

The Constitution of The Shuai Chiao Kungfu Club at The Ohio State University

ARTICLE I - NAME

The full name of this club shall be **The Shuai Chiao Kung-fu Club at The Ohio State University.**
Henceforth referred to as the "Club."

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

- Section 1 The objective of the Club shall be:
- a. To provide any member of this university's community the opportunity to study Shuai Chiao and other associated martial arts.
 - b. To provide any member the opportunity to practice and use their knowledge in competition and for self-defense.
 - c. To teach all members the importance and necessity of good sportsmanship in competition and self-control in daily life.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP of The Club

- Section 1 Eligibility
- a. Any University recognized full time or part-time student, staff, or faculty.
 - b. OSU alumni and a limited number of community members are eligible for non-voting membership.
 - c. Membership is extended to anyone regardless of sex, age, religion, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, veteran status, or impairment either mental or physical.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

- Section 1 The officers of the Club will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Risk Manager.
- Section 2 Eligibility for office.
- a. Only student members currently enrolled at OSU and in good standing in the University are eligible for office.
 - b. Candidates for office must be voting members of the Club.
- Section 3 Duties
- a. The President shall:
 - 1) Preside over all meetings, manage the Club politically, and be its voice.
 - 2) Call at least one organizational meeting per Semester.
 - 3) Ensure that all Club paperwork required by the University administration is turned in promptly and deal with the University administration, regulations, and policies in conjunction with the other officers.
 - 4) Take charge and organize all elections.
 - 5) Have the power to initiate special committees when needed
 - 6) Be responsible for any external correspondence of the Club in conjunction with the other officers and the Instructors.
 - 7) Attend the University's Semester President's meetings for Sport Clubs.
 - 8) Be head of the Tournament Committee.
 - 9) Attend practices regularly.

- b. The Vice-President shall:
 - 1) In the absence of the President, the VP will assume all responsibilities of the President.
 - 2) Take on the responsibilities the President appoints to him.
 - 3) Assist in public relations.
 - 4) Attend practices regularly

- c. The Secretary-Treasurer shall:
 - 1) Handle The Club bank account, receive all dues and other payments from Club members, disburse all Club checks and payments.
 - 2) Keep records of all bills, receipts, and Club documents.
 - 3) Make available upon request of any instructor or voting Club member the details of the Club financial balance.
 - 3) Maintain a Club roster with Club member names and contact information.
 - 4) Record minutes of meetings and election results.
 - 5) Attend practices regularly

- d. The Risk Manager shall:
 - 1) In the event of a medical emergency, be the first to call for medical assistance and immediately apply aid if need be.
 - 2) In the absence of any Club officers, temporarily fill that position.
 - 3) Assist other Club officers in their duties.
 - 4) Attend practices regularly

Section 4 Terms of Office

- a. Each officer will serve from the beginning of Summer Semester to the end of the following Spring Semester

- b. The President and Vice-President shall serve no more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 5 Vacancies of Office

- a. Vacancy of the Presidency will be filled by the Vice-President.

- b. All other vacancies will be filled by the Safety Officer.

- c. Vacancy of the Safety Officer will be filled by Presidential nomination and approved by the members of the Club.

Section 6 Election of Officers

- a. Nominations
 - 1) Nominations and volunteers for office must be eligible, voting, Club members.
 - 2) No person may be nominated for more than two offices.

- b. Elections
 - 1) Elections will be held in the last weeks of Spring Semester.
 - 2) Quorum is 2/3 of paid, voting Club membership.
 - 3) Order of election shall be: President, Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-President, and Safety Officer, then:
 - a. Ratification of amendments to the Club Constitution.
 - b. Nomination of new instructors.
 - c. Voting to approve new instructors for the next year.

ARTICLE V - PRACTICE SESSIONS

- Section 1 Practices will be held in OSU facilities whenever possible. Facility space will be formally requested by the Club President well before the start of the Semester, in accordance with OSU RecSports guidelines.
- Section 2 The top-ranking instructor or student that is present at the start of each practice will lead Club members for that practice.
- Section 3 The leading instructor will be responsible for safety and any and all disciplinary matters concerning Club members for that particular practice.
- Section 4 All members will give proper respect to each other while in Club practice. In accordance with OSU policy, no discriminatory language or actions will be countenanced.
- Section 5 All participants in a Club practice are responsible for following the Club safety rules and guidelines.

ARTICLE VI - INTERPRETATIONS

- Section 1 Any questions of interpretations of the Club Constitution shall be referred to the Club officers as a group.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

- Section 1 This Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of members attending the election.
- Section 2 Any proposed amendment must be submitted to the Club officers, in writing, at least one week before elections.

ARTICLE VIII - BELT TESTING

- Section 1 All belt test promotions will follow the United States Shuai Chiao Association guidelines.

ARTICLE IX - DUES/FINANCE

- Section 1 Dues will consist of a \$30.00 fee per Semester (no prorating).
- Section 2 Club dues should be collected by the fourth week of the Semester.
- Section 3 Club members must pay dues on time to maintain their membership in good standing. New Club attendees will be allowed to try at least four practice sessions before committing to Club membership.
- Section 4 All Club purchases must be agreed upon by a vote of Club membership.

ARTICLE X - TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Any Club member is eligible for the tournament committee.
- Section 2 The tournament committee shall be responsible for organizing times, places, etc. for all formal competitions and special events.
- Section 3 The tournament committee shall make its recommendations to the Club membership, who will vote to approve all incidental costs and purchases.

ARTICLE XI - VOTING MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 To be eligible the Club member must be a university recognized full or part-time student.
- Section 2 The voting Club member must have paid dues for the current Semester.

ARTICLE XII - VOTING

- Section 1 Voting on all subjects, with the exclusion of amendments to the Club constitution, will require a simple majority decision (51%)
- Section 2 Voting will be open ballot, unless the quorum decides otherwise for contentious issues.
- Section 3 There will be appropriate time allowed for the full discussion of the subject before any vote.

ARTICLE XIII - DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- Section 1 Any voting Club member or instructor can recommend disciplinary action.
- Section 2 Long term disciplinary action will be decided on by a 2/3 quorum of the instructors and officers.
- Section 3 Serious disciplinary action for a Club member, or any action for a Club officer, will be voted on by a 2/3 quorum of the full voting Club membership.

ARTICLE XIV - CLUB DISSOLUTION

- Section 1 To disband the Club, the proposal must be made at least one weeks prior to a vote on the issue. All voting Club members must be contacted by the Club officers. A unanimous vote is required to allow full dissolution.

ARTICLE XV- CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

- Section 1 The Ohio State University Code of Student Conduct applies to the team and its individual members.
- Section 2 Following The Ohio State University 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 XVI- 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.
- Section 2 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.
- Section 3 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.
- Section 4 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 XVII- 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.

Section 2

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 XVI.