

# All Girl Cheer Team at The Ohio State University

## CONSTITUTION

### **Article I. Name**

All Girl Cheer Team at The Ohio State University hereinafter referred to as the "Team."

### **Article II. Purpose**

–The purpose of the All Girl Cheer Team is to practice, travel, and compete at a collegiate level in the Columbus area and nationally. Outside of the Team's competitive responsibilities the Team intends to play a positive role in the lives of girls of all ages and in the community, regardless of where the Team travels.

### **–Article III. Non-Discrimination Policy**

The All Girl Cheer Team at Ohio State University and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

### **–Article IV. Membership**

Team membership is limited to women with cheerleading experience who are enrolled full time Ohio State students, attending either the main campus or a branch campus, in either Autumn or Spring semester of the current competitive season, and have at least a 2.3 GPA. Membership is achieved with a passing tryout process, according to the guidelines set by the current team, or an invitation to join or return to the team. Members are required to pay club dues. Members are also required to adhere to rules concerning practice attendance policies, fundraiser participation, and appropriate behavioral conduct.

Faculty members of Ohio State act as advisors to the team through Sports Clubs and SOURCE. Alumni and professionals in the area of cheerleading, gymnastics, or fitness are encouraged to coach, mentor, and aid the team in the training process throughout the season, both on and off campus. Four (4) returning members are voted to be officers and captains of the team. Up to three additional members can fill separate committee positions (noted in Article V). The organization does not hold a limit on personnel involved with the team including membership, coaching staff, or advisors.

### **Article V - Organization Leadership:**

The Executive Board (Officers) will consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Candidates can be self-nominated or nominated by a fellow OSU AGCT member prior to the designated election meeting at the end of the spring semester. Nominations can also be taken from the floor. Any member who has participated or is participating in their second year is eligible to run for any position. The Officers will have the power to make all final decisions via a vote regarding OSU AGCT after receiving input from active members. In addition, there may be up to two Social Chairs and a Safety Manager who serve as committee chairs.

All members of OSU AGCT will elect the Executive Board for one-year terms annually at a designated practice. Elections will take place at the end of the spring semester. The Executive Board will hold their positions beginning on the last day of classes and ending on the last day of classes the follow year. Executive meetings will be held monthly, as planned by the President. Additional meetings will take place if the President deems them necessary.

#### **Officer Duties and Responsibilities:**

**President:** Including but not limited to the following: attend all Sports Club Presidents meetings; gather and complete the forms and information to qualify the team as a student organization and sport club through Ohio State; help the team plan home events; keep an open line of communication with the team's advisors, the other officers, the coaching staff, and the members of the team; help organize fundraisers and community service events; help lead the team by example.

**Vice President:** Including but not limited to the following: serve as the club representative in the absence of the president; work with the president to gather and complete the forms and information to qualify the team as a student organization and sport club through Ohio State; help the team plan home events; keep an open line of communication with the team's advisors, the other officers, the coaching staff, and the members of the team; help organize fundraisers and community service events; help lead the team by example.

**Secretary:** Including but not limited to the following: assigning disciplinary actions when needed to members, including self, who do not comply with the expectations and guidelines of the team during any team practice, event, or gathering; help the president and vice president complete the forms and information needed to qualify the team as a student organization and sport club through Ohio State; request practice and event space for the season; help the team plan home events; keep an open line of communication with the team's advisors, the other officers, the coaching staff, and the members of the team; help organize fundraisers and community service events; help lead the team by example.

**Treasurer:** Including but not limited to the following: attend one Treasurer meeting for the Ohio State Sport Club; gather and complete the forms and information needed to take care of the team's finances; work with the other officers to prepare a yearly budget; help the team plan home events; collect and deposit each member's monthly dues; apply for allocations through Ohio State Sport Club; keep an open line of communication with the team's advisors, the other officers, the coaching staff, and the members of the team; help organize fundraisers and community service events; help lead the team by example.

Social Chair members: Including but not limited to the following: plan and gather information needed to have monthly team socials/dinners; collect money needed for social activities; keep an open line of communication with the other officers, the coaching staff, and the members of the team; help organize fundraisers and community service events; help lead the team by example.

Safety Management: Including but not limited to the following: required to be certified in CPR; gather and turn in medical and other forms to Ohio State Sport Club; make sure the home and away medical kit is stocked with needed supplies; keep an open line of communication with the other officers, the coaching staff, and the members of the team; help lead the team by example.

**Article VI – Method of Removing Officers and Members.**

Members of the All Girl Cheer Team are expected to uphold a positive image on and off campus, but especially if they are wearing any apparel or accessories that obtain any writing, logo, or picture relating to the organization or University. Voluntary membership termination from the team or an officer position is permitted at any time; as well as involuntary termination is possible at any time upon severe or repeated violations of University, Department, or team policies. Involuntary removal from an officer position is a decision reviewed by the governing officers in congruence with the coaching staff. The organization’s non-discrimination policy protects all members from being terminated upon the bases of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

**Article VII – Advisors: Qualification Criteria.**

The All Girl Cheer Team has two advisors, one under the faculty and one under the Ohio State Sport Club. The advisor must be a University faculty member and abide by requirements, including: attending an advisor training meeting, completing online activation, etc. The advisor’s role with the team includes being a positive voice for the team among University faculty and within the community. The advisor helps promote events, helps with problem solving, as well as helps gather and explain information and forms needed to comply with University policies. The advisor also helps find fundraisers and community service events for the Team to be involved in. The advisor keeps an open line of communication with the officers and his/her role is not limited to what is outlined here.

The Sports Club advisor is a staff member assigned to the team by the staff of Sports Club. Their role is to help the team with any requirements that need to be completed to comply with Sports Club guidelines. The advisor also helps find fundraisers and community service events for the team. The advisor is able to be an advocate for the team within the other Sports Clubs, the staff, and the University. He/she keeps an open line of communication with the officers and his/her role is not limited to what is outlined here.

**Article VIII – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.**

The All Girl Cheer Team has required scheduled practices three times a week. Specifics are outlined in the Team Member Contract. The team also meets voluntarily outside of those scheduled times when needed. Individuals of the organization also train frequently outside of the scheduled practices. The team also schedules ongoing team social gatherings that aid team bonding. The team attends competitions several times a season, including travel out of state.

**Article IX – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.**

Proposed amendments or revisions to The All Girl Cheer Team’s constitution must be presented to the secretary in writing before consideration. The proposal must then pass consideration at two consecutive regularly scheduled business meetings. A majority of the membership present at the first consideration must agree before the proposal may pass to the next meeting. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the voting members present is required after the second consideration before the proposal may be enacted. No alterations to the proposal are permitted after the first consideration.

To conduct any business, a quorum of 50% + 1 of total organization members is required.

**Article X – Method of Dissolution of Organization**

The requirement for dissolution of the All Girl Cheer Team organization is if, after warning, the members fail, in a serious way, to abide by the policies of the University, Department, and all that govern the organization. Should any assets and debt exist, the members are required to dispose of the assets and debts by their personal means until settled.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

I am the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of the All Girl Cheer Team at The Ohio State University, and the foregoing Constitution were adopted as the Constitution by the Board and members of the Team and include all amendments, if any.

Amended: September 13, 2015

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Name: Angela Reid  
Title: Secretary

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Name: Blair Hottois  
Title: President

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## BYLAWS

### **Article 1 – Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in “Robert’s Rule of Order” shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws of this organization.

### **Article II- Membership**

Procedures for becoming a member: New members to the team must go through a tryout process in which the returning members of the team, along with the coaching staff, assess the potential member’s cheerleading ability and therefore determine her membership eligibility, while practicing the non-discriminatory policy. Recruited members can be invited to the team after the coaching staff views their cheering ability. Second year returning members will be required to score a minimum of 75% in tryouts. Third, fourth or fifth year returners are not required to try out; however, the member must be officially invited back to the team by the coach. The member is required to have a consistent standing multiple handsprings or a running layout, and the ability to either base or in the case of a flyer, perform a full up and full down. In case of injury, returning members must tryout in the fall or, through the President, request an individual tryout. In case of a conflict with the tryout date, the President must be contacted. The member must provide a video at least one week in advance or make arrangements for an individual tryout. Video footage cannot be more than one year old.

Dues: After becoming an official member of the team, the team member is required to pay a monthly fee from August through march, as determined by the Officers, to help with the costs of running the organization. The treasurer collects the money and deposits it into the team account, which can be accessed only by the officers to pay any required bills. Group (Team) team fundraisers are mandatory to assist with the team’s finances.

### **Article III - Meeting Requirements**

All scheduled practices are required attendance of all members unless excused by the officers and coaching staff. General meetings require the majority of the team to be present in order to hold voting sessions to make decisions that will affect the team.

### **Article IV - Method of Amending By-Laws**

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### **Article V – Code of Student Conduct**

The Ohio State University Code of Student Conduct applies to the team and its individual members.

### **Article VI – Continuity in Case of Suspension**

If the team is suspended for violating the Code of Student Conduct, Competitive Sports will appoint an Interim President and an Interim Treasurer. The Interim President and Interim Treasurer may (1) transfer signatures and check writing authority for the organization’s bank account to themselves within thirty days of the suspension, (2) pay existing financial obligations out of the organization’s current funds, and (3) when the period of suspension ends, take appropriate steps with Student Activities to re-register as a student organization. Further, the Interim President and Interim Treasurer shall inventory the organization’s equipment and write a plan for its storage and safekeeping during the suspension period. This plan must be submitted to Competitive Sports within the first thirty days of the suspension. During this suspension no new coaches or staff should be hired during this time. All club assets are frozen during this suspension period meaning nothing should be bought or sold during this time. Should the Interim President or Interim Treasurer wish to take any additional actions; they must seek advance approval from Competitive Sports.

### **Article VII– Return to Competitive Sports**

In order to return as a recognized Sport Club team, the Interim President must provide Competitive Sports with documentation that the team is a recognized student organization. The Interim President must also provide a roster of at least 15 students to Competitive Sports along with a written plan to hold elections.

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