

The Boxing Club at OSU

The Official Constitution

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Article II – Purpose

Mission Statement

The Boxing Club at OSU's mission is based on the mind, body, and spirit. In their pursuit to physical excellence, OSU boxers cannot afford to take part in substance abuse and other activities that would inhibit them physically. Those who are involved in college are proven to have higher grades and leave their college with a positive view of their college years. Lastly those involved in boxing have a greater respect of themselves and others which promotes the OSU ideology of respect and diversity.

Purpose

Why does OSU need a Boxing Club?

As mentioned in the mission statement The Boxing Club at OSU will promote academics, respect of oneself and others, and physical excellence. The club would be open to all and would allow people to try boxing for physical fitness or competition. The goal of the boxing club would be to put together a boxing team to compete in state and national competitions. Plus, Michigan has a boxing team and it will be another arena for OSU to dominate them in.

Article III – Membership

Non-discrimination Policy

The Boxing Club at OSU is committed to building a diverse group of members to ensure the highest quality club, to reflect human diversity, and to improve opportunities for minorities and women. The university, as does The Boxing Club at OSU, embraces human diversity and is committed to equal opportunities, affirmative action, and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as a matter of law.

Discrimination against any individual based upon protected status, which is defined as age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status, is prohibited. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination. Title I and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 provide equal employment opportunities and reasonable accommodation, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in education programs and activities. Equal access to employment opportunities, admission, educational programs, and all other university activities is extended to all persons.

Committees

Committees will be put together in the Officers meetings. When presented in the General meetings by the President or Secretary, volunteers will be asked for. These committees will consist of fundraising, out-side-the-gym activities (ie pizza party, etc), and recruiting. (See by-laws Committee)

Article VI – Elections

Nominating Procedure

Ballots of potential officers will be put together by the current officers, the advisor, and coaches in the Officers meeting. These ballots will be presented to the General meeting and all members will vote. The nominating process will occur whenever an officer needs to be replaced because they have been removed, quit, or graduated.

(See by-laws on Elections)

Removal of Officers

Officers can be removed for the following reasons: irresponsibility, lack of attendance, lack of leadership, embezzlement of funds or equipment, incompatible with fellow officers, members, advisors or coaches. (See by-laws on Elections)

Article VII – Funds

Allocation of Funds

There are two main resources for funds: dues and fundraising. Concerns for allocations of funds and payments of expenditures will be dealt with by the Treasurer and committees. To attend an off campus activity, such as competitions, members must pay their dues and be deemed ready for competition by their coaches. For out-of-the-gym activities, members must pay their dues and show up regularly to the gym. Refunds will be made to members if they decide to quite the gym before the month's end. After the month's end, members cannot receive a refund because they have already "used up" their due. (See by-laws Finance)

Article VIII – Advisor

A club advisor is someone who is well versed in the procedures of OSU's sports clubs and is either knowledgeable of boxing or sincerely interest in getting involved in the club. The first club advisor will be selected by the President. The successive advisors will be voted on in the Officers meetings.

The functions and duties of a club advisor vary. The advisor may act as a mentor, friend, policy enforcer, trouble-shooter, a resource, an idea generator, listener, counselor, mediator, facilitator, referral person and sometimes as just another member of the group. Initially the advisor will act as a teacher, in the sense of introducing the newly formed club to OSU's policies and procedures. Later the advisor will act as a historian and listener to new ideas.

The "ideal" adviser is aware that she/he is often seen as a role model, mentor and advocate for the group. Although the adviser's influence is likely to carry more weight than that of most members of the group, the adviser is not a real authority figure. Being an adviser is a delicate balancing act; it requires that all those involved meet one another with respect and openness.

See the attached document "**Advisor's Cliff Notes**" for a more information concerning the roles and responsibilities of an advisor.

asked to clear the area. The coach or officer will assess the injury deciding how critical it is. If the injury is serious the coach or officer will call 911. If the injury is minor then the proper first aid precautions will be taken. In the permanent boxing gym, records will be kept of each member's emergency information (such as who to contact in an emergency and their USA boxing passport).

Risk Policy

All members will be asked to read and sign the Boxing Club at OSU's release and consent form. The release and consent form is mandatory for all members regardless of their involvement in the club.

Article XII – Amendments

Amendments will be ratified in the following procedure. The start of an amendment can come from any resource within the club, such as members, coaches, officers or advisors. The one to bring up an amendment will be the President, with the Advisor's consent, at the Officers meeting. The amendment will then be voted on if it should be brought to the General meeting. In this vote, the amendment must receive a unanimous vote. In the following General meeting the proposed amendment will be presented, but not voted upon until the next General meeting. At any time, the President, with the consent of the Advisor, can repeal the amendment before it makes it to the General meeting to be voted upon. When brought to the General meeting to be voted on, the amendment must receive a 3/5 majority vote to pass.

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The By-Laws

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Membership

Concerning qualifications members must participate in fundraising (minimum of once per quarter) and outside-the-gym activities (no minimum set). Members must maintain a 2.0 GPA. Those who fall below a 2.0 will be put on probation for a period of one quarter. After that quarter and if grades are not brought back up, the member will not be allowed back into the club, and their spot will be lost.

Elections/Appointment of Officers/Advisor/Coaches

Elections

Concerning elections, any ties will be broken by the President's vote. All members will vote including officers. The President's vote will count as two if a tie happens.

Removal of Officers

The procedure for removal will be initiated by the President. The President will suspend the officer, meaning that the officer will not take part in the club until notified. At the Officers meeting a vote will be taken among the current officers, coaches, and advisor concerning the officer in question. Either a new ballot will be drawn up for the General meeting or the officer will be taken off of suspension and re-instated.

Officers

The Vice President will be expected to head committees put together for the purpose of out-side-the-gym activities and lead with the Treasurer on fundraising groups. The Treasurer will keep trace of the club's finances. This entails finding specific prices of needed items, purchasing, collecting and keeping track of dues and profits, and putting together the financial aspect of fundraising (ie finding a t-shirt supplier and logo printer). Finally the Secretary will be in charge of taking account of what material will be presented and covered in the General meetings. The Secretary will be expected to speak at the General meetings, along with the President, presenting information.

The other aspect that the officers will have is leadership within each small group that they are assigned to. As mentioned in the Practice Schedule, through each successive phase, groups will be formed to do each different routine. Within these groups the officers will act as leaders, instructing their small group in their given activity.

Advisor

General meeting

At the General meetings officers, coaches, and the president will present information and run the meeting. In these meetings member will vote on issues (ie officers and amendments), raise concerns, sign-up for fundraising activities, and be notified of out-side-the-gym activities.

Special/Emergency meeting

Concerning Special/Emergency meetings, members, officers, coaches, and advisors can raise awareness of a need for a special meeting, but cannot call them themselves.

Finance

Dues

The amount of what dues will cost per month will be determined by the Treasurer and will be approved by the President and Advisor. Dues will be collected by the Treasurer. Dues will go to paying for phase two, then later it will be put to paying coaching staff and fundraising.

Fundraising

Fundraising will be done to raise money for the other equipment in the latter phases. Also fundraising revenue will go to out-of-the-gym activities and fees for transportation and entering competitions.

Fundraising will be conducted by the Treasure and Vice President. Ideas for fundraising will be open to the floor of each meeting. A final idea will be drawn up by the Secretary and brought to the General meeting. Members will volunteer for fundraising in the General meetings.

See the attached document "**Financial Estimation**" for in-depth information concerning the club's finance.

Method of Amending By-Laws

By-laws will be ratified in the following procedure. The start of a by-law can come from any resource within the club, such as members, coaches, officers or advisors. The one to bring up a by-law will be the President, with the Advisor's consent, at the Officers meeting. The by-law will then be voted on if it should be brought to the General meeting. In this vote, the by-law must receive a unanimous vote. In the following General meeting the proposed by-laws will be presented and voted on. At any time, the President, with the consent of the Advisor, can repeal the by-law before it makes it to the General meeting to be voted upon. When brought to the General meeting to be voted on, the by-law must receive a 3/5 majority vote to pass.