

Team Handball Club at The Ohio State University
Constitution
Amended 2/9/2016

Article I. Purpose

The purpose of the **Team Handball Club** is:

1. To provide an opportunity for the students of Ohio State University to learn, participate, and compete in the sport of team handball at the intercollegiate level.
2. To accommodate the interests and abilities of students desiring to participate in the sport with particular emphasis on:
 - a. Experiencing the value of teamwork, sportsmanship, and competition
 - b. Learning the strategies and finer skills of the sport
 - c. Competing with clubs and teams from other schools and organizations

Our organization is affiliated with, and approved by the USA Team Handball Olympic Committee, and as such, our primary competitive venues will be USA Team Handball endorsed events.

Article II. Eligibility

Any student that is registered for classes at the Ohio State University (part-time or full-time) may participate. Voting membership is limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students. Others such as Ohio State faculty, alumni, professionals, community residents, etc. are authorized to become non-voting associate or honorary members.

Non-Discriminatory Statement: 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 III. Dues and Requirements

Members shall be in good standing and eligible to participate and play games only if they pay their dues by the date set each semester. Dues may vary, dependent upon the year and projected expenses for the club. Dues for the 2014-2015 Calendar Year are \$75 per semester. Membership may be revoked if dues remain unpaid or by a 90% vote of the active membership if the member is unruly, demonstrates poor sportsmanship, or is a danger to the health of the Team Handball Club.

- A. Fundraising Requirements: In order for a member to compete in a game, he/she must either have completed, or be scheduled for, 12 hours of approved fundraising work.
 1. Fundraising work is pre-approved by either the President, Vice-President, or the Treasurer.
 2. Once the member has surpassed the required 12 hours of service, one half of the money raised in any extra hours will be deducted from that player's dues – all extra money after dues paid in full goes to the club.
 3. Volunteer work that is pre-approved by the President may receive credit for the required fundraising hours.

Article IV. Officers

To maintain club compliance, there shall be at minimum, a President, Vice-President, Secretary,

Treasurer, and Risk Manager. Other officer positions may be created to manage the needs of the club with approval from the President.

- A. The President is responsible for the following duties:
 - 1. Serve as the team representative in dealing with the Ohio State University, USA Team Handball, the club members, and other team handball teams.
 - 2. Coordinate practices in the absence of a coach, or delegate this responsibility to a qualified individual.
 - 3. Make sure the appropriate and required paperwork is filled out and filed with OSU Rec Sports and/or the Ohio Union.
 - 4. Make sure all leadership/officer positions are fulfilling their duties.
- B. The Vice-President is responsible for assisting the President. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President will oversee the duties of the president.
- C. The Secretary is responsible for the following duties:
 - 1. Keeping minutes from club meetings.
 - 2. Maintain the roster (including member contact info and accounts).
 - 3. Publish a schedule for current members.
 - 4. Present a written report for club members and the Student Government.
- D. The Treasurer is responsible for the following duties:
 - 1. Submit a completed budget to OSU Rec Sports.
 - 2. Maintain a checking account for the club.
 - 3. Payment of club expenses in a timely manner.
 - 4. Collecting dues from members.
- E. The Risk Manager is responsible for the following duties:
 - 1. Perform duties as required by OSU Rec Sports
 - a. Under appropriate circumstances, perform first-aid, CPR, and be able to contact proper authorities in emergencies.
- F. Advisor. The Team Handball Advisor will be a full-time member of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. Responsibilities and expectations of advisers are:
 - 1. Serve as club advisory point of contact for Ohio State University.
 - 2. Advise the President on requirements to maintain active registration as an OSU Sport Club.

Article V. Elections

- A. An annual election will be held at the end of the Fall Semester for the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Risk Manager, Vice-President, and other approved officer positions. The previous Vice-President should assume the duties of the President for the subsequent year unless the individual is no longer a member of the club or the voting members of the team believe this transition would not be in the best interest of the club. The transition of the Vice-President to President needs to be confirmed by a majority vote of the active membership.

- B. The term of the elected officers will begin at the end of the following Spring Semester.
- C. In order to be elected an officer, the person needs to be a voting member in good standing with the club.
- D. Persons seeking office in the club must be nominated by at least two other members of the club and receive a simple majority of the votes cast for that position during the elections by members in good standing.
- E. In order for the election to be valid, ballots must be cast by at least 2/3 of the active team roster at the time of the election.

Article VI. Impeachment

- A. Officers of the club may be impeached by a nomination from a voting member in good standing and a vote by at least 90% of the members in good standing.
- B. Upon impeachment, said officer shall immediately be relieved of his duties as an officer of the club.
- C. The remaining officers of the club will choose a replacement for the impeached officer from among the active team members by a 2/3 majority decision. The replacement officer will assume the duties of the impeached officer for the remainder of the impeached officer's term.

Article VII. Practices & Meetings

- A. Team Handball will hold practices weekly at a time determined at the beginning of each term. All members shall attend all practices barring an excused given at least two hours before the scheduled practice time is deemed valid by the President.
 - 1. Multiple violations for missed practices will result in reduced playing time and dismissal from team. Punishment is at the discretion of the President.
- B. In order to play in an upcoming game or tournament, each player planning to compete must attend two straight weeks of practice.
 - 1. Any issues with being unable to attend these practices can be brought to the attention of the President and a decision can be made.

Article VIII – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.

Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, should be read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should either require a two-third of voting members (a quorum being present) or a majority or two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

1. Amendment 7/23/2014 – Complete overhaul to comply with club sport requirements
2. Amendment 8/19/2014 – Added Fundraising Requirements under Article III
3. Amendment 10/15/2014 – Added Required Articles supplied by Rec Sports
4. Amendment 2/9/2016 - Addition of changes based on fall team election results

Article IX – Method of Dissolution of Organization

The Advisor and President will accomplish requirements and procedures for dissolution of the student organization, in accordance with Ohio State University Student Organization regulations. All remaining monies will be distributed equally among the club membership.

Article X – Code of Student Conduct

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

Article XI – Continuity in Case of Suspension

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 XII – Return to Competitive Sports

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 V.