



MITCH'S MISFITS **Constitution**



I. Name, Insignia, Font, and Affiliation

- A. The name of this organization shall be “Mitch’s Misfits”
- B. Insignia logo will be designated as the head of a grinning husky dog, **as depicted above.**
- C. Font is or is a version of “SF Comic Script”, **as depicted above**, and is to be used whenever used in combination with insignia logo.
- D. This organization will not be affiliated with any other group directly, but will have contacts with the student groups that would like to join Mitch’s Misfits at Michigan Technological University (MTU) Athletic Events.

II. Aims and Objectives of the Organization

- A. To promote interest in and attendance at MTU’s hockey events.
- B. To **promote, create, and preserve** MTU hockey traditions.
- C. To promote good sportsmanship among the NCAA hockey community.
- D. To organize at least one road trip per hockey season.
- E. To sponsor freshmen-oriented recruiting events for MTU hockey before and during each hockey season.

III. Membership

- A. Qualifications
 1. Membership is open to all, especially MTU students, fans, alumni, employees, and faculty.
 2. No vote is needed by current membership to accept new members.
 3. Members of Mitch’s Misfits attain tickets in Section L of the John MacInnes Student Ice Arena or as close by as possible for MTU hockey games.
 4. ***In compliance with MTU’s Board of Control Equal Opportunity Policy effective 7/20/1990, Mitch’s Misfits will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, height, weight, or marital status. Mitch’s Misfits is also committed to the policy of not discriminating against handicapped individuals or veterans.***
 5. ***Michigan Technological University is an equal opportunity educational institution/equal opportunity employer.***
- B. Class of Membership
 1. Regular members: current MTU students.

2. Associate members: current MTU staff and faculty members.
 3. Charter members: current MTU Alumni members.
 4. Crowd-Associate members: any fan that decides to cheer or proceed with Misfit events are considered under this category.
- C. Method of Dropping Members (being certain to issue due process)
1. The Executive Board reserves the right to revoke membership of any individual or group who is acting contrary to the interests of Mitch's Misfits.
 2. Any member that does not want to continue as a Mitch's Misfit shall let any member of the Executive Board be informed and the member shall be removed from our member list.
- D. Right and Privileges of Members
1. Executive Board members shall be the only people allowed to vote on day-to-day business matters.
 2. All Executive Board members have an equal counting vote but in the event of a tie, the President will determine the ruling.
 3. The Executive Board may bring any issues before the general membership for a vote by announcing the issue not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting in which the vote is to take place.

IV. Officers and Business Concerning

A. Executive Board: Officers and Duties

1. **President** – Shall preside over meetings; meet and facilitate all necessary person(s), i.e.: MTU Athletic Director, Hockey Coaching Staff, JMSIA Senior Officials, and any persons that need to be contacted for issues dealing with Mitch's Misfits. The President shall be duly responsible for the Mitch's Misfits bank account.
2. **Vice-President** – Shall preside over meetings in the absence of President; may accompany President to help facilitate meetings. May be called upon by President to perform additional duties.
3. **Secretary** – Shall take meetings minutes and keep them organized; send periodic and timely e-mail to the Mitch's Misfits mailing list that contains (1) synopsis of meeting minutes from the last meeting and (2) reminder of date of the next meeting. The Secretary also prepares other communications as requested by the President. The secretary is also responsible for the maintaining of historical records and archives.
4. **Treasurer** – Shall keep records of all finances; report at the meetings the expenditures and capital. Treasurer shall, along with President, have access to the Mitch's Misfit Monetary Accounts.
5. **Webmaster** – Shall maintain the Mitch's Misfits website at www.MitchMisfits.com and maintain the Mitch's Misfits facebook group at www.facebook.com/MitchMisfits. This member should keep links active and publish news stories and Mitch's Misfits events throughout the year.

6. Special Member – This position is reserved for younger Misfit members that may be potential future Executive Board members. This member is to be non-voting in Executive Board decisions but should be present for meetings. Their actual titles vary from “Intern” to “Special Ops” and can be changed without notice.

7. **ALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS – Shall be involved in an active role advertising, recruiting, planning road trips and other social events, and leading the general crowds at MTU Hockey games.**

8. As deemed necessary by the Executive Board, upon a 2/3 majority vote by the Executive Board, two positions may be held by one individual. An exception to this rule is that no individual may hold the positions of President AND Vice-President during the same term. This individual only receives one vote on matters, rather than one for each position.

B. Qualifications of Officers

1. Officers must be Regular members, as described above.
2. Officers must have a 2.00 GPA, as required by the Office of Student Activities.
3. Founding fathers of Mitch’s Misfits (Tim Braun, Mitchell O’Laughlin, Chris Nesbitt) should have a voice in decisions that determine the longevity of Mitch’s Misfits. This point may not be amended. (Clarified Oct 31, 2005)

C. Term of Office

1. Term of office is a one year service.
2. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Webmaster, and Treasurer serve from May-May, and are elected in April by the membership eligible to vote.
3. All other Executive Board members are elected and serve during the MTU Hockey season.

D. Method of Election of Officers

1. Nominations are taken (by any Mitch’s Misfits’ member).
2. Election announcements shall be published one week prior to election at regular meeting.
3. At the meeting, each candidate shall have an opportunity to speak about the position they are interested in.
4. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.
5. A simple majority vote of those present at the meeting shall be used for election of officers.

E. Method of Impeachment (being certain to ensure due process)

1. An officer may be removed from the office on ground of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance of their duties by a 2/3-majority vote of Executive Board members, at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

F. Resignations/Special Elections

1. In the event of a resignation or other opening within the Executive Board, the President or Vice-President will announce the opening(s) to the Mitch’s Misfits’ email list and call for nominations.

- G. At the next Executive Board meeting (after one week after asking for nominations), the nominees are invited as guests to discuss their qualifications and interest in the position.
- H. The Executive Board then votes to fill the openings (by secret ballot).
- I. Officers elected in this manner serve the remainder of the position's mandated term.

V. Advisor(s)

- A. Advisor is one that advises Mitch's Misfits, who offer official or professional advice to Mitch's Misfits.
- B. The advisor is selected by the Executive board on the basis that he/she has the interest in supporting Mitch's Misfits in events. The name of the advisor is forwarded to the Office of Student Activities, which appoints an advisor(s), who may or may not be the elected advisor.
- C. The term of office of an Advisor is from May-May of the next year.
- D. This advisor's term automatically renews at the end of each term unless Executive Board votes to change advisor or it is changed by the Office of Student Activities.

VI. Dues

- A. The only non mandatory but generally accepted due will be the acquisition of a Mitch's Misfits t-shirt or any other Mitch's Misfits non-profit merchandise.
- B. Dues will be paid upon delivery of item.
- C. Any categorical member may buy an official t-shirt and wear it at MTU hockey games, both home and away.

VII. Meetings

- A. Types of Meetings
 1. Executive Board: Shall be called as needed, but preferably bi-weekly. Attendees shall be Executive Board members and invited guests. To be held at a time and location announced not less than 24 hours in advance to email sent to mmeboard-1@mtu.edu.
 2. Regular: Scheduled, open meetings. Preferably held monthly and may be combined with Mitch's Misfits social events. Should be held during the regular season on the week of home series games. Meetings must be announced 24 hours prior to meeting at mitchsmisfits-1@mtu.edu.
 3. Annual First Meeting: Should be called one to two weeks prior to MTU Hockey season home opener. This meeting should be well announced and open to all members and non-members. Food and drinks should be bought and provided through the Mitch's Misfits Monetary Account. All Executive Board members should be present, including the Advisor and various MTU Hockey players. A short presentation from an Executive Board member and one from the MTU Hockey team coach/Mitch's Misfits' advisor shall be given and then be open to questions. Location of meeting should be in a Fisher building room unless a better location is available.

4. Non-Executive Board Member meeting notices shall be posted on according email lists, the Mitch's Misfits' Facebook fan page, and the Mitch's Misfits' website.

5. Meeting organizers shall endeavor to maintain a consistent time and location for scheduled meetings.

B. Who May Call Meetings

1. Regular and Executive Board meetings may be called by the President, as needed.

C. For a meeting to be official, the President or Vice-President must be present. In addition, at least three members of the Executive Board must be present.

VIII. Constitution

A. Adoption

1. Vote needed for adoption.

2. It will take effect when approved by the Office of Student Activities.

B. Amendments

1. Amendments may be brought up at official regular meetings.

2. Notification of members for voting on amendments will take place.

3. Vote needed to approve amendments will only take place with all Executive Board members present.

4. It will take effect when approved by the Office of Student Activities.

C. By-Laws

1. No by-laws are required by Mitch's Misfits.