

## Towson University Badminton Club Constitution

### *Article I – Name*

The official name of the club is the **Towson University Badminton Club**.

### *Article II- Purpose*

The Towson University Badminton Club has several purposes. In no particular order, they are:

- ◆ To educate members and visitors on the rules and strategies of badminton
- ◆ To establish an entertaining and fun atmosphere for all participants
- ◆ To help players enhance their badminton skills
- ◆ To allow players to compete at a level that is comfortable for each individual
- ◆ To enter intercollegiate competitions (for the members who chose to do so)

### *Article III-Membership*

A. All members must be at least 18 years old or have the approval and signature from a parent or guardian, complete a liability waiver prior to participating and have health insurance.

#### Full Participation:

- ◆ Towson University Full-time Undergraduate Students

#### Limited Participation:

The following people are eligible for limited participation within the SCO unless other wise noted in SCO policy.

- ◆ Towson University Part-time Undergraduate Students
- ◆ Towson University Graduate Students
- ◆ Towson University Alumni with membership

- ◆ Towson University Faculty
- ◆ Towson University Staff(excluding student staff)
- ◆ SCO Approved Advisors
- ◆ SCO Approved Coaches

These people are not eligible to:

- ◆ Receive any financial assistance from the SCO.
- ◆ Become a club officer.
- ◆ Vote on club business.

B. All members are to be treated equally, and it is up to each member of the club to control his/ her behavior during game play. Science badminton is not a team sport, There are no captains. It is expected that each player provide the opportunity for others to use the resources (courts, rackets, etc.) fairly.

#### *Article IV-Meetings*

- A. Meetings of the Towson University Badminton Club are held twice a week in Burdick Hall, Gymnasium 3.
- B. Regular meetings are weekly, and the club tries to begin each season on the second Friday of that semester. The club does not meet during winter or summer holiday. Additional meeting s will be announced in advance either at a regular meeting, or via phone or e-mail.

#### *Article V-Executive Board*

- A. There are four positions on the Executive Board: President, Vice President, Treasurer,. And Secretary. Their individual jobs are as follows:

President- Organize club members and competitions; maintain equipment and reserve time for club to use gymnasium; do club promotions; assist with fund-raisers; act as a liaison between club and recreational sports

Vice president- Same as president; acts as an auxiliary for the above  
Position

Treasurer- Calculate and allocate finances provided for the club;  
comprise the budget each semester; in charge of club  
fundraising

Secretary- Handle any written information that is requested of the  
club; to club promotions; establish contacts with other  
collegiate badminton clubs; and act as liaison between the  
club and recreational sports

- B. If a vacancy occurs within an office, any member can fill that  
position as long as the majority of the club members do not disagree  
with the appointment

### *Article VI – Elections*

- A. The length of a term, for an officer is one semester, but the officer  
can continue to hold that position for an unlimited number of  
semesters
- B. A member may nominate himself/herself or be nominated by another  
member for office. All nominations have to be seconded.
- C. If two nominees are tied for a position as an officer, the other three  
current officers are then to vote independently of the rest of the club  
to determine the winner

### *Article VII- Funds*

All revenues and expenses will be handled by the Treasurer. At this time,  
the Towson University Badminton Club does not solicit funds from its  
members, and obtains all finances through fundraising and Recreational  
Sports

### *Article VIII- Committees/Divisions*

Other than the four officers, the badminton club has no committees or  
subdivisions.

### *Article IX- Affiliations*

- A. At this time, the Towson University Badminton Club has no formal  
affiliations with any state, local, or national clubs, although its members  
may play in competition against individuals from schools other than

- Towson University.
- B. All rules are identical to the standard U.S. Badminton rules
  - C. Towson University Badminton Club is SGA and Recreational Sports affiliated.

### ***Article X- Advisors/Mangers***

The program coordinator for the Sport Clubs is the advisor for the Badminton Club.

### ***Article XI-Ratification***

The constitution will be made available for all members of the Towson University Badminton Club to read and amend, if necessary. It will be ratified by the majority vote of the club members.

### ***Article XII- Amendments***

Any amendments to the constitution will be presented to the President of the club, who will decide (through majority vote of all club members) if the amendment will be officially made. Amendments will then be the responsibility of the Secretary to include in the constitution.

### ***Article XIII-Bylaws***

In order for any new rules or regulations to be included in the club constitution, any member must present the new rule to the President. If the rule then receives a majority vote from the rest of the club members, the President will have the new rule added to the constitution.