

# **West Virginia University**

## **Constitution of the Mountaineer Maniacs**

### **Preamble**

We, the student-fans of West Virginia University Athletics, desiring to assemble in pride for all Mountaineer Athletics do hereby establish this Constitution of the Mountaineer Maniacs.

### **Ratification**

The ratification of this document occurred, by a unanimous vote of the current Executive Board of the Mountaineer Maniacs, on the 2nd day of the month of February in the year 2016 and a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote by the Student Government Association on the 17th day of the month of February in the year 2016.

### **Article I.**

#### **The Mountaineer Maniacs**

##### **Section 1. Name**

###### **A. Official Name**

The organization shall be known as the Mountaineer Maniacs.

###### **B. Nickname**

The organization may be referred to as “the Maniacs.”

##### **Section 2. Purpose**

The purpose of the Mountaineer Maniacs is to support Mountaineer athletics while promoting positive sportsmanship and safe atmosphere.

##### **Section 3. Vision**

A vast majority of the West Virginia University student body are active and regularly-participating members of the Mountaineer Maniacs. The membership of the Mountaineer Maniacs is a diverse group of students, in terms undergraduate or graduate student, and college major. The Mountaineer Maniacs lead the student fans to become the loudest, most energetic, unique, positive, and sportsmanlike. The student-fans of West Virginia University are revered across the Big 12 Conference and the nation for being the best student fan section at any sporting event.

#### **Section 4. Logo**

The logo of the Mountaineer Maniacs shall appear as:



This logo may be altered with approval of the Director in order to better accommodate illustration on banners, pictures, flyers, co-sponsorships, clothing, advertising materials, newspapers, social media, websites, publications, and books. This may happen as long as the logo keeps its general shape, form and likeness.

## **Article II. Organizational Powers**

#### **Section 1. Power.**

The West Virginia University Student Government Association endorses and grants to the Mountaineer Maniacs the powers as enumerated in this Constitution.

#### **Section 2. Subordination.**

This Constitution shall be subordinate to the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, all federal, state, and local laws, all policies and regulations of the West Virginia University Administration, of the West Virginia University Institutional Board of Governors, and Student Government Association.

#### **Section 3. Subordinate Proceedings.**

All policies of the Mountaineer Maniacs must be subordinate to this Constitution. Any committees' or internal organization's constitutions, bylaws, policies and proceedings.

## **Article III.**

### **Franchise and Citizenship**

#### **Section 1. Social Justice**

Membership and participation are free from discrimination based on race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability status, or veteran status. All violations of Social Justice must be submitted to the Attorney General of the Student Government Association.

#### **Section 2. Membership:**

##### **A. Basic Membership.**

Basic membership in the Mountaineer Maniacs shall be defined as all West Virginia University students who meet the following standards:

1. Member is enrolled at West Virginia University.
2. Member has paid Basic Membership fee in full as set by the Executive Director of the Mountaineer Maniacs.

##### **B. Ultimate Membership.**

Ultimate Membership in the Mountaineer Maniacs shall be defined as persons who meet the following standards.

1. Member is enrolled at West Virginia University.
2. Member has paid Ultimate Membership fee in full as set by the Executive Director of the Mountaineer Maniacs.

##### **C. Executive Board Membership.**

A Member of the Executive Board in the Mountaineer Maniacs shall be defined as person who meet the following standards.

1. Member is enrolled at West Virginia University.
2. Member has a minimum of a 2.0 GPA.
3. Member has been appointed by the Executive Director to a board position described in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Mountaineer Maniacs.

## **Article IV. Operations**

### **Section 1. Quorum.**

The Executive Board may not vote on any changes to the Constitution or bylaws without at least 75% of the Executive Board present.

### **Section 2. Bylaws.**

The Mountaineer Maniacs shall be bound by a set of Bylaws which will dictate protocol, procedure, and duties for each component of the Mountaineer Maniacs. The Bylaws shall be subordinate to the Constitution of the Mountaineer Maniacs. Bylaws can be altered by a majority vote of the Executive Board, where quorum is established.

## **Article V. Participation**

### **Section 1. Nomination and Selection of the Executive Director Position.**

The Mountaineer Maniacs Selection Committee, as defined in the West Virginia University Student Government Association Bylaws, will recommend a nominee to become the new Executive Director of the Mountaineer Maniacs. The nomination shall follow the approval of the West Virginia University Student Government Association Board of Governors as their procedures describe.

### **Section 2. Appointment.**

The appointment of the Executive Director Position shall occur within 30 days of the inauguration of the SGA Administration.

### **Section 3. Transitions.**

The transition period officially begins after the new Executive Director of the Mountaineer Maniacs has been approved by the Student Government Association Board of Governors. After this approval has occurred the Executive Director is responsible for establishing his Executive Board. The outgoing Executives are then responsible for training, guiding, and assisting new Executives. All outgoing Executives are also responsible for transferring materials to incoming Executives.

### **Section 4. Limitation.**

The Executive Director may not hold the office of Executive Director for more than two years. A Board member may not concurrently hold more than two Executive Board positions.

### **Section 5. Qualifications.**

To qualify as a candidate for the Executive Director of the Mountaineer Maniacs an individual must have served on the Mountaineer Maniacs Executive Board for one school year preceding the school year in which the potential candidate wishes to apply for this position. The outgoing Executive Director is responsible for handling the application process and confirming that each candidate meets this criteria. After confirming that a candidate meets this criteria the outgoing Executive Director is responsible for providing an application to the candidates, gathering finished applications, providing these finished applications to the members of the Mountaineer Maniacs Selection Committee, and then scheduling interviews for the Executive Director position. If the Executive Director is not outgoing and is reapplying for the position of Executive Director a committee (3) graduating seniors from the Mountaineer Maniacs Executive Board will be responsible for handling the procedures as listed above. This committee will be selected by a vote of the Mountaineer Maniacs Executive Board.

## **Article VI.**

### **Vacancy, Succession, Impeachment and Removal**

#### **Section 1. Vacancy and Succession**

Once a position on the Executive Board has become vacant, it is the responsibility of the Executive Director to fill the position. If the position of the Executive Director becomes vacant on good terms (medical, family reasons, etc.) the Director is responsible for selecting an Executive Board member as Interim Executive Director to succeed him or her until the selection process occurs after the inauguration of the incoming Student Government Association Administration.

#### **Section 2. Impeachment and Removal**

##### **A. Impeachment**

Impeachment may occur to the Director or any appointed official for maladministration, corruption, violation of the code of conduct, or dereliction or neglect of duty. The total membership shall have the power of impeachment, which shall require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  affirmative vote by the Mountaineer Maniacs Executive Board with quorum present. Lastly, Impeachment may occur by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  affirmative vote by the Student Government Association Board of Governors and all other proper impeachment proceeding outlined in their governing documents.

##### **B. Removal and Replacement**

If the position of Executive Director becomes vacant on poor terms (impeachment, ethics violations, resignation, neglect of duty, or criminal reasons) the Student Government Association Student Body President is responsible for selecting a successor that is already a current member of the Maniacs Executive Board, with a majority approval from the Student Government Association Board of Governors. Within 48 hours of being removed from office, the outgoing Director must surrender all bank account access, password, keys, officer documents, etc. to the

Student Body President. The Attorney General of the Student Government Association ensures this process occurs in fairness and provides oversight on the process.

## **Article VII. Amendments**

### **Section 1. Amendments.**

A proposed amendment to the Constitution must be submitted to the Executive Board at least 7 days prior to a vote being held. Once the submission is made, the Director must make the entire Executive Board aware of the proposal immediately. Proposed Amendments will pass with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  approval by the Executive Board Membership preceding a  $\frac{2}{3}$  affirmative vote by the West Virginia University Student Government Association Board of Governors.

## **Article IX. Effectiveness**

### **Section 1. Effectiveness.**

Upon ratification as described at the beginning of this document, this constitution shall become effective on the 18th day of the month of February in the year 2016. The current Executive Board shall continue to serve until their term expires.