

Maize Rage Constitution

We, the members of the Maize Rage, in order to develop an atmosphere of high spirit and sportsmanship in Crisler Arena, do hereby establish this Constitution.

Article I – Name

The name of the organization will be the Maize Rage.

Article II – Purpose

The Maize Rage is a student cheering section for Michigan Men's Basketball which emphasizes spirit and sportsmanship in its support of Men's Basketball. The Maize Rage's 2000+ members strive to provide a vocal presence at Crisler Arena, as well as to promote the University of Michigan Basketball Wolverine program and other Wolverine athletic teams to fellow students on campus, and to sports fans across the nation.

Article III – Membership

1. Active membership shall be limited to persons officially affiliated with the University of Michigan as a registered student, faculty, and staff.
2. All student season ticket holders for Men's Basketball are automatically official members of the Maize Rage. Any member wishing to be more actively involved is eligible to join the Maize Rage Core (herein after referred to as the Core), a smaller group of students who meet regularly to plan and implement the daily operations of the Maize Rage. Core membership is on a strictly voluntary basis; any Maize Rage member is able to join or withdraw from the Core at his/her own discretion.
3. Maize Rage openly admits students to its membership and does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, or Vietnam-era veteran status.

Article IV – Officers

1. The Maize Rage is led by seven officers – Superfan, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Webmaster, and Social Chair.
2. The duties and description of each position are as followed:
 - a. The Superfan shall embody and promote the ideals of the Maize Rage (class, sportsmanship, positive support). The Superfan will support a variety of Michigan athletic teams, as laid out by the examples of past Superfans and individual preference. The Superfan acts as the official representative of the Maize Rage to University of Michigan students. In addition, the Superfan is responsible for leading game day chants, relations with other sports teams, and relations with alumni. Only those with upper class standing (Juniors and Seniors defined as persons with 55+ credit hours) are eligible for the position of Superfan.
 - b. The President shall organize and facilitate weekly Core meetings, including the preparation of an agenda. The President will maintain positive relationships in the name of the Maize Rage, with the Athletic Department, Men's Basketball program and Men's Basketball players. The President shall encourage member participation at meetings, while maintaining a balance of on-topic discussion and a laid-back, comfortable atmosphere.
 - c. The Vice President is responsible for all paperwork regarding the status of the Maize Rage as a registered student organization, including CSG registration. The Vice President shall reserve meeting rooms and venues for events such as Diag Day and mass meetings. The Vice President shall lead all new member recruitment and publicity efforts and be responsible of all paperwork required for such activities.

- d. The Secretary shall record minutes for all weekly meetings and send them via email to the Maize Rage Core. The Secretary will maintain a copy of meeting attendance lists for the purposes of voting procedures presented in Article V. The Secretary shall maintain the Maize Rage email lists. The Secretary shall send Maize Rage Weekly emails to keep non-Core members up-to-date on Maize Rage news and operations. The Secretary shall maintain records on all votes taken by the Maize Rage Core.
 - e. The Treasurer is responsible to overseeing the finances of Maize Rage. The Treasurer shall maintain records for financial transactions the Maize Rage, manage the budget and all group accounts, and coordinate financial activities.
 - f. Social chair shall have the responsibility to make the Core as fun and welcoming for all members. Social Chair has authority to lead and plan all off-campus trips, general social events, and philanthropic events.
 - g. Webmaster must maintain the Maize Rage online presence. The Webmaster is in charge of publishing the website and using any official social media site.
3. At any point in time an officer can create committees, pending majority vote of the Core, to help the officer fulfill his or her duties. Special requirements exist for the Fundraising committee (Article V section 2).

Article V – Fundraising

1. Maize Rage will finance its activities by the following means:
 - a. University of Michigan sponsored funding (ie Central Student Government).
 - b. Group Fundraising
 - c. Private Donations
2. Maize Rage fundraising shall be overseen by the Treasurer. If needed, the Treasurer can form a fundraising committee. In addition to normal officer's committee standards, the fundraising committee must be made up of at least one representative from each academic class. This committee shall keep a detailed account of revenues and will present an account balance for Maize Rage members as requested.

Article VI – Operations

1. Annual Election Meeting
 - a. In one of the last two academic months of each school year, the Maize Rage will hold an Annual Election Meeting in place of a normal weekly meeting.
 - b. At the Annual Election Meeting, any member eligible under the 'voting eligibility' clause may nominate another member for an officer position.
 - c. Only Upperclassmen may be nominated for the position of Superfan.
 - d. Any outgoing senior officers will serve as the election monitor. If there are no senior officers, a senior member of the core can be approved by majority vote of the core. If no senior members of the core are present, the core can nominate anybody to monitor the elections so long as this person does not run for any office.
 - e. Nominees will have a short amount of time (time limit set by election monitor) to present his/her platform, followed by questions. The core will discuss the slate of candidates while they are all out of the room.
 - f. A secret ballot vote for each officer position. In the event of a tie, there will be a runoff vote between the top nominees until one is elected by majority. Officers assume their positions immediately following the Annual Election Meeting.
2. Voting Eligibility
 - a. Any matters concerning the spending of Maize Rage finances throughout the academic year will be voted upon by whoever is present at the weekly meeting in which said matters are proposed. To ensure that the Maize Rage has a say in all financial matters, the following restrictions must be placed on expenditures:
 - i. All expenditures of Maize Rage money must be proposed and voted in favor of by a simple majority of present members.

2. The Secretary (or the President if the Secretary is the officer in question) will send a written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next weekly meeting and prepared to speak.
3. A two-thirds majority vote of currently eligible voters (using procedure of Article VI, Section 2 subsection b) is necessary to remove the officer.

Article IX – Registration Renewal

1. The Maize Rage Vice President will re-register with the Michigan Central Student Government on an annual basis, no later than September 15.
2. The Maize Rage Vice President Will return a signed Student Organizations Account Services (SOAS) card no later than September 15.

Article X – Statement of Compliance

1. By completing the registration process, we agree to abide by the University's policies. We understand that the organization's registration is contingent on the acceptance of these policies.