

Constitution of the Sports & Entertainment Law Society (SELS)

Article I: Name

The official name of this organization shall be the "Sports & Entertainment Law Society," hereafter established and referred to by the formal acronym "SELS."

Article II: Purpose and Mission

The mission of the Sports & Entertainment Law Society (SELS) is to advocate for specialized legal education, professional development, and industry-standard advocacy within the sports and entertainment sectors. SELS is dedicated to fostering a robust community of law students and practitioners through advocacy, community engagement, and rigorous practical exposure. The core objectives of SELS shall include:

- Providing a comprehensive overview of law advocacy within the sports and entertainment industries.
- Facilitating direct engagement between the student body and industry practitioners.
- Coordinating participation in premier negotiation and arbitration competitions.
- Promoting community service and professional ethics as foundational pillars of the legal profession.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility

Membership is open to all currently enrolled students and faculty members of the College of Law. To remain in good standing with the organization members must demonstrate consistent engagement by attending at least one SELS-sponsored event, whether held on or off campus, during each semester of their membership. If a member falls out of good standing with the organization, they will be placed on probation and notified via SELS email at the end of a semester. To get off of probation, members must attend 2 SELS-sponsored events, whether held on or off campus, during the following semester.

Section 2: Non-Discrimination Statement

Membership and participation in SELS shall be conducted without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, or veteran status. This provision is absolute and shall be interpreted in accordance with University and College of Law regulatory standards.

Section 3: Dues Policy

SELS maintains a policy of open access to encourage maximum student engagement. Consequently, the organization does not mandate a dues system. Should a national affiliate require the collection of dues, the Executive Board is strictly mandated to consult with the Dean of Student Affairs before any funds are solicited or collected.

Section 4: Graduation Cord Eligibility

To maintain eligibility for a graduation cord, an individual must be an active member of the organization in good standing. Membership requires participation in at least one qualifying community involvement project during the student's tenure with SELS. Additionally, members must demonstrate consistent engagement by attending at least one SELS-sponsored event, whether held on or off campus, during each semester of their membership.

Article IV: Officers and Governance

Section 1: Executive Board Composition

The administrative and executive authority of SELS is vested in an Executive Board (E-Board) consisting of five mandatory roles:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. SBA Representative
5. Social Media Representative

Section 2: Eligibility Restrictions

First-year law students (1Ls) are strictly ineligible to hold any Executive Board (E-Board) positions within the organization.

Members not in good standing with the organization are ineligible to hold any E-Board position within the organization.

Section 3: Constitutional Duties of Officers

A. President

The President is responsible for presiding over all meetings and acts as the direct liaison between the organization, the law school, and surrounding communities. The President oversees and is responsible for approving all programming and organization budgets. This position will be tasked with searching for sports and entertainment negotiation competitions and assisting with competition duties. These duties may include up to but are not limited to coaching, finding practitioners to coach or speak with the teams, Loyola faculty/alumni to coach or speak with the team, coordinate practices, and making final decisions on team members. The President will collaborate with the Vice President to make presentations for meetings. The President has final say in the selection of guest speakers and events for each semester. The President is responsible for contributing to the planning of the organization's community involvement event. The President, alongside the Vice President, is responsible for facilitating the election process of the new executive board for the upcoming school year. The President is responsible for updating and revising the Constitution and Bylaws alongside the SELS SBA Representative, Secretary, and Vice President.

B. Vice President

The Vice-President (VP) in the absence of the President, is responsible for presiding over all meetings and acts as the direct liaison between the organization, the law school, and surrounding communities. The VP oversees all committees and events and supports the President in carrying out any needs for SELS programs. The VP is in charge of sending out informational e-mails to all SELS members. The VP will oversee the sending out and creation of the SELS Member Interest Forms at the beginning of each semester. The VP is responsible for creating the PowerPoints that will be presented at each meetings. The VP is responsible for contributing to the planning of the organization's community involvement event. The VP, alongside the President, is responsible for facilitating the election process of the new executive board for the upcoming school year. The VP is responsible for updating and revising the Constitution and Bylaws alongside the SELS SBA Representative, Secretary, and President.

C. Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for recording all executive board and general body meeting minutes and taking the membership roll at meetings. The Secretary is responsible for making ordering food for meetings and keeping an accurate account of all current members. The Secretary is responsible for creating RSVP forms to send out to members prior to events. The Secretary is responsible for contributing to the planning of the organization's community involvement event. The Secretary is responsible for updating and revising the Constitution and Bylaws alongside the SELS SBA Representative, Vice President, and President.

D. SBA Representative

The SBA Representative is responsible for being the official SELS representative at Student Bar Association Meetings. The SBA Representative is expected to report back to the board with any information from the SBA. The SBA Representative is responsible for contributing to the planning of the organization's community involvement event. The SBA Representative is responsible for updating and revising the Constitution and Bylaws alongside the SELS Secretary, Vice President, and President.

E. Social Media Representative

The Social Media Representative (SMR) is responsible for managing all social platforms for SELS. The SMR is responsible for creating flyers and any other marketing materials for SELS. The SMR is responsible for updating or creating a new trifold each year for the Student Organization Fair and ordering items to hand out at the event. The SMR is responsible for contributing to the planning of the organization's community involvement event. The SMR is also responsible for ordering and keeping track of graduation cords.

Section 4: Shared Responsibility

The authority to revise or amend this Constitution and the associated Bylaws is a joint responsibility vested in the President, Vice President, Secretary, and SBA Representative.

Article V: Faculty Advisor

The organization shall maintain a faculty advisor who must be a current full-time faculty member of the College of Law. The advisor is appointed by the Deans of the Law School. The faculty advisor serves as the final approving authority for all student organization events and must certify every event via the Faculty Advisor Event Approval Form.

Article VI: Meetings

SELS mandates the convening of at least one general body meeting per semester. SELS mandates the convening of at least one entertainment related event per year. SELS also mandated the convening of at least one sports related event per year. The President (or the Vice President in the President's absence) shall preside over all general body and executive sessions.

Article VII: Executive Board Elections

Section 1: Guiding Principles of Elections

All elections for the SELS Executive Board shall be conducted in a manner that is fair, equal, and transparent. In compliance with University and College of Law regulations, every eligible vote cast must hold equal power and all ballots must be tabulated with absolute accuracy to preserve a democratic transition of leadership.

Section 2: Frequency and Term of Office

Elections for the mandatory Executive Board positions shall be convened annually during the spring semester. Elected officers shall serve a term of one (1) academic year, assuming official administrative duties upon the conclusion of the academic term and serving until the formal transition of the succeeding board.

Section 3: Candidacy Qualifications

To be eligible for nomination or to hold an Executive Board office, an individual must be an active student member of SELS in good standing. In strict accordance with College of Law policy, first-year law students (1Ls) are ineligible to hold any executive office within the organization.

Section 4: Delegated Authority to the Bylaws

While this Constitution establishes the fundamental eligibility requirements and democratic principles of SELS governance, the precise operational mechanics shall be governed exclusively by the SELS Bylaws.

Article VIII: Charter Maintenance and Community Engagement

Section 1: Annual Requirement

To maintain active charter status, SELS must complete and document at least one (1) qualifying community engagement project during each academic year.

Section 2: Qualifying Project Criteria

A project shall only satisfy the requirements for charter maintenance if it adheres to the following strict parameters:

- **External Benefit:** The project must provide a direct benefit to individuals, groups, or partner organizations external to the College of Law.
- **Direct Service:** Members must perform service in person. Passive activities, such as lending the organization's name to an event, do not qualify.
- **Minimum Participation:** Participation is required from at least three (3) members or 25% of the active membership, whichever is greater.
- **Service Duration:** Each participating member must contribute a minimum of two (2) hours of service.

Section 3: Deadlines and Compliance

Documentation of the qualifying project must be submitted to the Law Student Affairs Office no later than April 1st of the current academic year.

Section 4: Penalties, Forfeiture, and Cure

- **Probationary Status:** Failure to comply with the April 1st deadline shall result in immediate probationary status, carrying a loss of funding, room reservation privileges, and event approval rights.
- **Graduation Cords:** If the community engagement requirement remains unfulfilled by the close of the academic year, the Executive Board shall forfeit the right to wear the organization's graduation cords or regalia.
- **Cure Provision:** An organization may restore eligibility for graduation cords and lift probationary status by completing and documenting a qualifying project no later than fourteen (14) days prior to commencement.
- **Loss of Charter:** Pursuant to institutional policy, any organization that remains non-compliant for two (2) consecutive academic years shall suffer a formal loss of charter and must undergo the full re-chartering process.

Article IX: Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution must be developed through a collaborative process involving the President, Vice President, Secretary, and SBA Representative. If there is conflict between the deciding members, the choice of implementing that amendment moves to the Faculty Advisor for SELS. To remain valid and enforceable, the final amended Constitution must be registered with the Dean of Student Affairs and posted to the official Student Organization website.