

USS Masamune By-laws

Article — Chapter Information

Section I: Name

The chapter name shall know as "USS Masamune"

Section 2: Address

The formal address of the chapter shall be the address of the Executive Officer, or as directed by the Senior staff.

Section 3: Parent Organization

The USS Masamune shall be a full and active chapter of STARFLEET, The International Star Trek Fan Association. The bylaws and constitution of the parent organization shall supersede any provision contained herein.

Section 4: Fictional Starship

The USS Masamune is an Akira Class Starship with the Registry number NCC-63710

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of the chapter is: to foster and promote an in interest in Star Trek; to promote Science Literacy; to promote the philosophies and ideals of the Star Trek universe as envisioned by Gene Roddenberry; to assist in the betterment of mankind by donating time, money and other resources to charitable organizations and those in need of assistance; and most importantly to have fun!

Article 111 - Membership

Section I — Classes of Member

There are three categories of membership within the USS Masamune. Each type of membership carries with its certain rights.

1. Active membership: Active membership requires annual membership in STARFLEET. In addition to the privileges granted by STARFLEET, Active members are accorded full voting privileges, the ability to earn promotions and ship awards, and the ability to serve on the Senior Staff.
2. Associate member: Associate membership is a member whose primary membership is with another STARFLEET chapter. Associate members are eligible ship awards but may not hold any Senior Staff positions.
3. Local Membership: Local membership is a member whose membership in STARFLEET has expired or has not joined STARFLEET. A local member does not have any voting rights, earn promotions within STARFLEET or awards, nor can they serve on senior Staff. Local members can be promoted internally to a rank of Crewman.

Section 2 – Refusal of Membership

The USS Masamune is an Equal Opportunity Organization. The command staff reserves the right to refuse membership on any grounds without regards to race, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, citizenship, or personal preferences.

Section 3 – Member Responsibilities

Any member, who operates outside the bounds of ethics, has been found to be engaged in illegal activity, and/or acts in a manner which reflects negatively upon the USS Masamune, Region 3, STARFLEET, or Star Trek in general may be subject to disciplinary action set forth in these by-laws.

Section 4 – Membership Dues

The USS Masamune does not charge dues for membership. Dues for STARFLEET are decided by the parent organization and paid directly to STARFLEET.

Section 5 – Resignation

Any member may resign at any time by notifying the Commanding Officer.

Section 6 – Disciplinary

Any disciplinary actions will be handled on an individual basis. The decision of the Command Staff is final. Any member in disagreement with disciplinary actions taken against them may appeal the decision. The order of appeals is Chapter Commanding Officer, Zone Leader, Regional Coordinator, STARFLEET Chief of Operations and STARFLEET Executive Committee.

Article IV – Meetings

Section 1: Monthly Meeting

Monthly meetings will take place once per month to conduct routine USS Masamune business. The time and place of the meeting will take place as specified by the Commanding Officer. No less than 10 meetings shall be held during the year.

Section 2: End of Year Meeting

End of year meeting will take place on the month of November each year. At this meeting, major business will be discussed and wrapped up for the year. During this time the discussion for a Christmas Party and New Year's Eve Party will be held to determine if we will hold either event.

Section 3: Staff Meetings

Staff meetings will be held as needed at the convenience of the Command and Senior Staff.

Section 4: Meeting Notifications

The Commanding Officer shall notify all members who the meeting applies to no less than two weeks in advance.

Article V – Command Staff and Senior Staff

Section 1: Composition

The Command Staff is made up of the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer. The Senior Staff is made up of the Department Heads. All members must have taken Officer Training School and Officer Command College.

Section 2: Term of Office

Members of the command and senior staff are appointed by the Commanding Officer. They will fill their position till they resign or are removed by the Commanding Officer

Section 3: Vacancies

Any vacancy of Commanding Officer shall be filled by the next qualified Chapter member in the Chain of Command. If no one in the Chain of Command steps forward, then an election will be held for their replacement. The new Commanding Officer is then charged with the task of assigning their senior staff.

Section 4: Resignation

Any member of the Command Staff and Senior Staff may resign with notice given to the Commanding Officer. The resignation shall be effective upon receipt unless specified to be effective on a later date.

Section 5: Removal

The Commanding Officer can be temporarily removed from Command if a dispute with the Command Staff takes place. If after an internal investigation has taken place and the CO is deemed at fault and if there can be no resolution, then the Command Staff and Senior Staff can put to a majority vote to permanently remove the Commanding Officer from Command. The Commanding Officer reserves the right to remove any member of the chapter including the Command Staff and Senior Staff if the need arises.

Article VI – Dissolution

The Chapter may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting Command and Senior Staff. If the Chapter is dissolved, the Commanding Officer is responsible for ensuring that all Chapter debts and obligations are paid. The Commanding Officer is also responsible for the disposition of all Chapter assets shall be donated to another non-profit organization.

Article VII – Amendments

Section 1.

These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the club, by two-thirds vote of current voting members present. All amendments must be submitted in written form, to all members, at least two weeks prior to the vote on said amendment. All approved amendments shall take effect immediately unless the motion to adopt an amendment state otherwise. These by-laws shall be consistent with the constitution and by-laws amended of the Parent Organization(s).

Section 2.

Should it be necessary to amend these by-laws to correct misspellings, mistakes in numbering, or similar grammatical errors, the Command Staff, may authorize such cosmetic amendments, except that no such amendment may have the intent or effect of altering the basic meaning, purpose, or function of any provision in these by-laws.