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# The Ohio State University Basketball Club Constitution

2014-2015 Basketball Season

## Article I – Name

The Ohio State University Basketball Club will be our formal name. Our nickname will be the OSU Ballstars and the OSU Lady Ballstars for games, tournaments, and campus/community events.

## Article II – Purpose

The purpose of the Ohio State University Basketball Club is to provide a competitive basketball atmosphere while also providing camaraderie and community service opportunities for Ohio State University male and female student-athletes. The Ohio State University Basketball Club is proud to represent the Ohio State University and is dedicated to making its student-athletes better people and players, while giving them a positive outlet to further enjoy their college experience.

## Article III - Membership

- All Ohio State University students, faculty, and staff are entitled to participate in the Ohio State University Basketball Club.
- Our club also agrees with and follows The Ohio State University non-discrimination policy.
- The Ohio State University Basketball Club must recognize all guidelines set forth by The Ohio State University in the Student Code of Conduct.
- Club members are required to sign and turn in insurance waivers and consent forms with emergency contact information prior to participation in any practices or competition.
- Club members are required to attend practices, games, tournaments and all other club events in a regular timely manner.
- Club members are required to pay club dues, which are non-refundable on time, and expected to participate in a set percent of fundraising projects. The percent amount is to be determined by the club officers.
- Club member must return all issued practice and game equipment at the conclusion of the basketball season.
- The Ohio State University Basketball Club reserves the right to terminate the membership of any club member if the member does not abide by this constitution.
- A complaint must be made to the executive committee. A majority vote of the executive committee is required for the termination.
- If for any reason a member wants to terminate their membership with the Ohio State University Basketball Club or the Ohio State University Basketball Club wants to terminate the membership of one of its members prior to the conclusion of the 2013-2014 basketball season, all practice and game equipment in which was issued to that member must be returned, in tact, within 5 business days of either termination.

## Article IV – Meetings

The Ohio State University Basketball Club will meet quarterly concerning tryouts, team progress, future plans and practice times. The upperclassmen or club officers may meet separately to discuss issues as they arise. Club officers must attend every meeting.

## **Article V – Officers**

President – Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Overseeing the club team, and all other officers.
- Finding and contractually securing a coaching staff.
- Making sure all players have filled out insurance waiver forms.
- Scheduling games, practices, tournaments, and filling out facility request forms.
- Attending all meetings set forth by the Ohio State University Sports Club Offices and making sure the OSU Basketball Club is meeting all requirements of The Ohio State University Sports Club Office.
- Facilitating meetings, along with the vice president.

Vice President – Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Assisting the president in any duties necessary.
- Coordinating memberships as well as drafting the necessary membership documents.
- Coordinating with the coach concerning the final roster, and the recruitment of new members.
- Making travel arrangements and account for all equipment.
- Attend all meetings set forth by the Ohio State University Sports Club Offices in which the President shall not be able to attend.

Secretary/Website – Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Taking minutes at club meetings
- Responding to e-mails on the club e-mail account.
- Sending in rosters for tournaments.
- Posting any amendments to the Constitution.
- Making sure the information on the website is current.
- Making flyers for club events.

Treasurer – Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Keeping track of all incoming and outgoing funds.
- Auditing the current/past year's budget.
- Drafting projections for the next year's budget.
- Working closely with the fundraising coordinator to ensure all expenses are accounted for.
- Preparing any financial reports requested by the President or the Ohio State Sports Club Offices.
- Assisting with vehicle and hotel reservations, tournament entry fees, and payment of officials for home games.

Fundraising/Community Service Coordinator – Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Overseeing and coordinating all fundraising and community service projects.
- Overseeing the fundraising committee
- Conjuring ideas to generate revenue for the club.
- Finding and establishing open communication with potential team sponsors.

Social Chair Responsibilities include but not limited to:

- Planning social events for team members
- Providing a warm atmosphere for new team members
- Establishing and maintaining connections with other Sport Clubs
- Assist with planning Alumni Game

### **Article VI – Elections**

Elections will be held at the last scheduled meeting of the year during spring quarter. Current officers have the choice of running for their office again or resigning. New nominations for officers will be decided by players recommending other players. Players have the choice to accept or reject the nomination before voting begins. Players may be nominated for more than one category. Voting will take place by paper ballot starting with the President. The President will count the votes, with a non-officer member watching. Any member of the team can call for a vote to impeach an officer.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the team must agree on the impeachment vote. Officers may be removed from their position by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the club officers. There are six components of the club officers. One component is for each officer position. One component is for the five-member fundraising committee. This component must reach a  $\frac{3}{5}$  vote in order to establish its individual component vote.

### **Article VII – Funds**

Club funds are allocated based on the goals and vision of the basketball club for the year with some consideration for the following year. Club dues for each year will be determined by the officers in place at the end of each spring quarter. **Club dues are non-refundable and help cover referees, equipment, van rentals, uniforms, and travel expenses. Club dues for the 2014-2015 basketball season will be set at \$300. This fee will be due prior to the first game of the 2013-2014 basketball season.** Fundraising and sponsorship projects will be completed by all members in order to raise additional money for the club. They are to be scheduled by the Fundraising Coordinator. As stated in Article III, club members are required to participate in a set percentage of fundraising events. Monetary and/or game fines will be levied against any member or officer that does not complete the necessary amount of fundraisers. Extenuating circumstances will be reviewed by the president, vice president and/or head coach.

### **Article VIII – Equipment**

All members of the Ohio State University Basketball Club shall be issued the following equipment for the 2014-2015 basketball season after the complete payment of club dues:

(1) Practice Jersey      (1) Game Jersey      (1) Pair of Game Shorts      (1) Shooting Shirt

Once the equipment mentioned above has been issued to a member, it then becomes the sole responsibility of that member to maintain the care and possession of the equipment he/she has been issued. In the event that a member damages or loses any item mentioned above, he/she will be required to pay a \$50 replacement fee for each piece of equipment that is damaged or lost.

### **Article IX – Advisor**

The Ohio State University Basketball Club advisor shall be a faculty/staff member of the Ohio State University that has an interest in the club team. He/she will also advise the club and will assist in any manner necessary.

#### **Article X – Coaching Staff**

The club officers will conduct private interviews, and collectively decide on a coaching staff, who is not a current player or an officer of the team. The coaching staff will be financially compensated depending on their commitment and club funding allocations.

#### **Article XI – Travel Arrangements**

The President and the Vice-President will approve all the travel arrangements for the basketball club. Club members are expected to be at the designated departure point 30 minutes before the designated departure time. Team members are responsible for their own expenses on road trips unless otherwise noted.

#### **Article XII – Amendments**

Any member of the Ohio State University Basketball Club may suggest an amendment to this Constitution. The amendment must be typed and given to a club officer. The member will have the opportunity to defend his or her suggestion before the officer board. The club officers will then privately vote on whether to accept or reject the amendment. There must be a majority vote to revise the constitution. Amendments to the constitution will be made at the last meeting of every year during spring quarter.

#### **Article XIII- Removal of Officer**

A complaint made about an officer must be stated at an executive board meeting or practice. A majority vote of the executive committee will be required to raise the complaint at the next general body meeting. A 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote of the paid members will be required to impeach and consequently remove the officer.

#### **Article XIV- Removal of Coach**

A complaint made about the coach must be stated at an executive board meeting or practice. A majority vote of the executive committee will be required to raise the complaint at the next general body meeting. A 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote of the paid members will be required to remove the coach.

#### **Article XV– Code of Student Conduct**

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

#### **Article XVI – 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 XVII – 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 VI.

## Agreement of Compliance

This is to certify that I have read the Constitution of The Ohio State University Basketball Club. I understand all articles of this document and will comply with all of its requirements in order to retain membership to The Ohio State University Basketball Club.

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