

## Constitution

### Article 1.

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Buckeye Twirl. We hereby declare the name of our student organization Buckeye Twirl.

#### Sec 2. Purpose Statement

Our purpose as a student organization is to provide the chance for students who have previously had twirling experience to once again participate in the activity. The organization is also based upon a social aspect including building bonds with group members over twirling and non-related activities. Our objectives are to work as a group to promote the sport of twirling to others on campus, and cultivate friendships, confidence, organization, leadership and creativity in every member. We wish to represent Ohio State to the fullest by competing and building strong relationships in and out of our club. Buckeye Twirl wishes to build report through twirling, but also hold other social events such as, but not limited to, ice cream socials, movie nights, potlucks, etc. As an organization, our goals are to facilitate at least one twirling performance a semester, along with participate in several community service events in the Columbus area.

#### Sec. 3 Non-Discrimination Policy

This organization 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 II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.

Team members are defined as those who participate in group routines and attend additional mandatory meetings or practices. Buckeye Twirl team members will be selected by a tryout, including performing a basic to be judged and completing tricks on a trick list. Tryouts for both club and competition teams will be held in one tryout. Individuals should come already warmed up and stretched, as time will not be given to do so. Tryouts will consist of learning and performing a routine and

doing tricks. Attire for tryouts is to be a white shirt and black shirt. Nobody is to wear Buckeye Twirl attire. The captain is the only person to create and teach a tryout routine. The length of the routine is to be one minute and should be taught in one hour. During the trick list, for toss spins and toss illusions, the individual will need to catch three out of three of the highest spin or illusion they can do in order to receive credit for the spins and illusions lower than it. The routine will be taught first, followed by performing it for the executive members who will each give scores to each individual and then average the scores from each executive member for a final score. Completing tricks will be the final aspect of tryouts. To be selected as a member, an appropriate score similar to others is required. Those who try out and do not have a score similar to others may be selected to be a team alternate. Applicants showcasing the highest scores may be selected (if they so chose) as a member of the competition team. In order to be a member qualified to participate in voting, one must be an enrolled student at The Ohio State University and attend all mandatory meetings, events, and practices (unless excused by the executive team), and pay the \$35 member fee. This fee includes a t-shirt and costume cleaning. Warm up jackets, shoes, and tights are to be bought individually by each club member. Qualified Ohio State students interested in Beginner Skills classes can attend a half an hour practice once a week and learn beginner baton skills. Those interested must also pay the same fee dues are club members. They will receive a t-shirt, get to perform at one event each semester, attend all socials and service events, and get to call themselves a member of a club sport. If a member of competition team forfeits their spot, they will also forfeit their club spot for an amount of time. The executive team will determine this amount of time after discussing the reason for quitting in a meeting with the member. Members can be removed from the club team roster if they no longer want to participate by request. If an extreme case arises where a member commits an injustice against the organization such as stealing, hazing, or general illegal behavior as decided by state or university law, that member will be immediately removed.

Article III - Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.

The organization will have at all times an executive board containing the following members: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Advisor. These members will serve for a full academic year and are able to reapply each year if they so desire. The only exceptions will take place when a member has not served a full term (if a member of the executive board is replaced or starts their position halfway through the year). Additional positions on executive board may be added depending on need and size of the organization, and will fall under the same methods of electing as the previously mentioned members.

The following outlines the duties of the executive team.

President will serve as the general organizer of events and meetings, delegate and communicate appropriate duties and roles to others, lead in recruitment of new members and officers, manage conflict, and ensure group morale and team building. Buckeye Twirl president must be present at 75% of required presidential meetings. President is the main contact for prospective members and recruitment. The president may also have help from a vice president who will share equally in these duties. The president also serves as the main captain for the team. The president must have been and currently be on competition team (therefore also have one of the highest scores). This ensures that the President knows all details of what is going on at both club and competition practices. Secretary is to record weekly meetings and organize BT Letters, which are sent to each member. Main communication is with the president to ensure team culture is on the path of moving forward. Secretary must also take and organize attendance at all events. Treasurer duties include managing the organization's bank account and budget throughout the academic year, applying for program funds, applying for grants, saving all receipts and keeping a detailed record of funds, and meeting regularly with the executive board to discuss finances. This member will attend an officer training session before their term starts. Only the treasurer and president are able to handle bank account and credit/debit cards.

The following outlines the duties of co-captain positions. Team co-captains will be in equal responsibility to the main captain in hosting all practices, leading all events, clinics, and being a main contact for members to seek. The main purpose of co-captains is to work with the captain to create and perfect routines, alleviating the stress of creating all routines for both teams off of the captain. Captain and co-captains will make all decisions collaboratively regarding changes to practices, performances, and team events. The main captain will have the final say in all decisions after careful evaluation of opinions of co-captains. Co-captains for club and competition teams are both selected on an as-needed basis and must go through a separate tryout, consisting of an impromptu choreography section. Other factors of the co-captain positions will be team vote and original tryout score.

The following outlines the duties of the leadership team. Marketing Chair is in charge of coming up with marketing strategies to spread awareness about organization and recruit prospective members. Duties include organizing involvement fairs, screens in the Union and RPAC, flyers, outreach to residence halls, and managing and promoting our Buckeye Twirl website. Social Chair must plan a social at least once a week (examples include a fitness class, reserving a study room at Thompson, ect.), an End of the Year Celebration, and 1-2 outings per semester. This chair must plan a social calendar for the team. Marketing chair is in charge of coordinating and planning service events for our team. They must try to incorporate twirling and to collaborate with other Sports Clubs as much as possible. Examples include March of Dimes, Swim Meets, Buckeyethon, ect. Professional Development ensures that the team always looks professional. This involves designing and ordering any apparel for the team, such as warm ups, uniforms, t-shirts, cougars, and tights. This person is also in charge of ensuring that the team develops well together, by planning and executing team building activities and a retreat at the beginning of fall semester. Anyone interested in the Risk Manager position may take it on after the proper training through the Sports Club office. In order to apply for a leadership position, prospective leaders must fill out a nomination form and a priority list of positions. They must then prepare and give a 1-2 minute elevator

speech to the team. After hearing each speech, members will vote on every leadership position. Every member must vote. Members on the ballot must not be announced until the day of elections.

#### Article IV - Method of Selecting and/or Removing Officers and Members.

Removal: An officer can resign from their position before the appropriate period if they feel they can no longer meet the duties of their role. A new officer must be elected before the previous one can resign. An officer can be "impeached" if they are not properly carrying out their duties; if the general body and executive board (excluding the officer in question) votes unanimously for the movement.

#### Article V - Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.

Advisors of student organizations must be members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. Advisor will be chosen according to availability and suggestion of group members, but the choice will be finalized by a vote of the executive board. The role of an advisor is to act as a primary resource for the group providing advice and support, approving registration, funding requests, progress goals, act as co-signer on the organizations bank account, and attend planned meetings with the executive board.

#### Article VI - Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.

Buckeye Twirl Members will meet at minimum once a week and may be required to attend any additional mandatory practices as needed. Mandatory practices may be missed with a valid excuse. A valid excuse is reviewed and voted upon by the executive team. 1 unexcused absence equals that the member is off of the next

performance and alternate takes the spot. 2 unexcused absences equals that the member is off of the next performance and no solo/duet/trio at the showcase. 3 unexcused absences equals the member is off of the next performance, no solo/duet/trio at the showcase and no finale number at the showcase. 4 unexcused absences equals that the member is off of the next performance, no solo/duet/trio at the showcase, and no finale number or opener number at the showcase. 5 or more unexcused absences equals that the member is off of the next performance and no performance in the showcase.

A member is considered tardy when they are at least 10 minutes late. Three late arrivals is the equivalent of one unexcused absence.

Article VII - Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.

Proposed amendments to the constitution should be submitted in writing to executive board members. These proposals will then be read in the general body meeting in which they are proposed. They will be read again at two more subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken in writing. Approval will require at least two-thirds of voting members present and all executive board members present. In order for the proposal to pass, there must be a three-fourths vote of approval. Proposals will only be accepted up until the third week of the academic year each year.