



## **By-Laws of the Gator Attack Club**

(Last amended November 23, 2008)

### **Article I – Name**

The name of the corporation shall be the Gator Attack Club, Inc., a non-profit organization, hereinafter referred to as the Club.

### **Article II – Purpose**

The purpose of the Club shall be to promote and support the University of Florida Gator volleyball program in accordance with all rules and regulations set forth by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the Southeastern Conference (SEC), the University Athletic Association, Inc. (UAA) and the University of Florida (UF).

### **Article III – Membership**

#### **Section A – General Qualifications**

Membership is open to any person(s). Each member 18 years of age or older shall have one (1) vote with all rights and privileges as may be assigned or made available to members of the Club. A membership application and appropriate dues must be paid for membership to be active.

#### **Subsection 1 – Membership Classifications**

*Student:* Any person who is currently enrolled in any primary school, 2-year, or 4-year college or university.

*Family:* Two or more members of a family in the same household (i.e. a couple, or parent(s) and their children who are under 18 years of age).

*Individual:* Any person not covered in other classifications within this subsection.

#### **Subsection 2 – Changes**

The Board of Directors, upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote, may add new membership classifications and establish annual Dues for those classifications.

## **Section B – Dues**

Dues for Membership Classifications outlined in Article III, Section A, Subsection 1, will be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors.

### **Subsection 1 – Assessment**

The current active membership shall be sent a renewal membership application on an annual basis at the beginning of the Club year. Current dues must be paid to have an active membership. Renewal memberships with current dues unpaid as of September 30, shall be removed from the active membership roster without any action of the Club, and shall forfeit all rights and privileges assigned or made available to the membership. Persons may re-join the Club as new members.

### **Subsection 2 – Changes**

The Board of Directors, upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote, may approve and order Dues increases no more than once each annual period.

## **Article IV – Meetings**

### **Section A – General Membership Meetings**

General membership meetings shall be held during volleyball season. The dates and locations of these meetings will be determined during each season, with the general membership being notified of such meetings no less than one week prior to the meeting. The meetings are open to members in good standing and invited guests only. A guest may visit only one general membership meeting per year. Approval of business conducted shall be by a majority of voting members present.

### **Section B – Social Meetings**

The Club, upon recommendation of the Board of Directors and approval of membership, shall conduct social meetings for the membership and for the Gator volleyball team and shall conform to the rules as provided by the NCAA, SEC, UAA and UF.

## **Article V – Officers and Board Members**

### **Section A – Articles of Incorporation**

The Officers of this club shall be President, President-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary. These Officers shall constitute the Executive Board which shall have the powers of the Board of Directors between meetings. Meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President at any time. No person shall hold more than one office at the same time.

### **Section B – Officers and Duties**

#### **Subsection 1 – President**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club. The President shall sign and make all contracts and agreements for the Club. The President shall enforce the By-Laws and perform all duties incident to the position and office which are required. The President shall appoint all Committee Chairmen. The President shall cosign all checks of the club with the Treasurer.

### **Subsection 2 – President-Elect**

During the absence or inability of the President to render or perform the President's duties or exercise the President's powers as set forth by these By-Laws in the acts under which the club is organized, the same shall be performed and exercised by the President-elect and when so acting shall have all the powers and be subjected to all the responsibilities hereby given to or imposed upon the President. Upon completion of the President's term of office, the President-Elect shall ascend to the position of President and shall hold that position for the following year. Should the President-Elect be unable to or chose not to ascend to the Presidency for any reason, a new President shall be elected by the general membership from among the current Board members including the outgoing President.

### **Subsection 3 – Secretary**

The Secretary shall keep full and accurate minutes of each meeting of the club and Board of Directors. The Secretary shall present to the Board of Directors at their stated meetings all communications addressed to the Secretary officially, to the President, or any Officer of the Club. The Secretary shall attend to all correspondence and perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary. The Secretary shall maintain an accurate record of current By-Laws.

### **Subsection 4 – Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all funds, securities and valuables belonging to the Club. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to deposit the funds of the Club to its credit in such bank or depository as the Board of Directors may designate, to cosign all checks and drafts in the name of the Club, to render to the Board of Directors monthly financial reports and to render to the Club membership in writing, annually, a full statement of Club finances. The Treasurer shall coordinate membership information with the Secretary and Membership Committee Chairman.

## **Section C – The Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate past-President, 2 members-at-large, and Committee Chairmen.

## **Section D – Vacancies**

### **Subsection 1 – President and President-Elect**

In the event the President resigns or becomes unable to complete the term of office, the President-Elect shall assume the Presidency. The new President shall complete the current term of office and continued to hold the office of the President for the following term. Should the President-elect need to ascend to the office of the President during the course of the term, a new President-Elect shall be elected from the general membership.

### **Subsection 2 – Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Chairmen**

If for any reason the office of Secretary, Treasurer or any Committee Chairman becomes vacant during a term, the office shall be filled by appointment by the President from among the active membership, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

## **Section E – Attendance**

At the discretion of the President, any Officer or Committee Chairman who is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings (any combination of general or board meetings) may be replaced according to Article V, Section D, Subsection 2.

## **Article VI – Election of Officers**

### **Section A – Term of Office**

#### **Subsection 1 – Officers**

The President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected each year. No Officer may hold more than two (2) consecutive one-year terms in the same office.

#### **Subsection 2 – Committee Chairmen and Members-at-Large**

Committee Chairmen and Members-at-Large shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Officers, and shall serve from their appointment until the last Club event of the year or January 31, whichever is sooner.

### **Section B – Nominations**

#### **Subsection 1 – Nominating Committee**

A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President during the month of October. Composition of this committee shall be two (2) persons currently serving on the Board and one (1) member of the general membership.

#### **Subsection 2 – Call For Nominations**

The Nominating Committee shall call for nominations from the membership at an October meeting by announcing that any member of the Club may be placed in nomination by a written nomination signed by at least three (3) members of the Club, provided that the nominee is in good standing with the Club and has given their consent to run for the position and serve, if elected.

#### **Subsection 3 – Ballot**

The Nominating Committee shall meet and nominate one or more persons for each office which shall include the nominations from the membership which meet the requirements listed in Subsection 2, above.

### **Section C – Voting**

#### **Subsection 1 – Ballot**

The Nominating Committee shall present the ballot to the membership at the next meeting following the meeting at which nominations were called for. Members shall mark and return their ballots at this meeting. No absentee ballots shall be accepted.

#### **Subsection 2 – Results**

The Nominating Committee shall count the votes. The nominee receiving the most votes shall be elected. If there is only one candidate for any office, by unanimous consent, that candidate shall be elected. The Nominating Committee shall announce the results of the election to the membership.

### **Section D – Assuming Office**

New Officers and Chairmen shall take office immediately following the last club event of the year or January 31, whichever is sooner. They shall meet with the outgoing Board of Directors at the final Board meeting of the Club year or by January 31.

## **Article VII – Standing Committees**

### **Section A – Membership**

Shall keep accurate records on Club members, collect annual dues, update and distribute membership directories.

### **Section B – Publicity**

Handle all publicity and promote public relations for the Club. Set-up and staff a Gator Attack Club information table at all home matches. Act as custodian of the Gator Attack Club Logo banner and other Club displays.

### **Section C – Social Events**

Be responsible for organizing all social events including, but not limited to, bus trips, pre-game meals and victory celebrations.

### **Section D – Ways and Means**

Be in charge of all fundraising and bring before the Board new ideas for fundraising projects.

### **Section E – Historian**

Be responsible for maintaining an up-to-date scrapbook as a summary of all club activities and be responsible for taking pictures.

### **Section F – Homecoming Float**

Be responsible for planning and putting together a float representing the Club for the annual homecoming parade.

### **Section G – Newsletter**

Be responsible for producing and mailing the Club newsletter.

### **Section H – Tournament Hosts**

Be responsible for organizing tournament hosts for visiting teams whenever deemed necessary by the President or the Board of Directors.

### **Section I – Communications**

Be responsible for contacting members regarding special events or whenever deemed necessary by the President or the Board of Directors.

### **Section J – Web Site**

Be responsible for maintaining, updating and enhancing the web site “Gatorattack.com”.

### **Section K – Merchandise**

Be responsible for purchase, sales and inventory of club merchandise.

### **Section L – Chairmen**

The President shall appoint the Chairmen of all standing committees.

### **Section M – Special Committees**

Special Committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board. The President shall designate their duties and tenure.

## **Article VIII – Behavior and Comportment of Members**

### **Section A – Conduct**

Any member whose dues are current is considered a member in good standing. As it is the duty of the President to serve as the official Club liaison with the volleyball Coach(es) and the UAA officials, no member of the Club may approach the Coaches or any UAA representative on behalf of the Club for any reason unless they have been specifically asked to do so by the President. If such a request is made, the member shall make it clear that he has the approval of the President to act on behalf of the Club.

### **Section B – Discipline**

Any member who does not conduct themselves in accordance with the By-Laws (which require members to adhere to NCAA, SEC, UAA and UF rules and regulations) is subject to immediate suspension pending review by the Board. Upon review by the Board at a later date, suspension can be revoked at a specified time or made permanent. Review and final disposition shall occur at a regularly scheduled or special Board meeting no later than 60 days from the date of notification of suspension by the Board. Permanent suspension shall result in forfeiture of all dues paid and removal from the membership roll. The member in question shall have the right to appear before the Board at the time of review.

## **Article IX - Year**

The Club year shall start on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, and end on June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

## **Article X – Parliamentary Authority**

Roberts Rules of Order, as amended, shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the By-Laws.

## **Article XI – Amending By-Laws**

These By-Laws may be amended or replaced, wholly or in part, by a majority of members in good standing voting for such changes at a regular meeting of the Club. All amendments must be explained to the membership at the previous regular meeting.