

UMB CRICKET CLUB CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

UMB Cricket Club: The UMB Cricket Club shall be subject to the jurisdiction of Indian Association of the University of Maryland Baltimore of which it is an officially registered Sub-group. All general rules and guidelines regarding decorum and conduct that apply to the Indian Association, UMB sports Clubs, and student associations at the University of Maryland at Baltimore shall also apply to the UMB Cricket Club.

Article I - Name

The name of the organization will be, "UMB CRICKET CLUB", hereafter referred to simply as, "Club". The official name of the cricket team of fielded by the Club shall be, "UMB BAYONETS" (hereafter referred to as "Bayonets". Details regarding the team name can be found in Document 1.

Article II - Purpose

The primary purpose of the Club is to promote the game of Cricket and in doing so encourage fair play, team work, and camaraderie among its members.

Article III – Assets of the Club

All equipment purchased for the Club or obtained as donations from members and non-members are capital assets of the Club. Disputes concerning equipment will be settled by the Executive Board. If one or more members of the Club dispute the decision of the Executive Board, the Office of Student Services at the University of Maryland Baltimore shall arbitrate the issue.

Article IV - Qualifications for Membership

Section A. Regular Membership

Regular membership is open to registered students, alumni, and current staff of the University of Maryland Baltimore.

Section B. Guest membership

Guest Membership may be given by the Executive Board to persons who are not affiliated with the University of Maryland Baltimore. All guest members must be sponsored by a regular member of the Club. Sponsors of guest members must be able to vouch for the character of the guest member, and must take full responsibility for the conduct of the sponsored guest member in the Club. Guest membership is a privilege, and therefore UMB affiliates will be give first preference during team selection for games against other teams.

Section C. Non Discrimination Policy

The Club does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, nationality, language, sex, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, disabled veteran or veteran, and seniority in the Club.

Section D. Zero Tolerance Policy

The Club will follow a zero tolerance policy on violations of the principles mentioned in Article IV, Section C. Violations will be reported to the university administration, or to the school or employer for guest members. Violators will be removed from the Club by the Executive Board with immediate effect based on a simple majority vote within the Executive Board.

Section E. Proof of legal status in the United States of America

All members must provide proof of legal status in the United States and must provide the name and address of their employer or school. Members must sign a statement under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and accurate (Ref. Document 2).

Section F. Waiver of Liability

All members must sign the waiver of liability Assumption of Risk Release and Waiver of Liability Indemnity Agreement to not hold the Club responsible for personal injury, and loss or damage to property (Ref. Document 3).

Section G. Addition and removal of Club Members

Addition or removal of Club members must be decided by a simple majority vote within the Executive Board. A written record of such voting decisions along with the justification for addition or removal of members must be maintained in order to avoid potential disagreements regarding addition or removal of Club members.

Section H. Club fees

Club fees shall be collected at the beginning of each season. Fees may be paid by cash or check favoring UMB Cricket Club. Proper documentation must be maintained for collection of Club fees. The exact amount to be collected as Club fees for each season will be determined by the Executive Board at the beginning of the season.

Individuals who do not pay their fees for the current season will automatically be removed from the Club and from all related discussion forums and mailing lists. If an individual so removed would like to be reinstated in the Club, a written request must be submitted along with payment of the Club fees.

Article V - Officers and Elections

Section A. Named. The Executive Board (EB) shall consist of the following officers:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Team Captain
5. Team Vice-Captain.

Section B. Eligibility for Executive Board Membership

All board members must be Regular Members of the Club as defined in Article IV, Section A. With the exception of the posts of President and Team Captain, a Guest Member may be elected or nominated for office if a post is uncontested by Regular Members.

Section C. The President

The President shall oversee all Club operations, preside over Club meetings and maintain the accounts of the Club. The President shall act as the principal liaison for interactions with other cricket Clubs. In the absence of the Team Captain and Vice-Captain, the President shall act as the Captain in matches against other teams.

Section D. Vice-President

The Vice-President will represent the Cricket Club at all Indian Association Meetings, and at meetings of the University of Maryland Baltimore Recreation Services. The Vice-President shall preside at all meetings and events that the President cannot attend. The Vice-president will automatically take up the title and responsibilities of the President, if upon resignation or removal of the President.

Section E. Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for observance of rules during meetings, recording minutes of meetings, and maintenance of attendance at Club meetings, and shall post these details on the Club's website or web group in a timely manner. The Secretary shall also be responsible for maintenance of the Club website and mailing list in collaboration with the webmaster of the Indian Association and University of Maryland Baltimore Recreation Services.

Section F. Team Captain

The Team Captain shall lead the team fielded by the Club and be responsible for the conduct of players on the field during practice sessions and games against other teams. Working together with the other members of the EB, the Captain is also responsible for

coordinating practice sessions and games against other teams. The Captain shall also maintain attendance of members at practice sessions and matches and post these statistics in a timely manner on the Club website or web group. The Captain is responsible for team selection along with the Vice-Captain.

Section G. Team Vice-Captain

The Team Vice-Captain shall assist the Captain on the field, and in the absence of the Captain shall automatically take up the responsibilities of the Captain. The Vice-Captain shall maintain the score sheets and statistics from games against other teams, and when possible shall maintain statistics for practice games, and post these statistics in a timely manner on the Club website or web group.

Section H. Term of office

The Term of office shall be from October through October of the following year. The purpose of this rule is to ensure that only Club members who have paid their Club Fees and have maintained at least 50% attendance at practice sessions, matches, and Club Meetings are allowed to participate in the elections. The timing of the elections is also aimed at enabling the new EB to take over the administration of the Club when the weather still permits at least one or two practice sessions or games against other teams.

Section I. Elections

1. Elections for the posts of President, Vice-president and Secretary shall be held in October.
2. Elections must be held at a meeting of the Club at least two weeks after the elections have been announced. Web polls for Club elections are strictly prohibited due to the risk of voters' anonymity being compromised.
3. Nominations for elections can be accepted before elections by email, or regular mail, and may also be accepted at the elections meeting.
4. Elections shall proceed in the following order: Secretary, President, Vice-president.
5. Voting shall be by ballot and the winner decided by a simple majority.

6. Voting rights are given to all regular members and guest members of the Club who have no dues, and have at least 50% attendance at practice sessions, games, and Club meetings.

7. The Captain and Vice-Captain shall be appointed by the President, Vice-president and Secretary at the same meeting where these officers are elected. Appointment shall be based on performance during the most recent or current season only. The three aforementioned EB members shall confer briefly in private and then announce their decision to the Club. If there is any objection to the appointment of the Captain and Vice-Captain, a motion must be made from the floor against the appointment. If the motion against an appointment get a two-thirds majority vote, a new appointment must be made.

Article VI – Removal from office

Section A. An officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Club at a regular or emergency meeting. An officer who has been removed from office may also be removed from the Club by the remaining members of the EB. An officer may be removed only for ethical and disciplinary violations. Performance on the cricket field does not qualify as grounds for removal of any officer.

Section B. An officer who has been removed from office may appeal to the Club and be reinstated by the Club by a two-thirds majority vote of the Club.

Section F. Any vacancy which may occur in the EB shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the EB pending ratification at the next Club meeting.

Article VII – Meetings

Section A. Regular meetings shall be held once in two months after at least seven days notice.

Section B. Emergency meetings may be called with at least two days notice.

Section C. Quorum for meetings shall be at least 3 of 5 EB members.

Article VI - Amendment Procedures and Requirements

Section A. Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed by the organization in all cases involving parliamentary procedure

Section C. The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present during a regular meeting of the club provided one week's notice is given with the proposed amendment. All amendments must be approved in accordance with policies of the Indian Association at the University of Maryland Baltimore and policies of University of Maryland Baltimore Recreation Services before becoming legally binding.

Article VII – Guidelines for Practice Sessions

Section A. The Captain and Vice-Captain will coordinate and conduct practice sessions. Every effort must be made to ensure that all players receive a chance to play during practice sessions so that all players alike may improve their performance and hone their skills. However, it must be borne in mind that due to the nature of the sport, it may not always be possible that every player gets a chance to bowl or bat during practice games.

Section B. Players are required to conduct themselves in a professional manner.

Section C. The EB may expel from the club or take other suitable action against players who do not maintain professional behavior.

Section D. As practice sessions are meant to foster team unity, any attempts to undermine team unity will be considered as a disciplinary violation.

Article VIII – Matches Against Other Teams

Section A. The team fielded by the Club are ambassadors of the University of Maryland Baltimore and are therefore required to maintain professional behavior at games against other teams. All disputes that arise during games will be handled only by the Captain, Vice-Captain, and if necessary the Club President.

Section B. As ambassadors of the University of Maryland Baltimore, the club expects a high degree of commitment from its players. The Captain and Vice-Captain will assign batting, bowling, fielding positions, and other responsibilities to players as they see fit in order to increase the team's chances of winning games. Due to the nature of the sport, it may not always be possible that every player gets a chance to bowl or bat during games against other teams.

Document 1 Referred to in Article 1 of the Constitution

The UMB Bayonets

The team fielded by the UMB Cricket Club shall be known as, “The UMB BAYONETS”. The abbreviated name, “BAYONETS”, shall be displayed on the team uniform and gear. The official symbol shall be two crossing bayonets cutting the center of the team name (Fig. 1).

A bayonet – pronounced, bā-ə-net or bā-ə-’net, is a steel blade attached at the muzzle end of a shoulder arm (such as a rifle) and used in hand to hand Combat (Fig. 2).

(<http://www.merriam-webster.com/cgi-bin/dictionary?book=Dictionary&va=bayonet>)

Fig. 1



Fig. 2

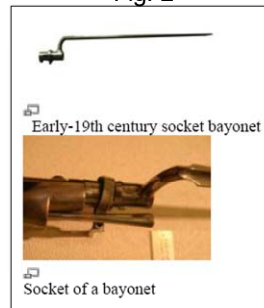


Fig. 3



The team name, “Bayonets”, is meant to be representative of the largest estuary in North America – the Chesapeake Bay, which is greatly representative of the state of Maryland (Fig. 3).

Every player who represents the UMB Cricket Club is expected to be as sharp as a bayonet on the cricket field, and play hard, but fair, for the glory and honor of our great cricket club.

GO BAYONETS!

Document 2 referred to in Article IV, Section E of the Constitution

UMB Cricket Club
222 N. Pine St. University of Maryland Baltimore Student Services,
Baltimore, MD 21201

Proof of Legal Status in the United States of America

Name: _____(First)_____(MI)_____ (Last)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Name of School or Employer: _____

Address of School or Employer: _____

Work Phone: _____

Status in the United States of America (please check one):

Citizen Permanent Resident Visa Visa type: _____

Declaration: I certify under penalty of perjury that the information I have provided above is true and accurate and that I am a legal resident of the United States of America

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Document 3 Referred in Article IV, Section F of the Constitution
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ASSUMPTION OF RISK RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Element of Risk

The game of Cricket and its associated activities may present various elements of risk. Accidents resulting from such activities may cause injury. These accidents result from the nature of the activities and can occur without any fault on either the part of the UMB Cricket Club and its directors, officers, and membership, or the University of Maryland Baltimore, and its directors, officers, servants, employees or agents. By choosing to participate in the activities, you are assuming the risk of an accident occurring. Participants **MUST** assume the risk associated with the activities.

Acknowledgement

I,(print) understand and accept the above and provide the

UMB Cricket Club with the following waiver of liability and indemnification agreement.

I hereby release and agree to hold harmless and indemnify the UMB Cricket Club and its directors, management committee, officers, and membership, and the University of Maryland Baltimore, and its Directors, management committee, officers, servants, employees and agents from any and all claims, actions, or damage without any limitations whatsoever whether consisting of loss, personal injury, property damage, or death that does or may result in any way from participation in the game or practices or any activity while on the Club's property, whether such loss, injury or such death is caused by their act or omission, breach of contract, or negligence or not, assuming myself any and all responsibility and liability for same.

I, further agree to indemnify and hold harmless all those named above from any damages or costs or expenses whatsoever, which they or any of them may sustain as a result of my preparation and participation. This release is binding and I so understand, not only upon myself but upon my heirs, administrators, executors and assignees and I herewith again reaffirm my free and willing intent to exercise it, acknowledging a complete understanding of its terms and conditions and the totality of its effect, and the completeness of the waiver of any rights that I would otherwise have had, had this agreement not been executed.

I have read the above and understand that in participating in cricket, we are assuming the risks associated with doing so.

..... Signature Date..... Date of Birth

A Parent OR Guardian for minor under 18 years of legal age MUST SIGN THE Section Below

Guardian/Parent Consent

I/WE THE PARENT/GAUADIAN OF THE ABOVE NAMED CHILD/PLAYER, HEREBY GIVE OUR APPROVAL TO HIS/HER PARTICIPATION IN ALL UMB CRICKET CLUB PROGRAMS THAT HE/SHE IS SELECTED FOR. I/WE ASSUME ALL RISKS AND HAZARDS INCIDENTAL TO THE CONDUCT OF THE ACTIVITIES AND TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SUCH ACTIVITIES. I/WE DO FURTHER RELEASE, ABSOLVE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE ABOVE ASSOCIATION, THE ORGANIZERS, AND SUPERVISORS APPOINTED BY THEM. I/WE LIKEWISE RELEASE FROM RESPONSIBILITY ANY PERSON TRANSPORTING OUR CHILD TO AND FROM THE ACTIVITIES.

Parents/Guardian Name

Signature

Date