

**Samford University**

**Rugby**

**Constitution**

**2024/2025**

<https://www.samford.edu/campus-recreation/sports-clubs>

**Article I: Club Name**

         The name of this organization shall be The Samford Rugby Club.

**Article II: Mission Statement**

         *The Samford Rugby Club strives to be a winning club that helps Samford students foster meaningful and lifelong relationships. We also strive to teach Samford students the values of rugby such as respect, discipline, integrity, comradery, and hard work.*

**Article III: Goals/Objectives**

         Section 1 ­­– Objectives

                     *The main objectives of The Samford Rugby Club are to ­­­­­­­­win a national championship and foster meaningful relationships along the way.*

Section 2 – Goals

                     *The main goals of The Samford Rugby Club are to win a national championship and to continue to grow the club.*

**Article IV: Membership**

Section 1 - Samford Club Sports Requirements

 Individuals are not permitted to practice or compete until the following

form is completed in Bulldog Central:

* Assumption of Risk Waiver

 Individuals are not permitted to compete until the following

form is turned in Bulldog Central:

* ImPact Test

Section 2 - Rugby Club Membership Requirements

* ***Voting rights-*** *Members may vote if they have outstanding dues. This is subject to change with consulting The Samford Rugby Club board members and coaches.*
* ***Everyone can be on the team-*** *Tryouts cannot be conducted to cut members from a club. Tryouts can only be held to determine what members of the club will compete or to determine A and B squads etc.*
* ***Membership guarantees participation and travel****, but the coaches determine lineups and rosters. Everyone will play in at least one game during the season.*
* ***League/Administration membership requirements –*** *Each player must be registered with NCR rugby.*
* ***Practice attendance requirements –*** *Must be in attendance during the week of practice before a game or have a valid excuse and communicate it to the board.*
* ***Meetings*** *will be held if necessary and attendance of the team is expected unless a valid excuse is communicated to the board.*

**Article V: Officers**

***President:*** *Joseph Knight,* *knigfhtj5@samford.edu**, 888-888-7467*

***Vice President:*** *Will Anderson,* *andfersonw3@samford.edu**, 888-705-1707*

***Treasurer:*** *Tim Johnson,* *wilgresfspiped@samford.edu**, 888-888-5559*

***Secretary:*** *Ethan Morgan,* *brosfnane@samford.edu**, 888-460-8888*

***Social Media and Player Engagement:*** *Morgan Domine,* *domifnec@samford.edu**, 888-799-1615*

**Article VI: Advisor**

         *Dean Morgan, dmorgan3@samford.edu*

**Article VII: Coaches**

*Chuck Gaffney,* *shafun.gaffney956@gmail.com**, 513-225-8588*

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*The coaches create the practice template, and determine the starting roster for each game.*

**Article VIII: Practice and Competitions**

 *The Samford Rugby Club practices on Tuesday and Thursday and has one fitness session a week, usually on Wednesday night. The Samford Rugby Club competes in both the fall and the spring.*

**Article IX: Affiliations or Conferences**

*The Samford Rugby Club competes in National Collegiate Rugby (NCR) and is in the Midwest Collegiate Rugby Conference (MCRC). Each player and the club must be registered with NCR.*

**Bylaws of The Samford Rugby Club**

**Section 1- Officers**

 **1.1: Officer Descriptions**

***President:*** *Oversee all duties of the club and be in frequent communication with the club sports council as well as the coaching staff. Attendance at Club Sports meetings.*

***Vice President:*** *Assist the president with any duty as well as observing and learning from the president. Attendance at Club Sports meetings.*

***Treasurer:*** *Organize the TT as well as handling the dues payments. Attendance at Club Sports meetings.*

***Secretary:*** *Organize gameday referees. Attendance at Club Sports meetings.*

***Social Media and Player Engagement:*** *Organize The Samford Rugby Club Instagram page as well as answering the questions from new players and making sure they know the nuances of the club.*

**1.2: Removal of Officers**

*Any officer will be considered for removal by committing any act deemed inappropriate by a coach or member of the club. A vote will be held, and a majority must be had for removal. A secondary vote will be held if they are removed from their officer position to determine if they remain as a member. A majority must be held for removal.*

**1.3: Vacancy of Office**

*If a vacancy occurs a reelection will be held. If no member wants to take the position the slack will be picked up by the other officers.*

**Section 2- Elections**

       *Elections are held each spring. Members will be nominated by the team and then each candidate will step out of the room. The member that nominated the candidate will state their case for why they nominated them as well as any other member of the club. Once the reasons are stated the team holds a vote.*

**Section 3- Dues**

     *Club dues are $300 for the whole year. Their will be an option to pay $150 in the fall and $150 in the spring. Dues do not have a solid date, but one will be determined each season. Delayed payment of dues will be an option if the member talks to an officer. If they can not be paid a club sponsorship may be done. Dues will be paid to the treasurer and if the season is canceled refunds will occur.*

**Section 4- Discipline**

All members of the Rugby Club must represent Samford University and the Recreational      Sports Department in a positive way. All members must adhere to the Samford University Standards of Student Conduct.

All members are subject to probation or suspension from a club which will be determined by the Club Sports Executive Board and Club Sport office contact on a case by case scenario.

**Section 6- Non-Hazing Clause**

All members of the Rugby Club must comply with the University’s Non-Hazing Clause.

**Section 7- Nondiscrimination Statement**

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The constitution is binding to all members of The Samford Rugby Club.

The Advisor has the right to make decisions about situations not outlined in this document.