

1. Article I - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization
 - a. Section 1 - Name:
 - i. The name of the organization will be Buckeye Barbell Club.
 - b. Section 2 - Purpose:
 - i. The purpose of the Buckeye Barbell Club is to promote strength training and competitive powerlifting by
 1. holding weekly practices
 2. hosting meets and clinics
 3. participating in external meets
 4. community outreach by volunteering at high school and USAPL powerlifting meets
 5. training any interested members regardless of experience level
 - ii. To promote high standards of character, scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and sportsmanship among the members.
 - iii. To cooperate and compete in meets hosted by external organizations, including but not limited to, USA Powerlifting
 - c. Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy
 - i. The Buckeye Barbell Club and its members shall not discriminate against any individual for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or express, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.
2. Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership
 - a. There shall be three types of memberships:
 - i. Regular Member:
 1. Regular membership is open to all students who are currently enrolled at the Ohio State University, provided that they express interest in the activities of the Buckeye Barbell Club. Regular members are required to pay yearly dues and can participate in any club activity.
 - ii. Honorary Member:
 1. Honorary membership may be awarded to Ohio State University alumni or any other powerlifters or weightlifters and who have demonstrated high standards of performance in the sport of powerlifting or weightlifting. Honorary members are required to pay club dues to participate in club activities, but when there are limited openings for an opportunity, regular members will get first priority.
 - b. Violations and Removal Procedures:
 - i. Any member who knowingly behaves in a way that hinders the goals of the group will be put on probation, at the discretion of the executive committee, or may be expelled immediately. A second violation will result in immediate expulsion with no appeal.
3. Article III - Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office
 - a. The governing body of the Buckeye Barbell Club will consist of the following positions:
 - i. President:

1. Act as a primary representative and contact for the group
 2. Assist or lead (as appropriate) in the organization of all activities and events.
 3. Attend and ensure the smooth running of practices.
 - ii. Vice President:
 1. Assist the president in their duties.
 2. Cover any and all responsibilities of the president if the president is absent from a meeting or activity.
 - iii. Secretary:
 1. Send out reminder emails for regular meetings.
 2. Prepare meeting agendas and reserve a meeting room.
 3. Handle any paperwork involved in planning events, activities, or meetings.
 - iv. Treasurer:
 1. Handle all budgeting, fundraising, auditing, and funding associated with Buckeye Barbell Club.
 2. Oversee any fundraising opportunities
 - v. Risk Manager
 1. Have first aid, CPR and AED certification.
 - 2.
 - vi. Coach
 1. Attend every official club competition to coach all club members
 2. At meets, find replacements if he or she cannot attend or additional help if the roster is too large
 3. Attend at least two practices per semester to provide additional help with training
4. Article IV - Executive Committee
 - a. The executive committee consists of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and risk manager.
5. Article V - Standing Committee
 - a. The executive committee may appoint a temporary committee of members to help in the smooth operation of any events or competitions.
6. Article VI - Method of Selecting and/or Removing Officers and Members
 - a. Officers are chosen by election in the spring term of every year.
 - i. Newly elected officers begin their roles in the autumn term of the same year.
 - ii. Elected positions are for one year, but there is no term limit.
 - iii. In order to vote in the officer elections, one must be a current member of the club and be present at the election.
 - iv. If there is a tie in the voting, the first tie breaker is whoever has participated in the most powerlifting competitions with Buckeye Barbell Club. The second tie breaker is executive decision by three members of the current executive committee, which cannot include anyone involved in the actual tie.

- b. Regular members of the Buckeye Barbell Club can be removed through personal decision to leave the group or through a vote. The annual club dues are non-refundable even if the member leaves in the middle of the term. Any member may be suspended or expelled and subjected to such disciplinary action that the Executive Committee deems fit, for any violation of the provisions of the constitution, or for any conduct that is considered by the Executive Committee to be detrimental to the interest of the members and purpose of the Buckeye Barbell Club. The Executive Committee shall handle removal procedures of members based upon the facts and allegations of each individual case.
7. Article VII - Advisors and Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria
 - a. The Buckeye Barbell club advisor shall be a faculty/staff member of the Ohio State University.
 - b. The advisor is under no obligation to attend club events but should strive to assist the club in its goals to the best of his or her professional capacity.
8. Article IX - Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements
 - a. Any member of the Buckeye Barbell Club may suggest an amendment to this Constitution. The amendment must be in writing and delivered to a club officer. The member will propose and defend their amendment at a meeting. At the following meeting, the amendment will be read again and the implications discussed. At the close of the meeting all officers will vote. There must 50% + 1 of voting members present and a 3/5 majority vote is needed to accept the proposed amendment to the constitution.
9. Article X - Method of Dissolution of Organization
 - a. This constitution, and therein the Buckeye Barbell Club, can be dissolved through the same procedure which is outlined above for an amendment to the constitution. The proposal must pass with a 3/5 majority vote for the dissolution to occur.
10. Article XI – Code of Student Conduct
 - a. The Ohio State University Code of Student Conduct applies to the team and its individual members.
11. Article XII – Continuity in Case of Suspension
 - a. 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.

12. Article XIII – Return to Competitive Sports

- a. 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 XII.