

# ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY

## BLOCK CLUB CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I - NAME

- A. The name of this organization shall be The St. Ignatius Block Club.

### ARTICLE 2 - ROLE AND ACTIVITIES

- A. The Saint Ignatius Block Club is an organization for student-athletes at St. Ignatius College Preparatory. The role of the Block Club is to provide service to the school Administration and the Athletic Department. Members may be called upon to give their time both during and at after-school activities. The St. Ignatius Block Club is also a fraternity for athletes, sponsoring social events for the club and for the entire student body and offering service to other groups outside the student body; for example, the Fathers' Club, the Ignatian Guild, etc.
- B. The activities of the Block Club shall include:
1. Supervision and crowd control at athletic events.
  2. Ushering at student body assemblies, mandatory rallies, and liturgies.
  3. Assisting the Director of Athletics in preparing for athletic events.
  4. Assisting the Director of Athletics and the coaches at athletic events.
  5. Sponsoring the Block Club Dance (Final Spring Dance).
  6. Sponsoring and administering the Blood Drive twice a year.
  7. Assisting at Open Houses held by the Admissions Office.
  8. Providing social activities for its members during the year.
  9. Assisting at alumni events; for example, The Alumni All Sports Day (June).
  10. Performing other duties as requested by the St. Ignatius Administration or Athletic Department.

### ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

- A. The election of Block Club officers shall be held in May of each school year. All juniors in good standing shall be eligible to hold office. Primary elections shall be held to determine three finalists. In the final election the candidate receiving the largest amount of votes shall be elected President, the candidate receiving the second largest amount of votes shall be elected vice-president, and the candidate receiving the third largest amount of votes shall be elected Sergeant-at-arms.
- B. The duties of the Block Club shall be as follows:
1. **PRESIDENT** - represents the Block Club on the Student Council and handles any correspondence with other SI organizations. Conducts the meetings of the entire Block Club and meetings of the Executive Committee. Reports to the moderators on the performance of the Block Club Members.

2. **VICE-PRESIDENT** - Represents the Block Club whenever the President is unable to perform. Serves on the Executive Committee. Reports to the moderators on the performance of the Block Club Members.
3. **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS** - Raises and lowers the American flag in front of the school each school day, keeps attendance at meetings, serves on the executive committee and reports to the moderators on the performance of the Block Club Members.

#### **ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Membership in the Block Club is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Admission is competitive and is based on the following criteria:
  1. An applicant must have (1) a varsity letter award, or (2) three non-varsity letter awards in the same sport, or (3) three letter awards for management in the same sport.  
\* Sophomores must have earned their varsity letter award during their sophomore year and may not apply for membership until the spring semester.  
Note: Participation Awards and Appreciation Certificates are not Letter Awards.
  2. An applicant must have at least a 2.50 cumulative grade point average (a student who does not meet this requirement may apply to the Moderator for a waiver).
  3. An applicant must complete the Block Club application form.
  4. An applicant must obtain recommendation forms from his or her coach and a peer (team captain or Block Club member).
  5. An applicant must appear for an interview with the Executive Committee.
- B. A member who chooses not to continue his or her participation in the sport for which he or she was admitted to the Block Club may be dismissed from the Block Club.
- C. Newly elected members are subject to a probationary period, typically three months.

#### **ARTICLE V - BLOCK CLUB SWEATERS**

- A. Block Club sweaters may be worn only by Block Club members and probationary Block Club members. They are never to be worn by other students from Saint Ignatius College Preparatory or from any other school.
- B. Block Club members may wear their sweater at any time and are required to wear them every Wednesday and at athletic contests (both home and away) which they attend. A member may be subject to disciplinary action if he or she fails to wear the sweater when required.
- C. When a male Block Club member wears his sweater, he is to wear a shirt with a collar or a polo shirt. He may not wear: a t-shirt, short pants, a hat, ear studs, or earrings.
- D. When a female Block club member wears her sweater, she is to wear a shirt with a collar or a polo shirt and a skirt or long pants. She may not wear: a t-shirt, short pants, or a hat.
- E. When a Block Club member works an assignment, he or she is to check the attire specified on the assignment sheet.

- F. Some Block Club assignments call for members to “dress up” in addition to wearing their sweater. Such occasions include, but are not limited to: school liturgies, school assemblies, Open Houses, and those occasions when a member visits a grammar school as part of the Saint Ignatius Admissions Program or represents the school at a public function.
  - 1. For male members, “dress up” means, in addition to the Block Club sweater and neck tie: a dress shirt, dress slacks, dress socks (not white), and shoes which can be polished (no tennis shoes of any kind). ***At all times, the school dress code is in effect.***
  - 2. For female members, “dress up” means, in addition to the Block Club sweater: a collared blouse, skirt (not pants), hose, and dress shoes. ***At all times, the school dress code is in effect.***
- G. Block Club sweaters may be purchased from the Block Club Moderator (new) or from a previous Block Club member (used). A member purchasing a used sweater is responsible for following all stripe regulations.
- H. A Block Club sweater should indicate by the number of stripes the number of years the member has been in the Block Club. A new stripe is to be added on the first day of each new school year. (Exception: a probationary member may display only **ONE** stripe until he or she is granted full membership.)
- I. Shields are worn by all Block Club members after they have completed their probationary period. The shield is worn on the upper left sleeve of the Block Club sweater, midway between the shoulder seam and the top stripe.
- J. Stars are worn by the Block Club Officers. The star is worn on the upper right sleeve of the Block Club sweater, five inches below the shoulder seam.
- K. Varsity senior pins and team or school awarded pins may be worn on a Block Club sweater.

#### **ARTICLE VI - ASSIGNMENTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

- A. Each member is required to attend all Block Club meetings and see that his or her assignments are carried out. If a member cannot perform an assignment, he or she must obtain a replacement and notify the Moderator.
- B. A member who has an assignment is to arrive on time and to remain as his or her post until the assignment is completed.
- C. It is the duty of all Block Club members, if called called upon, to help maintain order at school events; for example, preventing spectators from going on the court or field at games.

#### **ARTICLE VII - DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

- A. Suspension from the Block Club is automatic for any member who violates school rules and is suspended from school by the Dean of Students.

- B. Any Block Club member who violates the Block Club by-laws, fails to carry out an assignment properly, or fails to attend a Block Club meeting without notifying the Moderator or a Block Club Officer, will be subject to disciplinary action: first, a warning; for a second violation, a suspension; and expulsion for a third offense.
- C. While under suspension, a member may not wear his or her sweater, participate in Block Club activities, or attend Block Club events.
- D. The time period for suspension shall be set by the Executive Committee.
- E. Dismissal from the Block Club is automatic for any member who is removed from an athletic team for disciplinary reasons.
- F. Appeals for re-instatement to the Block Club may be directed to the Moderator.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES**

- A. Executive Committee - Consists of the Block Club Officers and the Block Club Moderator
- B. Ad Hoc Committee - May be formed by the President or the Moderator when activities require it.

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