

**Constitution
Epsilon Y Service Club Inc.**

**CHARTER DATE – MAY 2, 1957
CONSTITUTION REVISED – 1968, 1974, 1984, 2002, 2009 and 2015**

ARTICLE I: NAME & MOTTO

1. Official Name: The name of this organization (hereinafter referred to as “the Club”) shall be Epsilon Y’s Men’s Club Inc. duly chartered by and under the jurisdiction of the International Association of Y’s Men’s Clubs.
2. Working Name: For working purposes or for ease of dealing with the public, this club may also be referred to as The Epsilon Y Service Club.
3. Motto: The motto of the club shall be: “To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right.”

ARTICLE II: OBJECTS

1. Objects: The objects of the Club shall be:
 - A. To function primarily as a service club for the YMCA;
 - B. To support other worthy organizations;
 - C. To encourage justice in civic and international affairs, abstaining always from party politics;
 - D. To keep members informed on and actively involved in religious, civic, economic, social and international matters;
 - E. To cultivate good fellowship; and,
 - F. To support International, Area and Regional projects of the Association.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

1. Members: Members of the Club shall be known as Y’s Men or Y’s Women.
2. Community: The Club shall welcome membership from a cross-section of the community of Fredericton and area.
3. Requirements of Membership: The new member shall:
 - A. Go through a Club Induction Ceremony and pay annual club dues
 - B. Be committed to taking an active role in their membership of the club.
 - C. Be at least 18 years of age.

4. Waiver of Age Requirement: Notwithstanding Article III, Section 3, the Executive of the Club may propose extension of membership to qualified young persons under the age of 18 years, subject to the approval of the general membership by a majority vote at a duly called and properly constituted business meeting.

5. Honourary Members: Notwithstanding Article III, Section 3, the Executive of the Club may propose extension of honorary membership to outstanding members in recognition of service to the Club, YMCA, or the community and such honorary membership is subject to the approval of the general membership by a majority vote at a duly called and properly constituted business meeting.

6. Leaves of Absence: Notwithstanding Article III, Section 3, where a member gives notice that they will be unable to take an active role in membership for a period in excess of 3 months, the Club may grant that member a leave of absence. Dues must still be paid but may be the subject of discussion and waived upon the written direction of the Executive if a long period of time is involved.

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE

1. Executive: The Executive of the Club shall consist of:

- A. a president;
- B. a first vice-president;
- C. a second vice-president;
- D. a secretary;
- E. a treasurer; and,
- F. The immediate past president of the Club.

2. Terms:

- A. All Executive Members shall serve for a term of one year.
- B. No Executive Member shall occupy the same office for two successive years without Club approval by a motion passed specifically for that purpose.
- C. Secretary & Treasurer may be exempt from (B) to maintain consistency of record keeping if agreed upon by the membership.

3. Vice-President: The first vice-president shall be expected to be a candidate for the office of president for the year immediately following the term as first vice-president.

ARTICLE V MANAGEMENT

1. Routine Business: The routine business affairs of this Club shall be conducted by the Executive.

2. Exception: Notwithstanding Article V, Section 1, all matters involving the financial assessment of members and development of or change to the By-laws must be submitted to the general membership of the Club for approval by a majority vote at a duly called and properly constituted business meeting.

3. Discretionary Exception: Notwithstanding Article V, Section 1, matters of particular interest to the membership shall, at the discretion of the Executive, be submitted to the general membership of the Club for approval by a majority vote at a duly called and properly constituted business meeting.

ARTICLE VI BY-LAWS

1. By-laws: The Club shall be empowered to make by-laws providing details of the duties of Executive Officers, procedures for meetings, elections, committees, membership, and such other matters as are necessary and desirable for the operation of the club and the furtherance of the objects of the Constitution.

ARTICLE VII CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

1. Amendment: The Constitution may only be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in a manner established in a By-law to all members at least twenty-one days prior thereto.

2. Prohibitions & Obligations:

A. The adoption of any amendment in contravention of the purposes and objectives of the International Association of Y's Men's Clubs shall be null and void to the degree of the conflict.

B. In the event of such a conflict, it shall be expected that the Club, upon becoming aware of the conflict, shall amend the Constitution in a timely manner or forfeit its charter and membership in the International Association of Y's Men's Clubs.

The foregoing Articles constitute the Constitution of the Epsilon Y's Men's Club as last amended this day of , 2016 at Fredericton, N.B.

President

1st Vice-President

2nd Vice-President

Secretary

Immediate Past President

Treasurer