

SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY BLOCK CLUB CONSTITUTION



ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be The Saint Ignatius Block Club.

ARTICLE II - Role and Activities

- A. The Saint Ignatius Block Club is an organization for student-athletes at Saint 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 school and at after-school activities. The Saint Ignatius Block Club is also a fraternity for athletes, sponsoring social events for the club and for the entire student body and offering the services of its members to 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, 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. Assisting at Freshman Parent Orientation.
 - 6. Assisting at Open House and visitations by grammar school students.
 - 7. Sponsoring and administering annual Blood Drives.
 - 8. Sponsoring the Block Club Dance.
 - 9. Providing social activities for its members during the year.
 - 10. Performing other duties as requested by the Saint 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 run for office. Primary elections shall be held to determine three finalists. In the final election the candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected President, the candidate receiving the second largest number of votes shall be elected Vice President, and the candidate receiving the third largest number of votes shall be elected Sergeant-at-Arms.

- B. The duties of the Block Club officers shall be as follows:
1. **President** - Represents the Block Club on the Student Council. Conducts meetings of the Block Club. Serves on and conducts meetings of the Executive Committee. Handles any correspondence with other Saint Ignatius organizations. Reports to the Moderator on the performance of Block Club members.
 2. **Vice President** - Represents the Block Club whenever the President is unable to perform his or her duties. Serves on the Executive Committee. Reports to the Moderator on the performance of Block Club members.
 3. **Sergeant-at-Arms** - Keeps attendance at meetings. Serves on the Executive Committee. Reports to the Moderator on the performance of 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 upon consideration of the following criteria:
1. An applicant must have:
 - a. A varsity Letter Award*, or:
 - b. Three non-varsity Letter Awards in the same sport, or:
 - c. 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 recommendations from his or her head coach and a current Block Club member.
 5. An applicant must appear for an interview with the Executive Committee.
- B. Members are expected to uphold the standards of the Block Club and of Saint Ignatius College Preparatory.
- C. Membership is reviewed each semester. A member who has not been active in the club may be dismissed from the Block Club.
- D. A member who is not active in a Saint Ignatius sport during the course of a school year may be dismissed from the Block Club.
- E. 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.
- F. A member who quits a Saint Ignatius team may be dismissed from the Block Club.
- G. Newly elected members are subject to a probationary period. During this period the probationary member will be evaluated by the Block Club Officers and the Moderator at each assignment. At the conclusion of the probationary period the member will be notified of his or her overall evaluation. A poor evaluation may result in revocation of membership.

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 when working at an assignment.
- C. When a male Block Club member wears his sweater he is to wear a shirt with a collar. 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, a skirt or long pants, and socks or hose. She may not wear: a T-shirt, short pants, or a hat.
- E. When a Block Club member works at an assignment, he or she is to wear the attire specified on the assignment sheet.
- F. There are some Block Club assignments which call for the members to “dress up” in addition to wearing their Block Club 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. On all such occasions, the school dress code is in effect. In addition:
 - 1. For male members, “dress up” means, in addition to Block Club sweater: a dress shirt, necktie, dress slacks, dress socks (not white), and dress shoes. No tennis shoes.
 - 2. For female members, “dress up” means, in addition to Block Club sweater: dress or a collared blouse with skirt (not pants), hose, and dress shoes. Skirts and dresses are to be conservative, that is, a neck line that is not too low and a hem line that is not too high. No tennis shoes.
- 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. Members who first become eligible to apply for the club at the conclusion of a spring season and who are admitted at the first admission period of the next school year may also wear a stripe for that season. 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. However, members are expected to carry out their own assignments and obtain a replacement only when absolutely necessary.
- B. A member who has an assignment is to arrive on time and to remain at his or her post until the assignment is completed.
- C. It is the duty of all Block Club members to help maintain order at all times at school events, whether or not they are wearing their sweaters. This includes preventing spectators from going onto the field or court at games. Members are to set an example by their own conduct.

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. Dismissal from the Block Club is automatic for any member who is removed from an athletic team for disciplinary reasons.
- C. Any member whose most recent semester grade point average is below 2.50 may be suspended from the Block Club.
- D. A Block Club member who violates the Block Club bylaws, fails to carry out an assignment properly, or fails to attend a Block Club meeting without notifying the Moderator will be subject to disciplinary action. Disciplinary action ranges from a warning to suspension to dismissal from the club.
- E. While under suspension a member may not wear his or her sweater, participate in Block Club activities, or attend Block Club events.
- F. The time period of a suspension shall be set by the Executive Committee.
- G. Two suspensions result in automatic dismissal from the Block Club.
- H. Appeals for reinstatement 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 Committees** - May be formed by the President or the Moderator when activities require it.

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