

BUCKEYE FENCING CLUB CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME OF CLUB

The name of this club shall be Buckeye Fencing Club

ARTICLE II PURPOSE OF CLUB

The purpose of the club is to promote personal growth and leadership through the sport of fencing, and provide the best available resources that allow participants the ability to attain their goals. Furthermore we will strive to maximize individual potential in a safe, accessible environment, while helping to build enduring traditions and creating strong bonds of friendship

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Anyone who is a current full-time student (undergraduate or graduate) at the Ohio State University is welcome to join the club. Club dues are \$30 a semester and are collected by the club treasurer. No person will be turned away from the club based on ethnicity, personal religion, fencing skill level, etc. Any skill level a person has in fencing is acceptable. Members must have United States Fencing Association (USFA) membership. Noncompetitive membership will be included in club dues, competitive membership must be paid for individually.

ARTICLE IV NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Buckeye Fencing Club (officers and general members) shall not discriminate against any individual(s) based on age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

ARTICLE V QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Section 1. Club officers must be currently enrolled, have a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA), and must not be on academic or social probation.
- Section 2. Officers will be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Volunteer Chair, Safety Officer, and Webmaster. Nominations may be put forth by any member in good standing for any other member in good standing with the club, and the nomination may either be accepted or declined by the nominee. Club elections will be held no later than the 9th week of Spring Semester, and the newly elected officer's responsibilities will begin at the end of Spring Semester.
- Section 3. The election will be done by secret ballot by club members in good standing who have attended at least two meetings and paid club dues.

ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

- Section 1.

President	Preside over all meetings. Call special meetings. Carry out the provisions of the constitution. Create ideas (drills, footwork, etc.) for different fencing skills to cover for each meeting. Set up events for members to partake in outside of regular club
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		<p>meetings.</p> <p>Act as liaison with Club Sports office and submit all forms to the office.</p> <p>Assist treasurer with management of club bank account.</p> <p>Will relinquish control of club bank account in April upon leaving office.</p>
Section 2.	Vice President	<p>Assume the duties of the president in his/her absence.</p> <p>Perform any duties delegated by the president.</p> <p>Help instruct club meetings.</p>
Section 3.	Secretary	<p>Record member attendance at all meetings and practices</p> <p>Facilitate communication between executive board and members and emailing club notices</p> <p>Collect insurance and contact information from all members</p>
Section 4.	Treasurer	<p>Handle funds and finances for club, primary handler of club bank account.</p> <p>Keep financial records and collect dues.</p> <p>Pay bills and release funds as voted by the general membership.</p> <p>Make financial reports once a semester.</p> <p>Will relinquish control of club bank account in April upon leaving office.</p>
Section 5.	Safety Officer	<p>Uphold all USFA safety regulations</p> <p>Ensure all members are properly dressed and equipped</p> <p>Must be CPR and first aid certified with the Red Cross or similar organization</p> <p>The position is a volunteer position, for a member who wishes to hold the office, should more than one member wish to hold the office, an election for it will be held. Should no member wish to fill this position, one of the existing officers may take on its duties in addition to their own.</p>
Section 6.	Volunteer Chair	<p>Contact members of the community for volunteer and outreach activities</p> <p>Organize volunteering and community outreach events with the club</p> <p>Communicate details of events with executive board and club members</p> <p>The position is a volunteer position, for a member who wishes to hold the office, should more than one member wish to hold the office, an election for it will be held. Should no member wish to fill this position, one of the existing officers may take on its duties in addition to their own.</p>
Section 7.	Webmaster	<p>Maintain club website</p> <p>Post regular updates on club progress and news</p> <p>Post schedule of practices, meetings, tournaments, and other events</p> <p>The position is a volunteer position, for a member who wishes</p>

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ARTICLE VII

IMPEACHMENT/REMOVAL AND
REPLACEMENT OF OFFICER AND MEMBERS

- Section 1. All elected officers and club members may be subjected to impeachment and removal by a two-thirds majority vote of the total membership.
- Section 2. Grounds for impeachment are negligence and any form of misconduct which is damaging to the club.
- Section 3. Any officer vacancies shall be filled by an election held within two weeks.

ARTICLE VIII

MEETINGS

- Section 1. Public notice of club meetings will be on the club Facebook page. Meetings will be held at least twice a week.
- Section 2. Future club plans will be discussed during practice prior to the start of warm ups.
- Section 3. Regular club meetings will consist of announcements, warm-ups, footwork, blade drills, and open fencing.
- Section 4. Meetings will not be held when OSU is closed for any reason.

ARTICLE IX

ADVISORS

- Section 1. Advisor
 - The role of the advisor is to:
 - A. Serve as the official staff representative of the college.
 - B. Work closely with the club to ensure a cooperative relationship between the advisor, and the club membership.
 - C. Assist each officer of the club in understanding their duties.
 - D. Assist students to understand and apply democratic principles within their own organizations, and in working with others
 - E. Be present for official club/organization meetings and activities when able (business and social), and to advise students of the policies and procedures which they must follow as a club/organization.
 - F. Ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to ensure the safety, and welfare of club members.
 - G. Ensure that appropriate college policies are upheld.
 - H. To sign all club/organization paperwork for the club/organizations as needed.
- Section 2. Head Coach
 - The role of the head coach is to:
 - A. Instruct new fencers in the basics of movement and

- fencing and both new and veteran fencers in advanced techniques and skills
- B. Lead drills with both new and veteran fencers
- C. Assist the President with the creation of new warm-up activities and drills
- D. Assist the President with the running of practice as needed

ARTICLE X

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Section 1. This club accepts full financial responsibility for all activities that bear its name as official sponsor, and will adhere to college regulations. All publicity for an event must bear the name of the sponsoring club.

ARTICLE XI

RIGHT TO ACT

- Section 1. Any club officer or club member does not have the right to incur any debt or become involved in any business under the title or by implying the title of a club in any way unless given full authority to do so by the club.

ARTICLE XII

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

- Section 1. Ohio State University Code of Student Conduct applies to the team and its individual members.

ARTICLE XIII

CONTINUITY IN CASE OF SUSPENSION

- Section 1. 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 XIV

RETURN TO COMPETITIVE SPORTS

- Section 1. In order to return as a recognized Sport Club team, The Interim President must provide Competitive Sports with documentation that 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. This

plan should, to the extent possible due to the terms, length and timing of the suspension, resemble the provisions contained in Article XIII.

ARTICLE XV

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Section 1. Any amendment change requires a three-fourths vote at a general club meeting.