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of the **OZARKS**

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## ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

1. **Name** - The name of the organization shall be Ultimate Players of the Ozarks (UPOz).
2. **Purpose** - The primary purpose of the organization shall be to facilitate the awareness of and participation of the game of Ultimate in the area, but shall also include other purposes such as:
  - To provide an outlet of play at every skill level
  - To provide various leagues throughout the year
  - To run tournaments enhancing competitive play
  - To provide educational resources to both Physical Educators and Park Systems
  - To run clinics and seminars educating the public about Ultimate
  - To obtain and manage field space reserved for Ultimate
  - To establish and promote national caliber teams
  - To raise money benefiting the awareness of the sport in the area

## ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

1. **Qualifications** - Membership shall be open to any and all enthusiasts of the sport of Ultimate, conditioned only on the timely payment of the membership dues in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. Membership in the club and the opportunity to participate in the club's activities shall be provided on an equal basis without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin.
2. **UPA** - Members are encouraged to join the United States national organization, The Ultimate Players Association.
3. **Resignation** - A member may resign from the club at any time.
4. **Termination** - Membership may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and written notice of the cause, pursuant to the terms of Article IX.
5. **Dues** - The amount of dues, as well as the time for their payment shall be determined by action of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE III - FISCAL YEAR

1. **Dates** - The fiscal year of the club shall commence on the first day of January and end on the last day of December of each year.

## ARTICLE IV - MANAGEMENT

1. **Board of Directors** - The organization shall be managed by the Board of Directors which shall consist of between three (3) and five (5) directors. Members of the Board shall be selected without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation or national origin. Directors shall serve a term of 2 years.
  - 1.1 **Elections** – Elections will be held every two years at the annual meeting. Any current member may be nominated to the Board of Directors without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin. Members may be nominated for only one position on the Board of Directors at a time and must accept or decline the nomination before that office's nominations are closed. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age.
  - 1.2 **Vacancies** - Vacancies occurring between such elections shall be filled for the remainder of the term by Board of Directors appointment. Any officer may be removed with or without cause by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or a two-thirds vote of the general membership at any open meeting.
  - 1.3 **Positions** – The positions on the Board of Directors shall be President, Vice-President/Secretary, and Treasurer.
    - 1.3.1 **President** - The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of its Board of Directors; shall oversee and coordinate such committees as are authorized by the Board of Directors; shall carry out all responsibilities assigned to him/her by these Bylaws or the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may authorize the President to act legally on behalf of the organization. This may be general or confined to specific circumstances.
    - 1.3.2 **Vice-President/Secretary** - The Vice-President/Secretary shall coordinate all special projects; shall facilitate communication between officers; shall perform the duties of the President during absence or temporary incapacity of the President. The Vice-President/Secretary shall have the duty to

see that all notices are given in accordance with these Bylaws and the laws of our community; shall keep all club records, except financial records, including minutes of meetings, roster of members, list of committees and their members; shall send out notices, by phone or by mail, of all meetings; shall receive applications of membership; shall discharge of the usual secretarial function as directed by the Board of Directors.

1.3.3 **Treasurer** - The Treasurer shall keep a record of all monies received and expended of use by the club. A Treasurer's report will be made at each annual meeting. The Board of Directors may delegate other financial responsibilities or request a report within the year to be performed by the Treasurer.

1.4 **Other Duties** - All officers shall have such other powers and duties as are required by law.

2. **Executive Director** - There shall be an Executive Director who shall function with the direction and consent of the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall be selected by the Board of Directors for a term to be set by the Board and may be paid financial compensation in a reasonable amount set by the Board. The Executive Director may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the Board, without prejudice to contract rights, if any.

2.1 **Responsibilities** - Under the direction of the President of the Corporation, and subject to the policies of the Board of Directors, the Executive Director shall be responsible for the administration and coordination of all activities and programs of the Corporation. The Executive Director shall receive all correspondence addressed to the Corporation, shall keep all records of the Corporation, including financial, administrative, and historical data, and shall discharge such other duties as are assigned by the President or the Board. In addition, the Executive Director shall be the principal custodian of the funds and accounts of the Corporation, and is responsible for the collection of revenues, the payment of expenses and the keeping of reliable accounting records which reasonably reflect the financial condition of the Corporation. The Executive Director shall oversee all elections, referenda, or other matters requiring a vote of the membership and shall report the results to the President and the Secretary.

## ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

1. **Annual Meetings** - The Annual Meeting of all members shall be held at the time and place designated by the Board of Directors.

2. **Special Meetings** - Special meetings of the organization may be called by the Board of Directors, or by the President, or by any group of five members (in addition to a majority of the Board of Directors) by giving adequate notice (five business days) of the time, place, and purpose of such special meetings.
3. **Quorum** - An attendance of 20% of the membership and all the Officers at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. Any formal action taken at any meeting of the membership shall require a majority vote of those members present. Each member age 18 and older shall be entitled to one vote. A member may send their vote by proxy, provided it is supplied in writing to the Vice-President/Secretary prior to the meeting.

## ARTICLE VI – COMMUNICATION

1. **Website** - The organization’s website (<http://www.upoz.org>) shall serve as the primary vehicle for the dissemination of information to the members and for the exchange of opinions between members.
2. **Newsletter** – An annual newsletter shall be prepared by the Vice-President which shall include a financial report for the previous fiscal year. The newsletter will go out no later than Feb 15<sup>th</sup> and will be primarily distributed through e-mail.

## ARTICLE VII - THE RULES OF ULTIMATE

1. **Official Rules** - The Official Rules of Ultimate as most recently published and determined by the Ultimate Players Association shall serve as our official rules.
2. **Alterations** - Tournament and league rules may be altered from the Official Rules if agreed upon by the majority of Captains present at the tournament Captain's Meeting and must be fully communicated to team spokesperson's prior to the commencement of play.

## ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

1. ***Alterations*** - These Bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part by a vote of the Board of Directors or a majority vote of the members of the organization at the Annual Meeting, or at any meeting of the organization provided thirty days notice of intent to amend is published.

## **ARTICLE IX - DISCIPLINE**

1. ***Disciplinary Action*** - In any event sponsored or sanctioned by the organization, the highest ranking officer shall have the power to suspend any player from further participation in that event or activity for repeated and deliberate injurious behavior or for repeated and deliberate disregard of the Rules of Ultimate or the Bylaws. Such actions shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors.
2. ***Suspension*** - The Board of Directors shall have the authority to suspend any player or team from organization sanctioned activities for a period of up to one year for conduct it deems to be in violation of the Rules of Ultimate or prejudicial to the interests of the organization and its membership. No such action shall be taken until the player or teams involved have been given notice of the pending charges and have been given a chance to present a defense to the Board of Directors.