

University of Toronto Poker Club

Constitution

I. The Name

The official name of this recognized campus group is *University of Toronto Poker Club*.

The acronym or abbreviation of this group is: *U of T Poker*.

II. The Purpose

The purpose of the University of Toronto Poker Club is to promote the game of poker, advance the skill of our members, and connect players with the poker community here at U of T. To achieve this, we will run social events, games, and tournaments college and campus wise. We form coalitions with the individual colleges' poker clubs and promote their events. We denounce financial gambling and advocate the sporting side of poker.

III. The Members

Membership to the group is open to all the University of Toronto members (students, staff, faculty and alumni) for free.

Only the registered students at the University of Toronto are permitted to run, nominate, and vote in elections and constitutional amendments. The group is open to non-U of T members. However, these members do not hold the aforementioned rights. Members must register with a designated executive by submitting their full name and a valid email address.

All events are positive and inclusive space. Group Members will not be discriminated against due to race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, sex, sexual orientation, creed, age, marital status, family status, handicap, receipt of public assistance or record of offences of that individual or those individuals. Members who show hostility and discriminating behaviours will be asked to leave the event immediately if such incidents occur.

The membership of this group entitles the holding members rights to participate in rankings, leaderboards, competitions and receive recognition and rewards for their efforts.

For recognition by the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU), the group must maintain a minimum of 30 members, a total of 51% of membership are UTSU members. The

group must also maintain recognition from the Office of Student Life. These requirements are subject to change and should be checked with UTSU annually to ensure qualifications are met.

IV. The Executives and Their Duties

The executive committee shall be comprised of five elected officers. These include a President, a Co-President, a Finance Lead, a Marketing Lead, and an Event Coordinator.

The President shall:

- Oversee the operations, management and success of the group
- Be the spokesperson for the group
- Hold signing officer authority along with the Treasurer for financial purposes
- Preside over board meetings as well as general meetings
- Ensure transition of office to the future Executives
- Sustain healthy relationship with affiliate poker clubs

The Co-President shall:

- Assume duties of the President in his/her absence
- Oversee the various committees, Leaders, and their operations
- Ensure that all the activities of the club meet regulations and policies of the University of Toronto
- Coordinate organizational recruitment efforts
- Assume responsibilities for absence Leaders

The Finance Lead shall:

- Record all financial transactions of the group
- Hold signing officer authority along with the President for financial purposes
- Maintain a budget of income and expenses along with receipts
- Advise members on financial position of the group
- Prepare an annual budget for the group as well as budgets for specific events

The Marketing Lead shall:

- Make a list of all registered members
- Maintain the web sites, the Facebook page and group, and member contact list
- Create promotional materials
- Coordinate marketing of affiliate poker clubs
- Record notes and motions for meetings
- Notify all members of meetings
- Handle official correspondence of the organization

The Event Coordinator shall:

- Create events and tournaments
- Register players at the event
- Be the floor manager of tournaments and control the clocks
- Take care of club equipment

The group may appoint Directors or Coordinators for various committees such as social committee, publicity committee, and so on; however, such positions do not hold executive decision making authority.

Termination of Executives or General Members:

Any member of the club who commits an act negatively affecting the interests of the club and its members, including non-disclosure of a significant or continuing conflict of interest, may be given notice of removal.

The member up for removal shall have the right to defend his/her actions.

A two-thirds majority vote of the current members present in favor of removal is required. The member must have the right to an appeal before the general membership, and the majority vote of the general membership will have the final say on the matter.

The member will be removed from the club's membership and will lose any privileges associated with being a member of the club.

Executive members are subject to the same termination or impeachment process and, as determined by the vote, may lose their executive position along with their membership to the group.

V. Elections

The executive committee shall strike the Elections Committee and appoint one (1) Chief Returning Officer (CRO) and two (2) Scrutinizers from the general members on the committee to conduct and hold elections in March. All members of the Elections Committee shall be non-biased in the results of the election and shall be required to disclose any and all conflicts of interest in the election.

The CRO Returning Officer shall accept nominations only from registered U of T students for the candidacy of executive positions from the general membership before the beginning of March. Candidates must be members in good standing and be part of the group for at least one month prior to the nomination period.

The CRO shall select three (3) election dates before March 30th for the voting period. These dates will be announced in a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to elections dates and must fall on weekdays.

The CRO and Scrutinizers shall provide each member who is registered as a U of T student with a paper ballot on the voting dates and ask the member to place their ballot in an enclosed box.

In preparation for a tie, the CRO shall select an executive from amongst the executive committee, to cast their ballot and seal it in an envelope. In the event of a tie for an executive position, one of the two Scrutinizers shall break the seal and count the ballot in order to break the tie.

After the election is over, the CRO and Scrutinizers shall count the ballots. The candidate with the most votes shall be elected to the position. The CRO and Scrutinizers shall submit a report of the results of the elections to the Executive Committee and general members.

Members with voting rights may not vote by proxy. Members who are not registered University of Toronto students may not nominate or vote in elections.

Only U of T registered students who have paid any applicable membership fees and have been a member in good standing for 30 days prior to election dates are eligible for voting.

Term of executive positions shall be from May 1st to April 30th.

VI. Finances

The Finance Lead shall keep records of all income and expenses. The Finance Lead shall present the group's financial health at the annual general meetings. The Executive Committee will vote on expenditures of over \$100.00 by majority vote at an executive meeting.

The group's executive or members may not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature. This is not intended to preclude the collection of membership fees to cover the expenses of the group, or of charges for specific activities, programs or events, or to prohibit

groups from engaging in legitimate fundraising. However, the group will not have as a major activity a function that makes it an on-campus part of a commercial organization, will not provide services and goods at a profit when that profit is used for purposes other than those of the organization, and will not pay salaries to all of its officers.

The University of Toronto Poker Club strongly disavow the use of the game for financial gains. The exchange of money, including any types of financial gambling, is strictly prohibited within the club and during all events and tournaments. The use of our club's physical and intellectual properties for financial activities is also not permitted under any circumstances. A clear line should be drawn by all subsequent club members and executives between poker as a fun and enjoyable game and poker as an activity motivated by monetary incentives.

VII. Meetings

A) Annual General Meetings (AGMs):

The group shall hold general meetings at least twice per year, i.e. once per academic term.

The Executive Committee will announce these dates two (2) weeks prior to holding the meetings. These meetings are intended to go over the group's annual activity plan, financial health and propose or vote on constitutional amendments, if any. Motions will require 2/3 majority of registered members in attendance for a vote to be cast. The motion with the most votes will be passed.

b) Executive Meetings:

The executive committee shall meet on a monthly basis where date and times are to be set by an executive. The quorum of executive meetings shall be 50%+1 of executives.

VIII. Amendments

Any registered U of T members may propose and vote on amendments to this constitution. The Executive Committee will administer the process of having amendments discussed at general meetings.

Constitutional amendments shall require a 2/3 majority to be passed at Annual General Meetings by registered U of T members in attendance.

The Executive Committee shall formally adopt the new constitution and submit the revised constitution to the respective University offices (i.e. The Office of Student Life, The University of Toronto Students' Union, etc) within two (2) weeks of its approval by general members.