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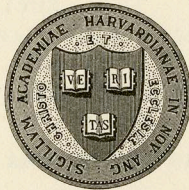
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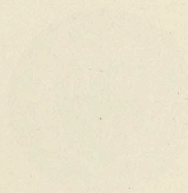
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## COMMITTEE ON THE REGULATION OF ATHLETIC SPORTS

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### ESTABLISHMENT AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

The President and Fellows established the Committee on the Regulation of Athletic Sports by the following vote, to which the Overseers consented: —

“*Voted*, That the following be adopted as one of the standing rules and orders of the President and Fellows and the Board of Overseers: —

“A Committee for the Regulation of Athletic Sports shall hereafter be annually appointed and chosen as follows: three members of the

University Faculties, and three graduates of the College — these six to be appointed by the Corporation with the consent of the Overseers; and also three undergraduates to be chosen for each College year during the first week in June of the preceding College year by the majority vote of the following students: the Presidents of the Senior, Junior and Sophomore classes, and a representative from each of the following athletic organizations: the Boat Club, the Cricket Club, and the Athletic, Base-ball, Foot-ball, and Tennis Associations, who shall be called together for the purpose of making this choice by the President of the University.

“This Committee shall have entire supervision and control of all athletic exercises within and without the precincts of the University, subject to the authority of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, as defined by the Statutes.”

Under the authority thus conferred the Committee exercises a general supervision over the grounds and buildings devoted by the University to athletic sports and exercise; over the times and places of athletic contests; and over the physical condition of those engaged in them. The regulations framed by the Committee forbid the employment of unauthorized persons as trainers, and require intercollegiate and other contests to be held at such times and places as will cause least interference with study. No person is permitted to take part in athletic contests without a physical examination by the Director of the Gymnasium, and his permission so to do. No person who is not a student of some department of the University in full and regular standing is allowed to take part in any athletic contest or exhibition. The Committee chooses its own officers, and appoints a Graduate Treasurer, who exercises supervision over the accounts of all athletic organizations using University grounds or buildings. The Committee makes a report annually to the President of the University.

## BUILDINGS FOR ATHLETIC USES

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Besides the Gymnasium, four other buildings are held, either by the University or by trustees, for the exclusive use of students of the University.

A substantial building for the use of the Base-ball and other teams was erected in 1897-98 to the memory of Mr. HENRY ASTOR CAREY, in exchange for the building on Holmes Field surrendered to the University for purposes of instruction. It has a floor space of 7700 square feet.

The new UNIVERSITY BOAT HOUSE, the gift of the Harvard Club of New York City, was built in 1900 for the general use of the students. It is situated on Charles River, about half a mile from the College, and is at present occupied by regular crews and by the Newell Boat Club. It has locker and boat room for about 500 students. A number of rowing machines and a well equipped rowing tank have been placed in the building, for winter work.

By the gift of Mr. GEORGE WALKER WELD, of the Class of 1860, a second boat house was erected in 1889-90 for the use chiefly of students not rowing on regular crews. It is situated about one third of a mile from the College, and has lockers and boat-storage sufficient for the use of 300 students.

By subscriptions from Alumni the "Locker Building" was erected in 1893-94 on Soldier's Field. This building has a capacity of 1500 lockers, and contains also large shower-rooms and dressing-rooms.

A Gate Lodge was erected near the entrance to Soldier's Field during the fall of 1899. It contains one large room for the general use of students and their friends, and several smaller rooms for the use of the attendant in charge of the athletic grounds.

## PLAY-GROUNDS

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For out-door exercise, the University and the students themselves have provided two grounds.

JARVIS FIELD, a few hundred feet from Holmes Field, is about four acres in area, and is used exclusively by tennis players.

By a gift made to the University in 1890 by Mr. HENRY LEE HIGGINSON, of the Class of 1855, the students are provided with an additional play-ground of twenty acres. This new field, named by the donor the SOLDIER'S FIELD, is situated in Allston, at a short distance across the Charles River, and is within easy reach of the College Yard. It is used for foot-ball and other sports. The students have erected upon this field seats for fifteen thousand persons. Since 1898, the Longfellow Marsh has been enclosed to form part of Soldier's Field, and by improvement of the marsh one or two acres have been added to the play-ground every year. The total available area will ultimately be sixty acres.

## REGULATIONS ON ATHLETICS

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### ARTICLE I.

#### THE COMMITTEE.

RULE 1. The Committee on the Regulation of Athletic Sports (hereinafter called the "Athletic Committee" and "the Committee") has entire supervision and control of all athletic exercises within and without the precincts of the University, subject to the authority of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, as defined by the Statutes.

RULE 2. The officers of the Committee are a Chairman and a Secretary, elected for one year at the first meeting of the Committee. The Committee appoints a Graduate Treasurer, who exercises supervision over the accounts of all athletic organizations using University grounds or buildings. The Committee through its Treasurer has entire control over the disposition of the athletic fund.

RULE 3. The Committee exercises a general supervision over the grounds and buildings devoted by the University to athletic sports and exercises. The members of the Committee are at any time entitled to admission to every such ground or building.

RULE 4. Stated meetings of the Committee are held during the first week of each month of term time; and special meetings are held at the call of the Chairman, and shall be called on the written request of two members. Notice of special meetings shall be sent two days at least before the time of meeting. Four members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.



RULE 5. Any student of the University is entitled to present at any stated meeting of the Committee a petition the granting of which would lie within the jurisdiction of the Committee, and to be heard in support thereof.

## ARTICLE II.

### RULES OF ELIGIBILITY.\*

RULE 1. No one shall be allowed to represent Harvard University in any public athletic contest, either individually or as a member of any team, unless he can satisfy the Committee on the Regulation of Athletic Sports that he is, and intends to be throughout the College year, a *bona fide* member of the University, taking a full year's work.

RULE 2. No student on probation can take part in any public athletic contest. A student who is dropped for neglect of his studies into a lower class shall be debarred from taking part in any intercollegiate contests until the end of the next academic year, or until he produces from the Faculty satisfactory evidence that he has made up all the deficiencies which stand in the way of his restoration to his original class.

RULE 3. A student who is ineligible by reason of probation, or of deficiency in his studies, shall not become eligible by transfer to another department of the University until after one academic year's residence in that department.

RULE 4. No one who is not a regular student in the College or Scientific School, and no regular student in either of these departments who has ever played in any intercollegiate contest upon a class or university team of any other college, shall play upon a Harvard team until he has resided one academic year at the University and passed the annual examinations upon a full year's work.

\* Contests with Yale are governed by the rules printed in the agreement between the two Universities. See Appendix.

RULE 5. No student shall be allowed to represent Harvard University in any public athletic contest, either individually or as a member of any team, who, either before or since entering the University, shall have engaged for money in any athletic competition, whether for a stake, or a money prize, or a share of the entrance fees or admission money; or who shall have taught or engaged in any athletic exercise or sport as a means of livelihood; or who shall at any time have received for taking part in any athletic sport or contest any pecuniary gain or emolument whatever, direct or indirect, with the single exception that he may have received from the College organization, or from any permanent amateur association of which he was at the time a member, the amount by which the expenses necessarily incurred by him in representing his organization in athletic contests exceeded his ordinary expenses.

RULE 6. No student, whether he has represented one or more colleges, shall take part in intercollegiate contests for more than four years.

In this Rule the term "College" includes:—

1. All institutions called colleges and authorized to confer a bachelor's degree which admits to the Sophomore Class of Harvard College.
2. All scientific and professional schools authorized to confer an equivalent degree.
3. The Military Academy at West Point and the Naval Academy at Annapolis, etc.

RULE 7. No student shall take part in any public athletic contest without the previous permission of the Director of the Gymnasium, based upon such physical examination as may be required.

Violation of this rule debars a student from all further participation in public athletic contests, whether confined to students of the University or not, until he is reinstated by vote of the Committee.

RULE 8. No student shall become a candidate for any crew unless he is able to swim.

RULE 9. No one shall be a member of a Freshman team or crew except one who has not passed more than a year in any University, and is either a member of the Freshman Class of the Academic or Scientific department in his first year of residence, or a first-year special student in one of those departments.

RULE 10. Each student shall continue to take part in the class team or crew of the class with which he originally entered the University; provided that any student may be assigned to another class team or crew by special vote of the Committee for cause shown.

RULE 11. No student shall be a member of a University team in case he owes money for his share of the training table expenses of a previous team.

RULE 12. No student shall be a member of a class team unless he is eligible to membership in the University teams, except in case of the Freshman Class, for which provision is made in Rule 9.

### ARTICLE III.

#### SCHEDULES AND GAMES.

RULE 1. No schedule of match games, races, or athletic exhibitions, arranged by any athletic organization, shall take effect until it has been approved by the Committee; and no game shall be played unless it has been thus approved.

RULE 2. No match games, races, or athletic exhibitions, whether confined to students of the University or not, shall take place in Cambridge except after the last recitation hour on Saturday, or after four o'clock in the afternoon on other days.

RULE 3. All match games, races, or athletic exhibitions outside of Cambridge shall take place upon Saturday, unless permission for another day is first obtained from the Committee in writing.

RULE 4. No game shall be played away from Cambridge during an examination period, if it may cause the absence from an examination of any student taking part in the game.

RULE 5. All contests shall take place, so far as possible, upon College grounds.

RULE 6. Team practice is not permitted during the summer.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### CAPTAINS AND MANAGERS.

RULE 1. The Captain of each University team shall be elected at the close of its season by written ballot. No player who did not take part in the most important contest or contests of the season shall vote. The retiring Captain shall call and preside over the meeting, and none but voters shall be present. The Athletic Committee shall have power to annul the election of Captain at any time.

RULE 2. The Rules governing the election of Captains of the University teams shall also govern the election of Captains of Class teams, with the following exceptions; Only those players who took part in any Class or Intercollegiate game as member of a Class team may vote for Captain. The Captain of each Freshman team shall be elected by such candidates for the team as the Captain of the University team may designate; the Captain of the University team may, however, appoint a temporary Captain.

RULE 3. The Coach, Manager, and Assistant Manager of each team shall be appointed by the Captain of the team, and shall be approved by the Athletic Committee.

RULE 4. Captains and officers of the various athletic organizations will be held responsible for the observance by members of their organizations of these rules and of such further regulations as may be communicated to them by the Committee.

The Captain is held especially responsible for the enforcement of the regulations as to physical examinations and eligibility; and for the decorum of his team while training and while taking part in contests.

RULE 5. The name of each candidate for a team or crew shall be submitted to the Chairman by the Captain before he is allowed to take part in any contest. The Captain shall not allow a student to take part in a contest unless his name has been so submitted during the playing season.

RULE 6. The Captain is required, on the day after a match or contest, to furnish to the Chairman a list of those who took part as members of his team, preferably on the blank form supplied by the Committee. In case the contest took place out of Cambridge, there shall also be included in the list the names of all men who accompanied the team as substitutes. [The names should be arranged *alphabetically*, and initials and collegiate standing should be accurately given. By arrangement between the Committee and the Recorder, this list will serve also in place of notice of intended absence and explanation of absence required by the Regulations of Harvard College; but no student is thereby released from his responsibility to his instructors or to any Faculty or Administrative Board. Absence from Cambridge is no excuse for delay in handing in written work.]

RULE 7. Before taking a team out of town (except on Saturday afternoon for that day only), it will be necessary for the Captain in each case to obtain a written authorization from the Chairman, upon the blank form provided for the purpose. Immediately on his return the Captain must fill out that part of

the blank showing the time of departure and return, and he must send the whole to the Chairman.

RULE 8. The Manager of each team shall consult the Chairman before arranging any contests; and shall not arrange any contest, except with the team of a college or university, without express permission first obtained from the Chairman.

RULE 9. A student who is not eligible to the University teams shall not be admitted to the training table without special permission from the Athletic Committee.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### THE USE OF THE "H."

For the sake of uniformity in the use of the "H," the following rules are suggested by the Athletic Committee:—

The undergraduate members of the Committee constitute a special committee on all uniforms and insignia connected with athletic sports.

RULE 1. No student shall be allowed to use the letter "H" in such a way as to appear to be a player on a Harvard team except in accordance with the following rules.

RULE 2. *Base-ball* and *Foot-ball*. — A sweater having the "H" shall be issued to every player who has already played in an important game as a member of the University team. The Captain of the team in consultation with the Chairman of the Athletic Committee shall determine which are the important games.

RULE 3. *Crew*. — A sweater having the "H" shall be issued to every member of the crew, to the coxswain, and to the substitutes. The "H" shall be kept by all holders of sweaters.

RULE 4. *Track Athletics*. — A sweater having the "H" shall be issued to every man on the team who has won a point in the Mott Haven or Dual Games. Every other member of the team shall have a sweater with "H. A. A."

RULE 5. Hatbands shall be issued to the Managers of the teams and to the wearers of the "H."

RULE 6. In order to distinguish clearly between the different teams, the following colors have been adopted :—

Foot-ball . . . . .	Black sweater with red H.
Base-ball . . . . .	Red sweater with black H.
Crew . . . . .	White sweater with red H.
Track team . . . . .	Red sweater with white H.

## ARTICLE VI.

### GENERAL REGULATIONS.

RULE 1. No person shall assume the functions of trainer or instructor in athletics upon the grounds or within the buildings of the University, without authority in writing from the Committee; and no trainer or coach shall receive any compensation for his services unless regularly appointed by the Athletic Committee.

RULE 2. Any athletic organization making use of University buildings or grounds for match games, races, or athletic exhibitions, will be held responsible for the good order of participants and spectators during the time of occupancy.

RULE 3. No candidate for membership in any athletic team shall run for exercise on the sidewalk of any public street in Cambridge, or in any public place, while scantily clad.

## APPENDIX

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### AGREEMENT BETWEEN HARVARD AND YALE, DATED MARCH 15, 1903.

“The two Universities herewith enter into an agreement for contests in the four main branches of sport, foot-ball, base-ball, rowing, and track athletics, under the following conditions, the agreement to continue for two years and thereafter to continue for successive two-year periods, except upon notice to the contrary by properly constituted authorities not less than six weeks before the termination of the previous period of two years. Agreement to take effect March 15, 1903. The following rules are to affect all students who enter the Universities after the summer of 1903. The eligibility of students now in the Universities shall be determined under the rules now in force.

“Any cases of disagreement as to the construction or meaning of this agreement, and of both the existing rules and the rules herewith adopted, shall be referred to an arbitration committee of three, consisting of Mr. William A. Meikleham, of New York City, a graduate of Columbia University; Mr. R. D. Wrenn, '95, representing Harvard, and Mr. Otto T. Bannard, representing Yale, whose decision shall be final.

“The captain at each University shall be held finally responsible for the eligibility of the list of candidates he submits, except in matters determined by college standing and scholarship. At each University a committee of reference shall be appointed before October 1 of each year (this committee to include at least three graduates, and the names of this committee to be published) with whom the captain shall confer as to the eligibility of his list of men. In case of disagreement



between the captain and his committee, the case must be thus stated when submitting his list of names to the opposing captain, who may then refer it to the Arbitration Committee (provided for in the preamble) whose decision shall be final. But even in case the captain and his own committee agree, a case may still be referred by the opposing captain to the Arbitration Committee.

“*Rule 1.*—No student shall be eligible unless he is and intends to be throughout the academic year a bona fide member of the University, taking a full year’s work in courses leading to a degree. His name must have been presented, at least two weeks in advance, to the Dean or Director of the Department in which he is enrolled, and declared by him to be in satisfactory standing.

“*NOTE.—a.* No student shall be deemed to be in satisfactory standing within the meaning of this rule, if he has been dropped from his class to a lower class, or from a first year class out of the University, or if he is on probation. In case he has been dropped, he must have completed satisfactorily one entire year’s work before he shall be eligible, unless he shall in the meantime have made up all the deficiencies which stand in the way of his restoration to his original class.

“*b.* A student whose college work is satisfactory, but who has been declared by the Dean to have been dropped on account of sickness or entrance conditions, shall be considered eligible under this rule.

“*c.* A student, who by reason of his probation or of deficiency in his studies is not eligible, shall not become eligible by entering another Department of the University, until after he has completed satisfactorily one entire year’s work.

“*Rule 2.*—No student shall be eligible for a University team unless he is an undergraduate or has been in attendance one full academic year at the University.

“*Rule 3.*—No undergraduate who has ever played in an intercollegiate contest upon a University team of another college shall play upon a University team until he has resided one academic year at the University and passed the annual examinations upon a full year’s work.

“*Rule 4.*—No student who has not passed an entrance examination shall be eligible until he has resided a year at the University and has passed satisfactorily in a course equivalent to that required of candidates for a degree in the Department of which he is a member.

“*Rule 5.*—No student shall represent one or more universities or colleges in athletic contests for more than four academic years. A student shall be considered to have represented his University if he has taken part on a University team in any intercollegiate contest which was on the official schedule or regularly advertised or where gate money was charged.

“NOTE. In this rule the term ‘college’ includes all institutions named in Table 28 of the Report of the Commissioner of Education for 1901, Volume 2, pages 1643-1651.

“*Rule 6.*—No student shall be eligible who shall have received, in order to enable him to take part in or for participation in or for teaching any form of athletics or gymnastics, any pecuniary gain or emolument whatever, with the single exception that he may have received from his college organization or from any permanent amateur association of which he was at the time a regular member, the amount by which the expenses incurred by him in representing his organization in athletic contests exceeded his ordinary expenses.

“*Rule 7.*—No student shall be a member of a Freshman team or crew except one who has never before attended another college or university, and who is a member of the first year class and in his first year of residence, and in satisfactory standing.

“*Rule 8.*—Each captain shall submit to the other captain, in writing, at least three weeks before the contest, a list of his men. No protest against any man shall be considered unless sent by registered mail at least two weeks before the contest in which the man is to take part.”

