

Air Force Academy Association of Graduates

Rugby Alumni Affinity Group

Bylaws

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Article I. We are an Affinity Group of the Air Force Academy Association of Graduates and have adopted the name “The Zoomie Rugby Football Club (ZRFC)”

Article II. The purpose of ZRFC is to support the success of intercollegiate rugby at the USAFA. Among the specific efforts to accomplish this goal are the following.

Section 2.01 Promote and Support USAFA Rugby by raising gift money and donated resources for the continuation and competitive success of USAFA rugby at the collegiate level.

Section 2.02 Keep a history of rugby at the USAFA.

Section 2.03 Create opportunities for fellowship for Academy rugby graduates

Article III. Membership shall consist of those people who have an interest in rugby at the USAFA and belong to one of the groups below.

Section 3.01 Alumni who

- (a) played rugby on the varsity squad either 15 or 7 to a side.
- (b) subsequent to their time as cadets participated in rugby.
- (c) participated in intramural rugby while at the USAFA.
- (d) are parents of active or former varsity rugby players.

Section 3.02 With approval of the Board, any person deemed beneficial to ZRFC may become a member, and membership can be requested of the Board or solicited by the Board.

Section 3.03 The Chairman of the Board can grant membership with final approval of the entire board.

Article IV. The governance of ZRFC will be provided by a board, the number of which will be determined by the board, but will be no fewer than 9 members. The board will define a slate of officers of their choosing, honorary board membership, and special executives.

Section 4.01 The Board of Directors (BOD) will interpret and modify the bylaws as they see fit.

Section 4.02 The BOD shall be chosen from the membership annually in the following manner:

- (a) nominations will be solicited from the general membership for open position

- (b) Prior to the AGM, board members will vote for the nominations of their choice, the number of votes per board member equal to the number of open positions. *Elections will be held each year prior to the annual meeting*
- (c) *Nominees with the highest vote totals will be elected to the board for a term of three years.*
- (d) *A board member may run for an additional three year term but may not serve more than two consecutive terms.*
- (e) *Board make up will be arranged so that one third of the board is open for nominations each year.*

Section 4.03 The Board of Directors may appoint special executives.

Section 4.04 The officers shall be elected from within the board at the AGM and shall serve in the office for as long as their board term allows. Officers will operate as an executive committee and consist of a president, a secretary/treasurer (who will also be the president elect) and the immediate past president.

- (a) The president duties include:
 - (i) *responsible for the day to day activities of the ZRFC.*
 - (ii) *Appoint committees from the membership and BOD as needed, or as directed by the BOD.*
 - (iii) *Be the primary representative of the ZRFC to the teams, the coaches, the OIC's, the AD and the Academy leadership.*
 - (iv) *Establish the date and location for the annual meeting. Present a State of the Organization at each annual meeting. Create the agenda for the meeting.*
 - (v) *Work closely with the special executive(s) to accomplish presidential duties.*
- (b) The secretary/treasurer is also the president elect. His or her duties include:
 - (i) *Keep a working knowledge of how the ZRFC funds are managed. This includes an accounting of donations and expenditures as well as projected growth.*
 - (ii) *Record minutes of the annual meeting.*
 - (iii) *Assume the duties of the president if he or she is unavailable.*
- (c) Immediate past president
 - (i) *will offer experience and advice as requested by the president or secretary/treasurer.*
 - (ii) *May serve on the BOD as a voting member until the current president becomes the past president*
- (d) Special Executives are members of the ZRFC who have demonstrated exceptional talents or leadership and are deemed by the BOD to be important to the continued growth and/or stability of the organization.
 - (i) *They serve for an indefinite term at the request and pleasure of the BOD.*
 - (ii) *They are to work closely with the President in the performance of his or her duties as a source of guidance and knowledge.*

(iii) The Executive has the authority to initiate actions in the interest of the ZRFC with the approval of the president.

(iv) There may be more than one or no special executives.

(v) May preside over meetings at the request of the BOD or the president.

Section 4.05 The board shall have the power to create other positions or committees as it sees fit to carry out the Purposes of the group as stated above

Section 4.06 Resignations from the BOD or of an officer will be replaced by the BOD for the remainder of the resignee's term. Time served as a replacement will not count as a full term served, and that person is eligible to serve two other consecutive terms.