

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT LAW SOCIETY (SELS)
of
THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON**

ARTICLE I – SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW SOCIETY

The official name of the organization shall be The Sports and Entertainment Law Society (SELS) of the University of Akron.

ARTICLE II – GOALS

The purpose of the organization is to generate interest in sports law, entertainment law and related fields. The organization also disperses information about the following: sports and entertainment law, related areas of the law and industry, career possibilities, potential mentors and practitioners in the field, and employment opportunities.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Voting members must be currently enrolled UA law school students and all students must be in good standing.

1. Those eligible for membership are:
 - a. Currently enrolled students
 - b. Members of the legal profession.
2. Members will consist of the following types:
 - a. Regular members – students currently enrolled in The University of Akron, School of Law; and
 - b. Associate members – members of the legal community and non-law school students currently enrolled in The University of Akron.
3. Associate members are non-voting members.
4. Revocation of organization membership may occur upon failure to participate in keeping with the goals of the organization.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS – REQUIREMENTS

Any elected member of the executive board shall be a law school student.

There shall be a resident, vice president, treasurer, public relations person and a recording secretary. The executive board maintains the authority to create other positions on the executive board as are necessary to effectively accomplish the goals of the SELS.

A. President

- a. Must be a regular member and have completed all required courses for the first year day or first year evening program.
- b. The president may serve as president for no more than two consecutive terms. (A term is one school year.)

B. Vice President

- a. Must be a regular member and have completed all required courses for the first year day or first year evening program.

- C. Treasurer
 - a. Must be a regular member and have completed all required courses for the first year day or first year evening program.
- D. Secretary
 - a. Must be a regular member and have completed all required courses for the first year day or first year evening program.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS – DUTIES

- A. President
 - a. Presides over all meetings
 - b. Approves all policy and administrative decisions including among of dues
 - c. Notifies faculty advisor of any meetings or events planned
 - d. May create any committee or new offices that the president considers necessary and proper to fulfill the purpose of the Society subject to the unanimous approval of the other elected officers.
 - e. Shall be responsible for supervising all stages of preparation for activities.
 - f. Shall have other managerial and supervisory responsibilities as the executive body agrees is necessary.
 - g. Must sign financial documents.
- B. Vice President
 - a. Acts as President in the event that the President resigns or is otherwise unable to carry out the presidential duties, for the remainder of the term. The body may nominate a new President if the VP declines that appointment.
 - b. Will preside over meetings in the President's absence.
 - c. May further rights, duties and responsibilities of the president.
 - d. Shall be responsible for taking the minutes of the meeting if the secretary is not present, unless the VP is presiding over the meeting.
 - e. Must assist the President in running SELS.
- C. Treasurer
 - a. Must keeps record for all SELS accounts.
 - b. Must give quarterly reports to the President and to the members of the society.
 - c. Must sign financial documents
 - d. Must collect dues.
- D. Public Affairs Person
 - a. Must maintain contact with the community
 - b. Must notify community of meetings
 - c. Sends mail and stuffs mailboxes
- E. Recoding Secretary
 - a. Must take minutes for every meeting
 - b. Must handle incoming and outgoing correspondence

ARTICLE VI – FACULTY ADVISOR

The organization will maintain at least one faculty advisor at all times. The advisor will serve in 1 year terms and may be invited to continue as the advisor each year. Subsequent advisors will be selected by the executive board. The advisor will serve as a consultant to the board.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS

1. A candidate must be a member of SELS
2. Elections shall be held in early April.
3. Nominations shall be taken from the floor during the election meeting and the candidate receiving a majority of the membership's vote will be declared the winner.
4. The winner will take office March 1.
5. The terms of office shall run from May 1 to April 30
6. The treasurer shall conduct the election of the meeting
7. Vacancies shall be filled by a vote of the majority during the next meeting.
8. Impeachment
 - a. Impeachment charges shall be brought against any officer for: misuse of the SELS funds, knowing and intention violation of the SELS Constitution or any other malfeasance or misfeasance deemed by the executive board, the faculty advisor and/or a majority of the body to be contrary to the aims of SELS.
 - b. Procedure
 - i. Officer in question shall be notified
 - ii. The executive board will consult with the advisor
 - iii. A special meeting will be set to discuss the charges
 - iv. A decision to proceed with impeachment will be indicated by a two-thirds vote of the majority.
 - v. A replacement will take office immediately upon election which will immediately follow impeachment vote or during a special meeting. The replacement will serve for the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE VIII – RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. Membership meetings will be held as the board deems appropriate
2. The executive board meetings will be held at least twice a month
3. In order to conduct business at a meeting a quorum of ten percent of the membership must be present.
4. In the event of a conflict concerning proper rules of procedure, Roberts' Rules of Order will serve as the recognized authority.

ARTICLE IX – FINANCE

1. Annual membership fee will be required by every member of SELS. A student's membership fee may be waived upon assertion, in writing, of financial hardship or of contribution to the Society, substantially greater than that of the average member.
2. The fee will be determined by the executive board each year

3. Other funds may be raised by special events
4. The Society will manage its own finances in accordance with the rules and regulations proscribed by the University.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

Amendments must be presented in writing to the membership or the executive board, and must be discussed during a membership meeting. At the next meeting, the majority of the membership, present at the meeting, may vote to approve the proposal and the amendment shall become part of the Constitution. Notice of the meeting, at which the amendment will be voted on, will be posted at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

ARTICLE XI – NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

SELS shall not discriminate unlawfully or in violation of University policy on the basis of race, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, age handicap or sexual orientation in the selection of its members or in its programs.

ARTICLE XII – UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

SELS shall maintain with the Office of Student Development a list of current officers, their addresses, the name of the required Faculty Advisor and the most recently amended Constitution.