

# **The Bates College Slackline Club Constitution**

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## **-PREAMBLE-**

The Bates College Slackline Club seeks to provide an opportunity for its members to participate in an organized slackline program, a pillar upon which members can learn and share an appreciation for the art of slackline (a practice in balance that typically uses nylon webbing tensioned between two anchor points, generally trees). This activity will primarily take place in the Bates Quadrangle or, during the winter, indoors in Merrill Gymnasium, the Grey Cage or other suitable locations. Additionally, in good weather, weekend excursions to off-campus locations will also be arranged for highline, and over-water slackline practice. Additionally, competitions will be held on a regular basis, with events such as multi-line distance challenges. Instruction in all forms of slackline (lowline, freestyle, longline, rodeo line, and highline) will be given. The primary method of outreach to the Bates campus will be through frequent, nonexclusive outdoor competitions and practice, which will draw together not only the regular attendees but also many curious onlookers. This open inclusion will foster an active and receptive community that draws all types to an enjoyable and beneficial hobby. Though low-height slacklining is not a particularly risky activity, the safety of those Bates students involved will always be a priority, and proper instruction will be given to those in need.

## **-ARTICLE I: NAME-**

The Bates College Slackline Club

## **-ARTICLE II: PURPOSE-**

The purpose of the Bates College Slackline Club is to share and foster an enthusiasm for the sport of slacklining among students and other members of the Bates community. Bates College Slackline Club hopes to establish a rich tradition in providing an entertaining and relaxed environment in which members can learn to hone not only their slackline abilities, but their overall balance and composure.

## **-ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP-**

Any student or member of the Bates Community is eligible to become a member of the Slackline Club. Anybody attending at least one meeting in the previous or current academic term is considered a member.

## **-ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND DUTIES-**

### **1. Presidents**

- a. The presidents shall be the official representatives of the group to any other organization and to Bates College. This entails acting as the liaison between the Club and the College Administration and the Athletic Department. It is understood that the Presidents will act responsibly in accordance to the interests of the constituent body and will keep members informed of important issues, decisions and events affecting the Club.

- b. The Presidents will preside over meetings (unless absent, in which case this duty falls to the Vice President).
2. Vice Presidents
  - a. The Vice Presidents shall assist the Presidents in the operations of the Club. He or she shall act with the authority of Presidents in the Presidents' absence.
3. Treasurer
  - a. The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group.
  - b. The treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining accurate financial records of all the moneys taken in and expended by the Club.
4. Elections
  - a. The election of officers will take place on a yearly basis at the end of each Winter Term. Winners will be decided by popular vote of a quorum of at least 50% of club members.

-ARTICLE V: FINANCES-

The club will use the money it receives to promote slacklining in the Bates community. This will be decided upon jointly amongst the President, Treasurer, and members, however, the President is given final say. Purchases should focus on, but are not limited to:

1. Equipment – The club's main purpose is to provide a place for the Bates community to experience the sport of slacklining. This means providing functional equipment for members. Slackline equipment needs to be replaced occasionally due to wear and tear. Adding a necessary, regular expense for the safety of those involved.
2. Trips – Bringing members to off-campus areas in order to experience slacklining in an enjoyable, scenic environment.

-ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS-

Amendments shall be presented by any member of the organization.

1. Amendments shall be passed by 2/3 vote of present members.
2. Quorum for amending the constitution shall be half of all members of the organization.
3. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer must be present.