

**KAPPA RHO EPSILON (KPE)**

**GRAND CHAPTER**

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

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# **CONSTITUTION OF**

# **KAPPA**

## **RHO EPSILON**

### **PREAMBLE**

It is the intention of these Bylaws to establish and maintain an order for the governance, business, and conduct of the Kappa Rho Epsilon Fraternity. These Bylaws establish a clear set of expectations for all members, ensure that the chapter will be conducted in an organized and fair way, and reinforce the values, mission, and long-term vision of Kappa Rho Epsilon. All members are obliged to adhere to these Bylaws as a requirement of membership.

### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this organization shall be Kappa Rho Epsilon, hereafter referred to as KPE or “the Fraternity.”

### **ARTICLE II: MISSION STATEMENT**

Kappa Rho Epsilon exists to foster brotherhood, leadership, academic brilliance, community service, and a lifelong commitment to the road of self-mastery and prosperity.

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Section 1: CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP**

A. Active Members: Fully initiated, dues-paying undergraduate members.

- B. Pledges (New Members): Individuals undergoing the official pledge education process.
- C. Alumni Members: Former active members who have graduated or transferred.
- D. Honorary Members: Individuals granted membership by vote due to exceptional contribution or status.

## Section 2: Eligibility

Membership in Kappa Rho Epsilon is granted to men of good moral character who have been duly elected in accordance with the Grand Chapter Bylaws, Administrative Policies and Procedures, and the chapter's own bylaws. No individual may be considered for membership if he does not meet the minimum academic standards outlined by the Executive Board, or if he is already a member of another national college social fraternity.

- A. Must be enrolled as a full-time student at Santa Rosa Junior College.
- B. Must meet GPA and conduct requirements as defined by the Executive Board.
- C. Must complete the pledge process as determined by the Executive Board.
- D. Eligibility for membership shall not be influenced by race, color, religion, age, physical disability, ethnic background, sexual orientation, creed, or national origin.

### Section 3: Rights & Responsibilities

- A. All active members may vote, hold office, and participate in all fraternity events.
- B. Members must uphold the values of KPE and abide by the fraternity's rules and university policies.

## **ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### Section 1: Officers

The Executive Board shall consist of the following positions:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary
5. Recruitment Chair
6. New Member Educator
7. Social Chair

### Section 2: Officer Duties

- A. President: Leads all meetings, represents the chapter, and enforces Bylaws.
- B. Vice President: Oversees committees, assists the President, and assumes responsibilities in their absence.

- C. Treasurer: Manages all financial matters, dues collection, and budgeting.
- D. Secretary: Maintains meeting minutes, attendance, and official records.
- E. Recruitment Chair: Organizes and runs all rush events and ensures safety at all events and compliance with policies.
- F. New Member Educator: Develops and manages the pledge education program.
- G. Social Chair: Plans social events in coordination with the Recruitment Chair and coordinates community service and charitable activities.

### Section 3: Elections

- A. Elections shall be held in the last month of the fall semester.
- B. All active members in good standing are eligible to vote and run.
- C. Officers shall serve a one-year term.

## **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

### Section 1: Chapter Meetings

- A. Regular meetings shall be held bi-weekly during the academic year.

B. Attendance is mandatory for all active members unless excused by the Secretary.

## Section 2: Quorum

A. A quorum shall consist of 50% + 1 of active members for votes to be valid.

## Section 3: Special Meetings

A. May be called by the President or by a written petition of one-third of active members.

# **ARTICLE VI: FINANCES**

Dues shall be set annually by the Treasurer and approved by a majority vote.

Failure to pay dues without a valid excuse will result in suspension of membership privileges and you will be placed in bad standing.

The Treasurer shall present a financial report each semester.

# **ARTICLE VII: CONDUCT & DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Members are expected to uphold the values of KPE and the policies of the university.

Disciplinary actions, including probation, suspension, or expulsion, may be decided by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.

The accused member shall be given a hearing and the opportunity to appeal to the chapter.

## **ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES**

The Vice President shall oversee the formation and functioning of all standing and temporary committees.

Examples include: Social Committee, Philanthropy Committee, Brotherhood Committee, Academic Committee.

## **ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS**

Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of active members present at a regular meeting.

All proposed amendments must be submitted in writing at least one week prior to the vote.

## **ARTICLE X: RATIFICATION**

These Bylaws shall be deemed to supersede and replace all existing policies, procedures, Bylaws, governance documents, regulations, or actions taken ratified.

## **DISSOLUTION**

In the event that Kappa Rho Epsilon (KPE) is dissolved—either by vote of the active membership, by university mandate, or by national organization directive—all remaining assets, financial and physical, shall be handled as follows:

Section 1: Settlement of Liabilities



All outstanding debts, obligations, and contractual responsibilities of the fraternity shall be paid in full using the chapter's available funds and resources. No distribution of assets shall occur until all liabilities have been resolved.

## Section 2: Distribution of Remaining Assets

After all debts have been settled, any remaining assets shall be distributed as follows:

### 1. Primary Distribution:

Assets shall first be offered to a recognized Kappa Rho Epsilon Alumni Association or alumni-controlled scholarship or trust fund dedicated to supporting future students, preserving the fraternity's legacy, or furthering its mission.

### 2. Secondary Distribution:

If no such alumni fund or association is available, remaining assets shall be donated to a qualified nonprofit or charitable organization whose mission aligns with the values of Kappa Rho Epsilon, as determined by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the remaining active members.

### 3. Tertiary Authority:

If no active members remain at the time of dissolution, the Chapter Advisor, in consultation with the alumni board or national office (if applicable), shall make the final determination regarding asset distribution in accordance with these priorities.

### Section 3: Prohibited Use of Assets

No portion of the fraternity's remaining assets shall be distributed to or used for the personal benefit of any individual member, whether active, inactive, or alumni.

### Section 4: Reporting and Compliance

A final financial report, along with documentation of all asset transfers, shall be submitted to the university's Office of Student Organizations and the national headquarters of Kappa Rho Epsilon, if applicable.