

CONSTITUTION OF EVERY CHILD PLAYS AT UC SAN DIEGO

Every Child Plays at UC San Diego

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Article I: Name of Student Organization

The organization shall be called Every Child Plays at UC San Diego.

Article II: Statement of Purpose

Every Child Plays is a student-run organization whose aim is to create safe, welcoming, and collaborative spaces for neurodiverse children to develop their social communication skills and make friends through participation in team sports. To accomplish this goal, Every Child Plays provides low-stress basketball and soccer practices for children who may struggle to compete in sports against neurotypical children. Every Child Plays also coaches local rec league teams which give neurodiverse athletes the opportunity to play in more competitive environments.

Article III: Nonprofit Statement

Every Child Plays at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

Article IV: Requirement for Membership

Membership is open to undergraduate students at UC San Diego who have demonstrated an interest in working with neurodiverse children. Members should also have some familiarity with youth sports, either having participated in sports or having coached youth sports in the past. Members must also complete a brief online training on autism spectrum disorder and applied behavior analysis and pass a quiz following their training.

Article V: Frequency of Organization Meetings

Every Child Plays will hold one general body meeting at the beginning of each academic quarter. Basketball and soccer practices will be held weekly throughout the calendar year, and members are expected to commit to practices on a monthly basis. Officers will meet as needed.

Article VI: Qualifications for Holding Office and Methods of Selecting and Replacing Officers

Only registered UC San Diego students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UC San Diego students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers.

Four Annual Officer Positions:

Program Co-Coordinator (2)

1. Shall serve for a whole academic year and be selected in the spring of the previous school year through election of the five coordinating officers of that year
2. Shall be responsible for handling all paperwork related to the organization
3. Shall organize volunteer recruitment and onboarding
4. Shall communicate with doctors, medical students, and other outside collaborators
5. Shall organize and lead quarterly general body meetings
6. Shall be responsible for all responsibilities not directly delegated to other officers

Coaching Coordinator

1. Shall serve for a whole academic year and be selected in the spring of the previous school year through election of all active coaches of that year
2. Shall organize volunteer coaching each month for weekly developmental practices
3. Shall be responsible for court and field reservations for weekly developmental practices
4. Shall organize volunteer coaching for rec league teams for each sport seasonally
5. Shall be expected to attend every weekly developmental practice and lead practices alongside developmental team head coaches

Family Outreach Coordinator

1. Shall serve for a whole academic year and be selected in the spring of the previous school year through election of the general body of that year
2. Shall reach out to families interested in participating to provide more information about the organization
3. Shall manage the Every Child Plays email account to send RSVP forms to families to gauge practice attendance at weekly developmental practices every month
4. Shall work closely with the coaching coordinator to ensure sufficient coach availability for weekly developmental practices based on family attendance information
5. Shall write quarterly newsletters to families updating them on important information and changes regarding Every Child Plays

Publicity Coordinator

1. Shall serve for a whole academic year and be selected in the spring of the previous school year through election of the general body of that year
2. Shall be responsible for the management of all media contacts and functions, and track all publications regarding Every Child Plays at UC San Diego
3. Shall be responsible for the management of the Every Child Play website and social media accounts
4. Shall collect photos from practices and quotes from families to include on the website, social media, and the quarterly Every Child Plays newsletter
5. Shall publicize Every Child Plays on the UC San Diego campus

Financial Coordinator

1. Shall serve for a whole academic year and be selected in the spring of the previous school year through election of the general body of that year
2. Shall work with the program coordinators to oversee organization finances
3. Shall fundraise by means of private donations, corporate donations, and grants
4. Shall manage funds and distribute them as necessary

Additional Quarterly Leadership Positions:

Developmental Team Head Coach (one per sport)

1. Shall serve on a quarterly basis and be approved by the coaching coordinator
2. Shall be expected to attend every weekly developmental practice and lead practices alongside the coaching coordinator

Competitive Team Head Coach (one per sport)

1. Shall serve on a seasonal basis and be approved by the coaching coordinator
2. Shall be expected to attend tryouts, practices, and games for the duration of their team's season, including playoffs
3. Shall be responsible for recruiting at least one assistant coach

Article VII: Hazing Prevention

Every Child Plays will not tolerate hazing in any capacity.

Article VIII: Risk Management

Every Child Plays at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Every Child Plays at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

Section 1: Every Child Plays at UC San Diego is aware that all registered student organizations that serve minors or the elderly have access to training on child and elder abuse prevention for its members via the Center for Student Involvement, online, or in person (in person by request only.) Every Child Plays will develop plan(s) for activities and events where members will be interacting with minors or the elderly such that members will receive education and/or training on Child Abuse Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA), common sense measures to both avoid child or elder abuse allegations (i.e. avoiding one-on-one situations; working with minors in plain view of others; limiting calls/ texts/ social media posts or other communication with minors), and how to properly report potential harm or neglect to minors or the elderly with whom they are working.

Section 2: During team sports practices, athletes will be monitored at all times by multiple volunteer coaches. Athletes will never be left alone with a volunteer coach for safety and liability reasons. Competitive team head coaches through Master Sports are also required to get LiveScan background checks before the start of the season. For both developmental and competitive practices, parents are encouraged to stay for practice, but if they are unable, coaches have their contact information in case of emergencies.

Article IX: Community Advisor

Every Child Plays collaborates with doctors at the UC San Diego School of Medicine and Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego to create a safe and welcoming environment for neurodivergent children to play sports.

Article X: Financial Management

All donations are to be jointly managed by the program and financial coordinators, who are responsible for all financial decisions made by Every Child Plays. They are responsible for setting the budget of the organization and delegating funds to recruitment/training, facility reservations, financial aid for families, etc.

Article XI: Affiliation with Other Groups

Every Child Plays is affiliated with the UC San Diego School of Medicine and Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego.