

CHICAGO-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW

Sportfeasors

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Preamble

For scores and about a year ago, our four-runners brought forth on this law school a new student organization, conceived in sweat, and dedicated to the proposition that all sports are created equal.¹ We the Sportfeasors of Chicago-Kent College of Law, in order to form a more athletic, muscular, and overall perfect student body, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

Article I

NAME

The name of this organization is the Chicago-Kent Sportfeasors (“Sportfeasors”).

Article II

OBJECTIVES

The Sportfeasors will serve to:

- Promote exercise, fitness, wellness, and healthy competition among the students at the Law School and others in the legal community;
- Create networking opportunities and alumni relationships through recreational or competitive athletic events;
- Increase Chicago-Kent’s visibility and recognition within the Chicago community; and
- Look good while doing it.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Eligibility

Membership shall be open to all Chicago-Kent students (day, evening, full-time, and part-time, and including all Foreign Students, even those from England, unless engaging in activities noted in Footnote 1), faculty, alumni, and staff. Individuals who are not affiliated with Chicago-Kent may attend programs and events, but may not be members.

Section 2 – Responsibilities and Privileges of Membership

Because the Sportfeasors relies on an involved and active membership, all members are encouraged to fully participate by attending executive board and general membership meetings, participating in programs, staffing events, contributing course outlines, etc.

Only members, as defined in Section One above, will be given access to the Sportfeasors

¹ Except for Cricket.

course outline bank and will be allowed to vote on Sportfeasons matters and elections.

Section 3 – Membership Dues

Dues are generally not required. However, the Executive Board may vote to approve a fee to pay for special events and programs that SBA funding does not cover.

Article IV
EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1—Requirements

Only current Chicago-Kent students may serve on the Executive Board, with the exception of the Faculty Advisor and Alumni Liaison positions, which must be filled by a member of the faculty and an alumna or alumnus respectively.

Section 2—Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the officers and class representatives of the Sportfeasons. The officers shall include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. Officers may include the Alumni Liaison and Faculty Advisor. Officers may also include a Technology Director. There may be at least one class representative for each of the 1L sections, and one each for the 2L, 3L, and 4L classes. When possible, there should be representation from both the day and evening divisions. There shall be at least one Team Captain for each separate sport represented by the Sportfeasons.

Section 3 – Officer Positions

A - President

The President shall call Sportfeason meetings, and coordinate the operation and direction of the Sportfeasons, including, but not limited to, programs (sporting events, panels, speakers, socials, debates, etc.) and committee assignments. The President serves as a liaison between Sportfeasons and the Chicago-Kent Student Bar Association (“SBA”) and the Administration. The President shall only cast one vote in an election, matter for discussion, or proposed amendment to the Sportfeasons Constitution, in the event of a tie. However, in the event of a tie within the Executive Board, before the President shall cast his or her vote, there shall be a competition of the President’s choosing between a representative of the opposing viewpoint of the Executive Board and the President. The President may choose a proxy Sportfeason to compete in his or her stead. The President, with the advice of the Executive Board, shall be able to create nicknames for every member of the Sportfeasons.

B - Vice-President (VP)

The VP shall call Sportfeasons meetings in the President’s absence. The VP shall coordinate all recruitment activities, including the student organization fairs and office of admissions outreach programs. The VP shall help recruit new members, encourage participation among all members, and assist the President in fulfilling his or her duties. The VP shall assist the Sportfeasons with all external relations, most notably working with the Career Services Office and the Alumni Relations Office. The VP shall work with the Alumni Liaison to develop and maintain student relations with the alumni. If the President is assassinated, the VP’s sole duty as new President shall be to avenge the former President’s

death, until the former President is avenged, at which point, the VP's duties will revert to those of the President, as described in Section 3A.

C - Treasurer

The Treasurer shall maintain the financial accounts, set forth the budget in consultation with the President, and submit financial reports and reimbursement requests in accordance with the guidelines of the SBA and Administration. The Treasurer shall present financial reports at all executive board meetings. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for seeking out, excavating, burying, and protecting all booty, awards, chests of gold coins, artifacts, relics, trophies, medals, and ribbons. The Treasurer shall also be treasured by all Members.

D – Secretary (“The Dierdorf Clause”)

The Secretary shall show a little skin, but not too much skin, just enough to scare and intimidate his or her competitors in all Sportfeasing events. The Secretary shall also compile, maintain, and distribute the minutes of meetings and the records of the Sportfeasers. The Secretary shall keep a current list of members and work with the Technology Director to ensure that the Sportfeasers membership directory is current. The Secretary shall provide “back-up” for the Technology Director in posting announcements on The Record and the Student Organizations Calendar. The Secretary shall work with the Alumni Liaison to maintain a list of alumni members. If the Secretary is named or bestowed by the Executive Board the nickname “Dierdorf,” that Secretary shall be responsible for planning one party in the suburbs of Chicago once per academic year.²

E – New Officer Positions

The Executive Board may create a new permanent officer position with a majority (50% +1) vote of the Board.

Section 4 – Non-Mandatory Positions

A - Faculty Advisor

The Faculty Advisor shall serve as a resource for the Sportfeasers President and Executive Board, facilitate the acquisition of speakers, and serve as a liaison between Sportfeasers and the Chicago-Kent faculty and administration.

B - Alumni Liaison

The Alumni Liaison shall be responsible for ensuring that our alumni stay connected with the Sportfeasers. The position shall be filled by a Chicago-Kent alumnus or alumna who has experience, interest, or ability in the Art of Sportfeasing. The Liaison shall be appointed jointly by the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

C - Technology Director

The Technology Director shall ensure that the Sportfeasers remain current with technology by maintaining website information (posting agendas and minutes, updating the

² No Sportfeaser is required to attend said party in the Suburbs, except for that Sportfeaser named or bestowed the nickname Dierdorf.

membership directory, updating the course outline bank, etc.), improving the website, coordinating on-line surveys, and by posting announcements on The Record and events on the Student Organizations Calendar, and taking other actions as necessary.

D – Team Captains

For each sport, the Executive Board shall designate, by majority vote, a Team Captain. All interested members may contact the President to serve as a Captain.

Team Captains shall lead the development of the Sportfeadors' participation in said sport. They will be the primary contact for said sport, but may delegate responsibility as appropriate.

Team Captains are encouraged to help with the planning and implementation of Sportfeadors programs and events.

E - Class Representatives

For each Class, the Executive Board shall designate, by majority vote, a Class Representative. All interested members may contact the President to serve as a representative. Class Representatives shall be chosen within the first two months of the academic year.

Class representatives shall be responsible for communicating news about Sportfeadors programs, events, and meetings to the student body.

Class representatives are encouraged to help with the planning and implementation of Sportfeadors programs and events.

Section 5 – Officer Elections, Terms, Vacancies, and Removals

A – Elections

i – The election of mandatory officers shall take place in April of each Academic Year. The President shall coordinate the elections. The Faculty Advisor does not have a defined term, but instead retains the position for as long as she or he wishes to serve. The Alumni Liaison is appointed each April, for a one year term, by the newly elected President, in consultation with the Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

ii – If a position is not contested, the applicant will automatically be seated in the position.

iii - If a position has two or more candidates, the candidate receiving a majority of those votes cast by Sportfeadors members shall be seated in the position. The Executive Board shall determine a fair election procedure that provides at least one week for members to state their interest in a position, followed by an election period that lasts at least one week.

B – Dual Occupancy

An individual may occupy more than one office at one time, except no individual may serve as more than one mandatory Executive Board position.

C – Length of Term

Each officer shall serve for a term of 2 consecutive semesters, which includes

summer and academic breaks, as appropriate. The membership may reelect an officer to serve additional terms.

D – Vacancy

If an office or class representative position becomes vacant before the end of its regular term of office, the officers shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term. Prior to appointing a replacement, the officers shall solicit volunteers from the general membership.

E - Removal

An officer or class representative may be removed for good cause at any time by a 2/3 vote of the remaining executive board or by a 2/3 vote of Sportfeasors members.

Article V
COMMITTEES

Section 1 – The Executive Board may appoint Committees to delegate responsibilities not covered by this Constitution, and not violative of this Constitution.

Article VI
MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

Section 1 – Executive Board Meetings

i - The Executive Board should meet as often as necessary to effectively plan and implement an active calendar of events and programs to meet the purpose of the Sportfeasors. Executive Board meetings shall be shrouded in secrecy, but minutes shall be made available upon request. There shall be a special password for entrance to each Executive Board meeting. The password will be determined by the President and distributed to the Executive Board prior to the meeting. The password may or may not be Dierdorf. Maybe it is. Maybe it isn't. The Executive Board will state the true password in the Constitution – would we?

ii - The President shall call the meeting, but any officer may call a board meeting if necessary. The President, or officer calling the meeting, shall determine the agenda prior to the meeting and communicate the agenda to the membership at least 24 hours in advance.

Section 2 – General Membership Meetings

General membership meetings may be called by the Executive Board at least once per semester during the regular academic year (not including the summer).

Section 3 – Meeting Minutes

The Secretary shall take minutes of all Executive Board and general membership meetings. The Secretary shall distribute the minutes to the membership within one week of the meeting. The Technology Director shall post the minutes on the Sportfeasors website upon request.

Section 4 – Scheduling Meetings and Programs

When scheduling meetings and programs, the executive board should take into consideration the diverse schedules of students in the day and evening programs by varying the day and time at which meetings and programs are offered.

Section 5 – Summer Meetings

Those Executive Board members who are in Chicago during the summer are encouraged to meet at least once or twice over the summer to plan for the upcoming academic year. The President, or the VP in the absence of the President, should plan this meeting. A pool and/or pizza should be involved for all Summer Meetings.

Article VII
AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – Purpose

This Constitution is a holy tome that shall be interpreted with extreme deference to the intentions of the drafters.

Section 2 - Proposals

Any Sportfeasors member may submit a proposal to change this Constitution during either the fall or spring semester. The proposed amendment must be seconded by an Executive Board member and will then be presented to the entire Executive Board for drafting of amendment language. At any amendment presentation, pizza must be present.

Section 3 - Ratification

Amendments shall be enacted by a 75% vote of the Executive Board, and a simple majority (50% +1) of Sportfeasors members who cast a vote. Voting on the Amendment by the Executive Board shall occur at an Executive Board meeting. Voting on the Amendment by the general membership shall occur by any means practical. Members shall be provided notice of the impending vote of at least three days. Votes on constitutional amendments may not take place during an academic break.

Effective Date: The Executive Board approved this Constitution at the April 15, 2012 Executive Board meeting.