

# **Constitution of the “UTM Barbell Club”**

## **1. Name of Organization**

- 1.1 The official name of this recognized campus group is “UTM Barbell Club”, featured at the University of Toronto, Mississauga campus.
- 1.2 The club may be referred to using the acronym UTMBB.

## **2. Purpose**

- 2.1 The purpose of the UTM Barbell Club is to build a community of strength athletes looking to join a group of like-minded and dedicated individuals at the UTM campus.
- 2.2 The club will provide a platform for individuals to network with other lifters, receive constructive criticism, and build on personal goals.
- 2.3 The club supports and encourages members to compete in local Powerlifting, Weightlifting, and Bodybuilding competitions. Benefits of the club include:
  - 2.3.1 Exclusive access to a lifting community at the UTM campus.
  - 2.3.2 A competitive and uplifting environment for lifters.
  - 2.3.3 Scouting for potential meets and other competitions.
  - 2.3.4 Support for competing athletes at events.
- 2.4 UTMBB advocates for the inclusion of Powerlifting, Weightlifting, and Bodybuilding meets at the University of Toronto, Mississauga
  - 2.4.1 This includes mock and sanctioned meets.

## **3. Membership**

- 3.1 Applications to UTM Barbell are open and available to all students of the University of Toronto Mississauga, including faculty, staff and alumni.
- 3.2 Individuals that apply will undergo an application process via Google Forms, where factors pertaining to the club’s purpose or mission will be reviewed.
- 3.3 Applicants that are accepted are permitted to attend club meetings and events.
- 3.4 There is no membership fee required to join the club. Any club events that require payment will be made optional.

- 3.4.1 Members must have access to RAWC locations, specifically the primary gym and the Strength and Conditioning Centre.
- 3.5 UTMBB members are permitted to run, nominate, and vote in elections and constitutional amendments.
- 3.6 The club 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.

#### **4. Executive Positions and Duties**

- 4.1 The executive positions within the club include the President, Vice-President, Secretary, VP of Communications, and Treasurer. These roles ensure the success of the club's goals and ambitions.
- 4.1.1 The Club President:
- Oversee the operations, management, and success of the group
  - Official spokesperson for the group
  - Hold signing officer authority along with Treasurer for financial purposes
  - Preside over board meetings as well as general meetings
  - Ensure transition of office to the future Executives
- 4.1.2 The Vice-President (VP):
- Assume duties of the President in their absence
  - Oversee the various committees
  - Ensure that all activities of the club meet regulations and policies of the University of Toronto
  - Coordinate organizational recruitment efforts
- 4.1.3 The Secretary:
- Make a list of all registered members
  - Maintain the website and member contact list
  - Notify all members of meetings
  - Handle official correspondence of the organization
- 4.1.4 The VP of Communications:

- Oversee all networking and marketing operations
- Control the club's social media platforms
- Direct and coordinate campaign efforts
- Host and plan events along with the President and VP
- Build relationships with other organizations and potential sponsors

#### 4.1.5 The Treasurer:

- 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

4.2 Additional roles appointed to members of the UTM Barbell Club do not hold executive decision-making authority.

## **5. Termination of General and Executive Members**

5.1 The President and VP of the club have authority to rightfully revoke the membership of any general or executive members who:

- Engaged in unlawful activities
- Violated the constitution
- Violated the University of Toronto's policies
- Violated the personal rights of another member
- Engaged in any form of improper etiquette or acts deemed harmful to the club and its members.

5.2 Executives will decide the consequences for any member who commits any of the acts listed above.

5.3 If the President or VP violates any rules presented in the constitution, all executive and general members can vote towards their termination in a majority vote, featuring >50% of general members and at least 2/5 executives in favor.

## **6. Elections**

- 6.1 All active members of the club are eligible to run and vote for executive positions with exception to the club President and Vice President.
- 6.2 The President and Vice President hold permanent roles within the club and are not subject to elections.
- 6.3 Once there is a vacancy in either the President or Vice President's role, the club will hold an election to fill these roles.
- 6.4 Executive roles besides the President and Vice president will be subject to elections and voted on by all members of the club.
- 6.5 The President and Vice President will select an Elections Committee Officer to organize and conduct an election within the club.
  - 6.5.1 The President and Vice President reserve the right to reverie any candidates that will replace an executive role.
- 6.6 Elections will occur once per academic year and will occur on the first day of the year's Winter reading week to determine the following year's executives.

## **7. Finances**

- 7.1 The Treasurer will keep financial records of all income and expenses. The Treasurer shall review the group's financial health every month during executive meetings.
- 7.2 The executive committee will vote on expenditures of over \$100.00 by majority vote at an executive meeting.
- 7.3 No money will be collected in any attempt to make a commercial profit.
- 7.4 Any collection of expenses will not be required or imposed on any member of the club.
- 7.5 In the case that the club requires expenses for events and other related activities, executive members will vote on the expenditure of funds.

## **8. Meetings**

- 8.1 Optional meetings including all members shall occur bi-weekly at an in-person setting, namely the RAWC Strength and Conditioning Centre.
- 8.2 Executive members must remain in-touch with the club throughout the entire academic term.

- 8.3 Monthly club meetings for executives will be held via virtual conference call.
  - 8.3.1 Up to 3 general members will be required to attend the monthly club meetings to ensure fair and transparent policy making.
- 8.4 Emergency meetings may be called for by the President or VP within a 24-hour notice.

## **9. Amendments**

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 Constitutional amendments shall require a two-thirds majority to be passed at annual general meetings by registered U of T members in attendance.
- 9.3 The executive committee shall formally adopt the new constitution and submit the revised constitution to the respective University offices (i.e., Centre for Student Engagement, The University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union, etc.) within two (2) weeks of its approval by executive members.
- 9.4 Club President and Vice President have the ability to veto any proposed amendment.
- 9.5 Any veto motion passed by the President or Vice President must go through a review process where the remaining 4 executive members must decide whether the veto will pass.