

# CONSTITUTION FOR TRITON POKÉMON LEAGUE

## 1. NAME OF ORGANIZATION:

- a. The organization shall be called Triton Pokémon League at UC San Diego (TPL).

## 2. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

- a. The purpose of Triton Pokémon League is:
  - i. To bring members of the Pokémon community together and create a social setting for anyone interested in anything related to Pokémon.
  - ii. To provide a safe space for people within the Pokémon community, regardless of race, background, sexual orientation, gender, and religious association.

## 3. NONPROFIT STATEMENT:

- a. Triton Pokémon League at UC San Diego is a non-profit organization.

## 4. REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBERSHIP:

- a. Registration requires no fee and is open to students, staff, faculty, and alumni of UCSD.
- b. Members should be respectful and open minded to other members and their opinions, beliefs, and thoughts.

## ARTICLE 4.1 - HAZING PREVENTION

Triton Pokémon League is committed to maintaining a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all its members and does not condone hazing. Hazing, in any form, is strictly prohibited within the organization in compliance with state and federal law, Regents' policies and University regulations. Participation in hazing or any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, activity, or method committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons, including current, former, or prospective students, regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that is committed in the course of a preinitiation, an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, an official or unofficial student organization or other student group that i. causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury, including personal degradation or disgrace, and/or ii. the person knew or should have known was likely to cause serious bodily injury. As an organization, we understand that failure to abide by hazing policies and laws will result in referral to the Center for Student Accountability, Growth, and Education (SAGE) for an organizational violation and/or individual violation(s).

## 5. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:

- a. Preplanned general body meetings will be held at least quarterly, in accordance with members' schedules.
- b. Informal, smaller meetups may be organized more frequently at the discretion of Administrative and Activities Officers.
- c. Officer meetings will be held as needed but no less than once per quarter, open solely to the members holding office (officers) as described in Article 6 and specific invitees of those officers. Minutes will be taken by the Historian and made available to all officers.

## **6. QUALIFICATIONS OF HOLDING OFFICE AND SELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Officer positions are open only to registered UCSD students. The process of replacing officers will be held annually through vote. 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. The categories of Officers and their responsibilities are listed below:

### **a. Administrative Officers (President, Vice/Co President)**

- i. Direct affairs of officers and preside over general meetings.
- ii. Act as facilitator and mediator during meetings.
- iii. Responsible for attending recruitment and promotional events and communicating with prospective members.
- iv. Responsible for keeping an up to date mailing list of current members and informing them of upcoming events and meetings.
- v. Responsible for filling in for any vacancies within the officer team until such an officer can be elected, or delegating those duties to other qualified personnel.

### **b. Financial Officer / Historian (1)**

- i. Responsible for financial correspondence, expenses, and fundraising activities.
- ii. Present financial statements should they be needed. Responsible for keeping records of financial transactions.
- iii. Responsible for documenting meetings and events (through photos, videos, or other forms of media).
- iv. Responsible for sharing the documentation in (iii) upon a member's request.
- v. Responsible for maintaining records of logistical information that might be needed in the future including but not limited to contact information of third parties.

**c. Activities Officers (2)**

- i. Responsible for coordinating at least 2 meetings or events per quarter.
- ii. Responsible for attending meetings and acquiring or organizing resources required for those meetings.

**d. Design Officers (2)**

- i. Responsible for designing flyers and other promotional materials.
- ii. Responsible for handling promotion and moderating community interaction through social media.

**e. Liaison Officer (1)**

- i. Responsible for coordination of efforts between Triton Pokémon League and other clubs and organizations, including but not limited to Triton Gaming and UC San Diego staff.

**ARTICLE 6.1 - REMOVAL OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

i. Members and Officers may be removed for the following reasons:

(1) Conduct that threatens or causes imminent physical harm to another person. This is a zero-tolerance policy. A member in violation of this statute may be removed immediately by any observing Officer. If no Officer was present or the offender is an Officer, an investigation will be opened by an Administrative Officer (or next-highest ranking Officer if there is a conflict of interest), and the results will be discussed with the involved parties at a special meeting. If applicable, cases may be referred to the appropriate University Authority.

(2) Repeated actions or statements that go against the Statement of Purpose in Article 2. Violators will be subject to a three-strike policy, which consists of two warnings before a removal hearing. Multiple strikes may be given for particularly egregious offenses at the discretion of the observing Officer, but removal shall not take place without a special hearing involving at least one Administrative Officer, two other Officers, and the involved parties. Decisions for removal must be unanimous.

(3) Officer inactivity or failure to complete their duties. Officers that fail to meet their responsibilities set out in this Article for more than three weeks or engage in conduct counter to the Statement of Purpose in Article 2 may be removed via special hearing. This hearing must be presided over by both Administrative Officers and at least one other Officer, and the decision to remove must be unanimous. If an Administrative Officer is delinquent, the rest of the Officer team can hold a vote of no confidence, requiring unanimous approval and a replacement to be named. The delinquent Officer will be given the option to step down and waive the hearing, and removal in this way does not prevent the former Officer from becoming a member unless specified otherwise at the hearing.

In all cases, all involved parties will have the opportunity to present evidence and explain what happened. Notice of the outcome will be given to all involved parties, and if applicable, allegations of misconduct that falls within the purview of the Office for the Prevention of Harassment & Discrimination (OPHD) or Student Accountability, Growth, and Education (SAGE) will be referred to the proper authority.

## **7. RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Triton Pokémon League at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself. Triton Pokémon League at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization. This organization is not involved in: working with minors or the elderly, medical assistance, or handling hazardous chemicals/material/equipment/machinery.

### **ARTICLE 7.3 - INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

Triton Pokémon League at UC San Diego recognizes that the University generally recommends against all international travel by Student Organizations due to the myriad of risks travelers face in foreign countries. Student organizations are discouraged from traveling to foreign countries due to the wide variety of risks involved with foreign travel, and the extensive planning efforts required by the Student Organization's Members to manage those risks. Security risks and health care services vary widely from one country to another, so thorough research on those topics is especially important.

If international travel is desired to attend approved events including Regional and World Championships, Triton Pokémon League at UC San Diego may help members sign up and manage the risks associated with such travel. However, it falls on each member to do their own research and conduct themselves safely when outside UC San Diego. Triton Pokémon League at UC San Diego does NOT hold international events and all persons traveling act as individuals, not as agents of the Organization.

## **8. FINANCES:**

- a. Finances will depend on the budget allowed by A.S. funding and Triton Gaming's support.
- b. Triton Pokémon League will finance other activities through fundraisers held in conjunction with Triton Gaming.
- c. Funds will be kept in a club University Credit Union account or, if unavailable, in possession of the Financial Officer. One Administrative Officer and the Financial Officer shall be signers on the bank account. If the position of Financial Officer is open, then both Administrative Officers shall be signers. Changes to signers will take effect after elections have been held and authority has been handed off.