Westfield State Powerlifting Constitution of Westfield State University

Article I

Name:

Section 1: This organization shall be known as the Westfield State Powerlifting Club of Westfield State University and shall hereafter be referred to as the WSP

Article II

Purpose:

Section 1: The WSP was created in order to introduce, educate, and provide a healthy and strong lifestyle to people through powerlifting. It will also serve as a social network for those interested and looking to meet others with similar mindsets and goals.

Article III

Membership:

Section 1: Membership shall be open to all full-time and part-time undergraduate students of Westfield State University who have paid their student activities fee for the current academic semester.

Section 2: Members are considered to be active if they attend and participate in at least two (2) of club meeting as well as two (2) activities per semester.

Article IV

Officers:

Section 1: The officers of the Club include: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary

Section 2: Duties of each officer:

1. The President
2. Will be in charge of running the clubs meetings and activities.
3. Is prepared with something to do every meeting
4. Will be communicating with the other officers in WSP, providing executive assistance and solutions if needed.
5. Will educate the president elected for the next term on what is to be expected.
6. The Vice President
7. Will take over the clubs meetings and activities if the president isn’t available.
8. Assists the president in all activities and meetings
9. Oversee of recruitment and club retention
10. The Treasurer
11. Will be in charge of all the funds associated with WSP
12. Records all of what WSP owns, buys, and owes.
13. Talks with the other club members every meeting about the status of WSP’s funding.
14. Will assume the position of President if both the president and vice president are absent.
15. The Secretary
16. Must construct and agenda for meetings
17. Records what was accomplished at each meeting, as well as the date and time

Section 3: Any active member who is willing to run for a position in office is eligible

Section 4: The term of office will be one (1) academic year

Article V

Advisors:

Section 1: Advisors are open to any faculty, staff or librarian

Section 2: The Advisor will perform duties when requested by the club

Section 3: Election of an advisor is elected through the club members by a majority vote (50%) plus one (1)

Article VI

Elections:

Section 1: All active members can run for any position in office at each election period.

Section 2: The votes will be cast through a paper ballot; the president will tally and present the winner.

Section 3: No election may be held if there is not a quorum of fifty percent (50%) of the club members plus one (1) present at the meeting.

Section 4: The president tally’s the votes and only votes in the event of a tie.

Section 5: Terms for each position will run for one (1) academic year. Elections will be held in the beginning of each fall semester at the first meeting.

Article VII

Meetings:

Section 1: The club will meet no less than four (4) times a semester.

Section 2: Officers may hold separate meetings other than regular meetings by themselves without the advisor.

Section 3: Club members can ask the president to coordinate a special meeting at any time.

Article VIII

Vacancies:

Section 1: If a position in office becomes vacant, an election will be held the next meeting to fill the empty spot. (see Article VI)

Section 2: If an advisor leaves the club an election will take place during the next meeting when a possible advisor is found.

Article IX

Amending Procedure:

Section 1: This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting members of the club and if approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee of the Student Government Association.

Article X

Removal from office:

Section 1: Any officer of the club may be removed if the individual otherwise fails to perform his/her duties. An active member may motion for the removal of an officer. A vote of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) is needed to remove an officer.

Section 2: The advisor of the club may be removed if the individual otherwise fails to perform his/her duties. An active member may motion for the removal of an advisor. A vote of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) is needed to remove an advisor

Article XI

Recognition of Safety and Waiver of Liability

Section 1:

1. The Student Government Association (herein, SGA) and this Club, **Westfield State Powerlifting Club**, recognize that the overall safety and wellbeing of its Club members is a priority function of the Club.
2. This Club­­­­ (named above) is only authorized to conduct its activities in a designated University approved location such as one provided on campus grounds or at a recognized location that is designed or approved for this Club’s specific activities.
3. Each Club member, as a material condition of membership, understands, accepts and agrees that his/her participation in this Club is voluntary and that he/she voluntarily assumes all risks and liabilities associated with his/her participation.  Each Club member, by accepting membership, agrees to hold the SGA harmless from and indemnify the SGA against any and all liability, including, but not limited to physical, financial, emotional and property damage claims, whether sustained or inflicted, in connection with or in any way related to the participant’s participation in the Club.
4. Once approved the SGA acts as an administrative resource for the Club and is not responsible for managing Club activities.
   1. All Club activities which may include, but are not limited to practices, meetings, and competitions that are being held off of the Westfield State University campus must be supervised by a proper authority (Such as an advisor or coach or certified facility manager) and must be taking place in an appropriate setting for the activity. Secondly, all clubs operating their activities off-campus must complete proper paper work which may include but, is not limited to a travel waiver prior to the activity occurring. All paperwork must be completed and turned into the SGA office.
   2. All Club activities being held on Westfield State University campus buildings and grounds must be registered in the Event Management System to ensure proper coverage and knowledge of the activities.
   3. The responsibility of adhering to all expectations set out in “a” and “b” of this section lies with the officers and members of the individual Club.
5. Any and all injuries, whether incurred or inflicted in connection with Club activity, must be reported to Westfield State University Public Safety (413) - 572-5262 immediately per University reporting procedures. The SGA Parliamentarian or Representative must also be notified of such injury in writing no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the injury occurs. Reports of injuries will be kept by the SGA within the Club’s file.
6. After a report of such an injury has been made, all Club activities must cease while the cause of the injury is determined and an assessment of the situation occurs. After such determination and assessment by the Rules and Regulations committee, the club may resume its activities only if authorization from the SGA Parliamentarian to resume is issued in writing.

Section 2:

1. Failure to adhere to these conditions may result in sanctions, up to and including, revoking the Club’s active status as determined by the Rules and Regulations Committee.