

Roda de Capoeira at UC San Diego Constitution - 2024-2025 Academic Year

Article I. Name of Organization

The organization shall be called Roda de Capoeira at UC San Diego.

Article II. Statement of Purpose

Roda de Capoeira at UC San Diego is a collective meant to provide an open, accessible space to play capoeira and its music, as well as a place to share knowledge (of technique, music, and history). It will serve as a base for connection to capoeira/Afro-Brazilian/African diasporic cultural scenes on and off-campus. To share capoeira with the campus community, Roda de Capoeira may also perform at cultural events, as well.

Article III. Nonprofit Statement

Roda de Capoeira at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

Article IV. Requirements for Membership

All students, as well as San Diego community members, are eligible for membership of Roda de Capoeira at UC San Diego. Because Roda de Capoeira is centered on free knowledge sharing, one may become a member by 1) attending in-person meetings or 2) active online engagement with discussions about capoeira (platform to be determined).

Roda de Capoeira, as an organization dedicated to the liberatory art of capoeira, is committed to anti-discrimination. Upheld will be a space that is equitable, without discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

Article V. Frequency of Organization Meetings

Roda de Capoeira at UC San Diego will meet weekly, save for extenuating circumstances. There is no required number of meetings per quarter or year. Minutes will be taken for decision-making meetings, but regular meetings are not required to be documented.

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.

Roda de Capoeira at UC San Diego will be a non-hierarchical organization, and any members that wish to participate in decision-making may do so. Officers will serve to execute the will of the organization, at large.

At its current small size and operations, one person is eligible to hold several officer positions. The roles are as such:

President: initiating actions

Promotional officer: social media, physical promotional media

Treasurer: make purchases, keep track of transactions

Secretary: miscellaneous paperwork, events/facilities

Officers will be selected by way of general member election, for the entirety of the school year. Elections will be held at the end of Spring quarters, and those elected assume their positions the following Fall quarter.

Officers will be replaced or removed first by officer vote, then general member election. Replacement officers will be voted by general membership.

General members will be removed if they are found to be abusing an organization or community member. Concerns will be raised privately to an organization officer, and the member in question will be expelled from activities (attending meetings, communications).

Article VII. Risk Management

Roda de Capoeira at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Roda de Capoeira at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

Practicing capoeira presents a risk of physical injury. Roda de Capoeira will mitigate this risk by promoting somatically sound practices.

Article IX. Community Mentor

Mestre Paulo Batuta will serve indefinitely as Roda de Capoeira at UC San Diego's community mentor. He is community leader for the San Diego capoeira and broader Brazilian community, and teaches capoeira at UCSD Recreation classes and under the Department of Theatre & Dance.

Mestre Paulo Batuta will provide mentorship on sharing capoeira with the community and maintaining a welcoming environment.