

# Maize Rage Constitution

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

## Article I – Name

The name of the organization shall be the Maize Rage.

## Article II – Purpose

The Maize Rage is the student cheering section for Michigan Men's Basketball which emphasizes spirit and sportsmanship in its support of the team. The Maize Rage's 3000+ members strive to provide a vocal presence at Crisler Center, as well as to promote the University of Michigan Wolverine's Basketball program and other Wolverine athletic teams to fellow students on campus, and to sports fans across the nation.

## Article III – Leadership Philosophy

The role of leadership is to empower, focus, and harness the creativity of the members of the Maize Rage.

## Article IV – 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 and/or its committees at his/her own discretion.
3. Maize Rage openly admits students to its membership and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, height, weight, or veteran status.

## Article V – 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:
  1. 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.
  2. 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. The President is responsible for all paperwork regarding the status of the Maize Rage as a registered student organization, including registration.

3. The Vice President shall reserve meeting rooms and venues for events such as Diag Days 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. Finally, the Vice President shall serve as the Parliamentarian of the Maize Rage
4. The Secretary shall record minutes for all weekly meetings and send them via email to the Core. The Secretary will maintain a copy of meeting attendance lists for the purposes of voting procedures presented in Article VIII. 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 Core. In addition the Secretary shall serve as the editor of the Rage Page--a game day publication.
5. The Treasurer shall oversee the finances of Maize Rage. The Treasurer shall maintain records for financial transactions the Maize Rage, manage the budget and all group accounts, coordinate financial activities, and oversee fundraising.
6. Webmaster shall maintain the Maize Rage online presence. The Webmaster shall be in charge of publishing the website, using any official social media site, and designing graphic and video content.
7. The Social Chair shall also have the authority to lead and plan all off-campus trips, general social events, and philanthropic events.

## **Article VI - Standing Committees**

The Maize Rage shall have six standing committees, chaired by each of the Superfan, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster and Social Chair. The role of each committee is to help the officers fulfill their constitutional duties. The chair of the each committee shall have to authority to delegate responsibility between committee members.

1. Section Leader Committee: The Section Leader Committee, chaired by the Superfan, shall aid in developing new creative game day chants, defusing cheers during the game, evaluating performance and effectiveness of Maize Rage cheers.
2. Membership Committee: The Membership Committee, chaired by the Vice President, shall aid in recruiting new members into the Core including first year students, new ticket holders, and Maize Rage members currently not involved in the Core.
3. Rage Page Committee: The Rage Page Committee, chaired by the Secretary, shall aid in researching, writing, and publishing the Rage Page.
4. Fundraising Committee: The Fundraising Committee, chaired by the Treasurer, shall aid in creating, planning, and executing fundraising events and opportunities.
5. Social Media Committee: The Social Media Committee, chaired by the Webmaster, shall aid in maintaining, promoting, and developing social media activities, and in designing graphic content.
6. Event Planning Committee: The Event Planning Committee, chaired by the Social Chair, shall aid in planning and executing social, charitable and recruiting events. In addition, this committee shall aid in organizing and registering Maize Rage I.M teams.

## Article VII – Operations

### 1. Weekly Meeting Votes

- a. **Policy Proposals.** Any member of the Maize Rage may propose changes to non-constitutional Maize Rage policies at any weekly meeting of the Core. The President may entertain such proposals by motion of any core member present. Such a member may present the proposal in spoken word. Such policies shall be deemed passed by simple majority vote of the Core Members present. The President may table such motions for one meeting, but table motions must come to vote next meeting. The Secretary shall maintain records of all such votes and motions.
- b. **Funding Proposal.** Any member of the Maize Rage may introduce a proposal for spending Maize Rage funds at any weekly meeting of the Core. The President may entertain such proposals by motion of any core member present. Such a member shall present the proposal in writing, including a detailed budget (if needed as determined by the Treasurer). Such policies shall be deemed passed by simple majority vote of the Core members present. The President and Treasurer may table such motions for one meeting, but table motions must come to vote next meeting. The Secretary shall maintain records of all such votes and motions. Any recurring expenses must be proposed once each academic term, and shall include a detailed budget. Deviations over the proposed budget must be authorized via vote.

### 2. Attendance Figures

- a. To ensure that attendance figures are not tampered with during the academic year, the Secretary shall take attendance every meeting. The Secretary shall compile the names of all in attendance in an electronic file, which will be sent out to the Maize Rage Core email list as an attachment at least once a calendar month.
- b. If a member believes there is a discrepancy in the attendance records, the member shall make a motion to amend the attendance records at the next weekly Maize Rage Core meeting.
- c. Maize Rage Core attendance shall be considered final after the weekly meeting following the publication of attendance records.
- d. Members eligible to vote based on 50% attendance shall be notified of their eligibility no later than the weekly meeting one week prior to the Annual Election Meeting.

### 3. Delegation of Duties

- a. Any action or duty not delegated to the officers belongs to the Core as a whole.
- b. The Core can delegate responsibilities to an individual, a committee, or an officer with a simple majority vote by procedure online in Article VII, Section 1, Subsection a.

## Article VIII – Elections

### 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 Article VIII, Section 2 may nominate another member for an officer position.
- c. Only Upperclassmen may be nominated for the position of Superfan.

- d. All graduating officers shall serve as the election monitors. If there are no graduating officers, two graduating members of the Core can be approved by majority vote of the Core members present. If no graduating members of the Core are present, the Core can approve by majority vote any two Core member to monitor the elections so long as these persons does not run for any office.
  - e. Nominees will have a short amount of time (set by election monitors) to present his/her platform. After the speaking, the Core may ask questions to the candidate. After all candidates for an office have spoken, the Core shall discuss the slate of candidates while they are all out of the room.
  - f. A secret ballot vote shall decide each officer position. Election of an officer requires simple majority vote of eligible members in attendance. In the event of a tie, there will be a runoff vote between the top nominees until one is elected by simple majority. Officers assume their positions immediately following the Annual Election Meeting.
  - g. The Maize Rage shall elect its officers in the order they are listed in Article V, Section 2.
2. Voting Eligibility
- a. Any matters regarding the nomination/election/removal of officers or amendments to this constitution require a different standard of voter eligibility. Voters may be eligible in one of two ways:
    - i. A voter must have attended at least 50% of the current academic school year's weekly meetings; this will be verified when the attendance figures are compiled by the Secretary, and will be announced at the weekly meeting one week prior to the Annual Election Meeting.
    - ii. A voter may be nominated for voting rights by voters eligible under the previous clause, and approved via vote of eligible voters present at the meeting. Nominated voters may only be given voting rights following a simple majority vote by members eligible under previous clause.

## **Article IX – Amendments and Suspension of the Constitution**

1. **Amendments.** Amendments to the constitution may be proposed in writing at meetings during the winter term. The Secretary will compile a list of eligible voters under the voter eligibility clause before the next week's meeting, where the amendment will be voted on (Article XX, Section XX). Proposed amendments will become effective at the Annual Election Meeting following approval of two-thirds of eligible voters.
2. **Suspension of the Constitution.** Any clause of Maize Rage Constitution may be suspended for 1 meeting with a three-fourths majority vote of the Core members present at the meeting.

## **Article X – Removal of Officers**

Any officer in violation of the Maize Rage's purpose, constitution, stated expectations, or University of Michigan policy may be removed from office by the following process:

1. Submitting a written request signed at least three members of the Maize Rage Core.
2. The Secretary (or the President if the Secretary is the officer is 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. The Secretary shall compile the list of currently eligible voters using the procedure outlined in Article VIII Section 2.

3. A two-thirds majority vote of currently eligible voters (using procedure of Article VIII, Section 2) is necessary to remove the officer.

#### **Article XI - Filling Vacancies of Elected Officers**

1. In the event of a vacancy of an officer position the Maize Rage shall hold an election to fill the vacancy.
2. The Secretary or President (if the Secretary position is vacant) shall compile a list of eligible voting members based off the voting methods outlined in Article VIII, Section 2.
3. All other election procedures shall follow those of Article VII, Section 1.
4. In the event that an officer is elected to another officer's position, the Maize Rage may fill that vacancy at the same meeting.
5. In the event that an officer is removed under procedures in Article X, the Maize Rage may vote to fill the vacancy at the same meeting.

#### **Article XII – Registration Renewal**

1. The Maize Rage Vice President will re-register on an annual basis, no later than September 15.
2. The Maize Rage Vice President will ensure that the Maize Rage is active with Student Organizations Account Services (SOAS) on an annual basis no later than September 15.

#### **Article XIII – Statement of Compliance**

1. The Maize Rage has read and agrees to fully comply with the University's policies. We understand that the organization's registration is contingent on acceptance of these policies.