

Women's Ultimate Disc Constitution

2015-2016

ARTICLE I: Name

This constitution is to recognize the women's ultimate disc club at the Ohio State University as a university organization.

ARTICLE II: Purpose

The women's ultimate disc club was formed at the Ohio State University as a competitive outlet for those interested in playing ultimate disc. Our objective is to establish the highest level of competition of ultimate disc at the college level.

ARTICLE III: Membership

Membership in the women's ultimate disc club is available and open to any student, graduate or undergraduate who maintains the necessary grade point average to compete in club sports at the Ohio State University. This club will not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion, national origin, or sexual preference. To be recognized as a full member of the women's ultimate disc club, one must come out for the team and then continue regular attendance at tournaments and practices for the year. If a general member of the team does not follow the rules outlined above or acts in a manner that tarnishes the reputation of Women's Ultimate Disc at The Ohio State University, a removal process can proceed. Any club member can be removed if another club member can collect a petition of signatures numbering no fewer than twenty. In this case, a meeting will be held between the officers, coaches, and captains, and a vote will be taken to dismiss or not dismiss the member.

ARTICLE IV: Tryouts

No tryouts are necessary to join the team. However members must meet specified attendance requirements for both practices and tournaments to be considered an active member of the team. If the roster at the beginning of the year exceeds 30 members, cuts will be made. The cuts will be decided on by the coaches and captains of the team by the end of the fall tournament schedule. If there are enough members to create a second team, a B team for Women's Ultimate Disc will be created. Players who are cut are also welcome to attend practices, but only the selected team will be brought to compete at tournaments.

ARTICLE V: Officers

The women's ultimate disc team will have five officers: president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and safety/risk management officer. The president's responsibilities include but are not limited to oversight of the organization, administering and completing the proper paperwork due to the university, organizing tournament and practice schedules, oversee the election of captains, and maintaining the integrity of the club. The vice-president's duties are to assist the president in her club oversight. The treasurer's duties include but are not limited to, maintaining the team budget, collecting necessary funds from team members, and making necessary purchases for the club. The president will make all executive decisions for the club with consultation from captains, vice president and treasurer. If a disagreement results, the other officers and captains can override the president's decisions.

ARTICLE VI: Elections

For the 2014-2015 school year, the officers will be as follows: President- Emily Steedman, Vice president- Malika Smoot, Secretary- Kelly Ross, Treasurer- Sarah Kerscher and Safety/Risk Management Officer- Stephanie Miller. Following the season, the team will elect a new president, unless they feel the former president will fulfill her duties for the next season. Vice-president, secretary, and treasurer will also be elected at this time, as well as captains. Any club officer can be impeached if a club member can collect a petition of signatures numbering no fewer than twenty. In this case, the officer will be removed from office and an emergency club meeting will be called in order to elect an officer to replace the one that was impeached. The

person collecting the most votes is subsequently that officer. The impeached officer is forbidden to hold office with the club again.

ARTICLE VII: Funds

The yearly dues will be determined at the end of the year after club expenditures have been determined. The club treasurer will set this amount based on the number of tournaments the individual has attended. No one is allowed to participate in the club the next year until they have paid their fees for the previous year. The club treasurer is in charge of all fundraising.

ARTICLE VIII: Advisor

The club president is in charge of maintaining and appointing a club advisor. The club advisor must a full-time member of the Ohio State University faculty or staff. The advisor's duties include but are not limited to: signing any paperwork required by the university, and attending any informational meetings that the university requires. The advisor is free to observe games and practices, but is not required to do so.

ARTICLE IX: Coaches

The club president is in charge of appointing a head coach for the team if she sees it fit. If the team does not have sufficient experience to coach from within their own ranks, a head coach will be sought out from qualified alumni and other people with ultimate disc experience. If necessary, the head coach will be compensated. The head coach will be allowed to go to team games. The head coach can be impeached with a three-fourths vote from team members. In this case, elections will follow and whoever receives the most votes will become the new head coach.

ARTICLE X: Travel

The club president in conjunction with captains and the club treasurer will make travel arrangements. Each player who participates in a road game is responsible for their own travel expenses unless explicitly stated otherwise. The women's ultimate disc club is not responsible for items lost or stolen on any trips. Any player who damages their room or is arrested on any trip may be removed from the organization. The club president should make every accommodation to make sure that the team has a means of transportation to the road games and accommodations for the night.

ARTICLE XI: Amendments

An amendment may be proposed by any club member. To get it ratified, a member must have a signed petition containing no fewer than twenty signatures from club members. If all the club officers approve, it will be ratified. If vetoed by any officer the club member has the right to hold a meeting. At least twenty club members must be present and an election will be held. A simple majority will ratify the amendment.

ARTICLE XII: Code of Conduct

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

ARTICLE XIII: Continuity in Case Suspicion

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

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 III.

ARTICLE IV: Grievances

Members can address grievances by directly contacting the club president. A club member can also contact the women's ultimate disc coordinator or the university. A club member may also contact the head of club sports at the Ohio State University. A web page may be maintained on the internet but all content must be approved by the club officers and the university.

“The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime.”

– Babe Ruth