reason, yet plans to return before the end of the term, the rest of the council will decide upon an interim officer to fill said position. It is the responsibility of the officer in question to train or inform said interim officer.

Section 3. The duties of the council officers are as follows:

Executive Officers:

President

The President will preside over all council and general meetings, make known event requests to the Faculty Advisor of the club, and manage general affairs of the organization. They will also perform other tasks as required by the Constitution or agreements of the Council.

Vice President

The Vice President will preside in the absence of the President in general meetings and support the President in general affairs of the organization. They will also perform other tasks as required by the Constitution or agreements of the Council.

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Secretary

The Secretary of the Charger Pickleball club will take notes for both the council and general meetings and will be responsible for updating the council on past movements from meetings. They will also take the votes brought forward, see Article VII: Parliamentary Authority. They will also perform other tasks as required by the Constitution or agreements of the Council.

Treasurer

The Treasurer will oversee the financial affairs of the organization, including the budget of the organization, foreseen expenditures for events and meetings, and report said findings to the Council. Additionally, they will review the expenditures of the following year and in turn create a proposed budget, under the direction of the President, for the upcoming year for the Council to agree upon. They will also perform other tasks as required by the Constitution or agreements of the Council.

Social Media Coordinator

The Social Media Coordinator will be responsible for running the social media accounts for the club including, but not limited to, Instagram in addition to encouraging members to interact with posts. They will serve as the primary photographer and capture footage from meetings and events. They will also perform other tasks as required by the Constitution or agreements of the Council.

Coach

The Coach works with the members of the club to better their skills during meetings. They will be responsible for the Practice meeting schedule and program. They may also appoint an Assistant Coach at their discretion. They will also perform other tasks as required by the Constitution or agreements of the Council.

Unofficial/As Needed Officers:

Equipment Manager

The Equipment Manager of the club will ensure that all Equipment (paddles, nets, balls, sponsored equipment, etc.) are put away and taken care of properly. They will also perform other tasks as required by the Constitution or agreements of the Council.

Consultants

Consultants are responsible for helping the club plan for events and providing criticism when needed. The maximum number of Consultants is determined by the Executive officers each semester. They will also perform other tasks as required by the Constitution or agreements of the Council.

Assistant Coach

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The Assistant Coach works directly with the coach of the club to provide help as needed. They will perform actions required by the Coach and will act in the Coaches absence. They will also perform other tasks as required by the Constitution or agreements of the Council.

Section 4. All candidates interested in applying for an office will complete a Google Form sent to all club members in the beginning of April. Interested applicants must complete the form no later than a week before final exams. The results will be sent to the Faculty Advisor to prevent biases. On the Monday preceding final exams, the selections will be made known and put on ballots for members to elect new officers. The Faculty Advisor will tally up the score. New officers will be placed in office at the end of the spring semester in May after both the election and training from the former officers are complete.

A) Students eligible for officer nominations must have at least a 2.25 GPA, meet the requirements for the college's eligibility for student office holding, and be an active member in the club, in addition to meeting the qualifications of the current officer council.

B) If a tie occurs between two candidates and:

- a) More running mate(s) were voted on, then the tied candidates will run again without the extra losing candidate(s) unless the process outlined here in part b is preferred by the tied candidates.
- b) There was no other running mate;
 - 1) The tied candidates will be contacted and told this process outlined here;
 - 2) They will be offered an open position in the club if no positions are open then they are offered the Consultant position, this would concede the ballot to the other candidate. If this does not solve the issue then or if both candidates concede;
 - 3) A winning candidate will be selected by the existing council who will hold a vote based on the criteria outlined in Article VII. The council will then vote on what position, if any, will be awarded to the losing candidate.

Section 5. Any additional responsibilities needed by the club will be voted upon by the council or voluntarily chosen by a Council member or general member. All members are asked to participate in marketing for the club under the guidance of the council and encouraging others to participate in activities.

Section 6. An officer may step down from their position at any time for any reason provided they have followed these steps. They must inform any council member who will then inform the president, if not already told. It is preferred that a replacement be proposed so that a transition can take place quickly, this is not required. After this they will be removed from officer resources and message groups, Groupme and Google.

Section 7. A council member will be required to step down from their position if they are not able to properly fulfill their responsibilities in office. They will be replaced by a candidate endorsed by the council and will be voted on by the majority in a general meeting.

Article V MEETINGS

Section 1.

General Meetings

Meetings shall be held on a weekly or every other week basis as determined by the club at the beginning of each semester. Meeting locations will be determined at the beginning of each semester and may be subject to change throughout the semester. Meeting attendance will be optional for members, yet in order to efficiently learn pickleball, attendance is recommended.

Section 2.

Council Meetings

The Council Meetings will be held on an as needed basis determined by the Council Members at the beginning of each semester. The Council will meet at least once a month to ensure progress in all aspects of the club is made. For any member's request to be heard they can email any council member or fill out a google form that is provided which is anonymous. If a council member is unable to attend, it is up for the rest of the Council to determine if absence is excusable.

Section 3.

Practice Meetings

Practice Meetings will be held, at minimum, every other week as determined by the Coach and Councils approval at the beginning of each semester. The location of these practices will be determined at the start of each semester and is subject to change throughout the semester. Meeting attendance will be mandatory for Charger Pickleball Club team members but also open for those outside the team. Team members who cannot make one or more of these meetings must contact the Coach to work on a solution or an absence.

Article VI ADVISOR

Section 1. The Advisor for this organization shall provide assistance to the club for events and meetings. The club advisor must be a faculty or staff member of the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Section 2. If the advisor is unable to continue to serve the club for any reason, a new advisor must be nominated by either the advisor or any member of the club to the council. The new advisor must be trained either by the former advisor or the council depending on the situation.

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A) If the advisor fails to meet the requirements of the club, the council will meet and discuss if further action is required. The council will discuss with the advisor about any issues before making any further decisions.

Section 3. The advisor's responsibility includes but is not limited to, assuring the executive officers are following the constitution, are executing events that align with the purpose of the organization, and are treating the general body members with respect. The advisor is also to attend meetings and find availability when the executive officers requests to meet regarding Registered Student Organization business.

Article VII

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. The Charger Pickleball club at the University of Alabama in Huntsville will adopt a system for members of the club to make a proposal to the council. The following process will take place at the next scheduled meeting.

- A) A motion will be made to introduce a new order of business or make a new decision.
- B) A second confirmation motion must be made after the initial motion.
- C) If a vote is needed and there is an even number of members the secretary will not participate in said vote; instead they will only tally votes and ensure no bias.
- D) Finally a majority vote will be taken to adopt said proposal.

Article VIII
By Laws

Bylaws may be adopted or amended if deemed necessary by a majority of members in the Charger Pickleball club, the Council, the Club Advisor, or the Student Government.

Section 1. UREC and team procedures

1. The Charger Pickleball Club will follow the procedures and outlines provided by the UREC Sport Club Manual which includes but is not limited to:
 - Club Operations
 - Eligibility
 - Responsibilities
 - Game/Competition Scheduling
 - Facility Reservations
 - Maintenance
 - Event Management
 - Members' Conduct
 - Discipline Policy
 - Hazing Policy
 - Alcohol/Drug/Tobacco Policy
 - Travel
 - Risk Management
 - Public Relations

Section 2. Membership

1. Types of members:
 - 1.1. Casual Members:
 - i. Follow all the guidelines for membership of Article III, Membership.
 - ii. Are encouraged to attend open tournaments and General and Practice meetings as outlined in Article V, Meetings: Section 1 and 3.
 - iii. May not compete in UAH Charger Pickleball Club team tournaments but are encouraged to try out and attend practices for future competitions.
 - 1.2. Team Members:
 - i. Follow all the guidelines for membership of Article III, Membership.
 - ii. Are strongly encouraged to attend Practice meetings. If unable to attend said meetings, they will work with the coach and their assistants for a solution.
 - iii. Team members must attend practices regularly for selection to compete in tournaments as defined by the sitting coach and his/her assistants with the approval of the council.

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- iv. Inclusion on the team roster does not constitute a guaranteed position competing in a tournament.
 - v. Must meet all requirements outlined by this document and the UREC Sports Club Manual. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Registration in Fusion Play, Charger Connect, and DUPR
 - Have up to date health insurance
 - Must be in good academic standing with the University
 - Must be a Part or Full time student as outlined in the student handbook, 5.8 Student Course Loads
- 1.3. Officer Members:
- i. Follow all the guidelines for membership of Article III, Membership.
 - ii. Are strongly encouraged to attend every meeting, specifically officer meetings and major events.
 - iii. These members are no different than Casual members except they hold an officer position in the club outlined by Article IV, Officers.
 - iv. Officers may be on the club team and compete in tournaments without bias towards or against them

Section 3. Sponsorship

1. A sponsorship may be acquired by the Charger Pickleball Club at any point with a majority vote from the council.
2. Any active sponsor should be listed in the bylaws of the Charger Pickleball Club Constitution.
3. Sponsors and effective dates:
 - 3.1. Selkirk; This sponsorship with Selkirk is effective until April of 2027
 - 3.2. Head Sports; This sponsorship with Head Sports is effective until May of 2026
 - 3.3. Warming Point Sports; This Partnership is effective until further notice

Section 4. Alabama Credit Union

1. As of September 4, 2025 the CPC will hold an account with the Alabama Credit Union (ALCU) under the direction of the faculty advisor.
2. Authorized Signers are to be as follows:
 - 2.1. Faculty Advisor
 - 2.2. President
 - 2.3. Treasurer
3. Changing Authorized Signers is to be completed by the faculty advisor by submitting a letter to Student life and ALCU with:
 - 3.1. Who is being taken off the account
 - 3.2. New Authorized signers
 - 3.3. A non-authorized signer within the organization

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4. Any action in this account must be documented and noted in a clear manner and should be part of the Treasurer's report to the council.

Article IIX
Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by any participating member to the executive officers. A vote across the executive officers must have a majority vote before passing an amendment. In case of a tie, the President will decide.