

Benchball Club Constitution

- **Article I: Name**
The Benchball Club at The Ohio State University.

- **Article II: Purpose**
The objective of this club is to promote the enthusiasm and participation in playing soccer in the university community. During winter we play benchball, namely indoor soccer. We encourage every member to actively participate in our regular activities and develop a community capable of communication, entertainment, mutual care and help, and a sense of belonging; more important, we encourage fair play, toughness but with courtesy, striving spirit, grace in losing, team spirits, and sophisticated skills.

- **Article III: Membership**
The Benchball Club is open to all faculty, staff, and students interested in playing competitive soccer. Members are required to pay dues, attend practices, tournaments, participate in fundraising activities, and actively participate in the majority of scheduled activities. This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, natural origin, sex, age, handicap, or Vietnam-era veteran status.

- **Article IV: Meeting**
Meetings are held weekly during the quarter before or after a practice. The exact time is decided on each quarter. The President can call special meetings of the club or officers at his discretion.

- **Article V: Officers**
 - President
 - Communication with other clubs
 - Communication with advisor
 - Communication of information with club members
 - Attend all Sport Club required meetings, or arrange for a representative to attend
 - Plan practice times
 - Schedule home and away tournaments
 - Hire coaches
 - Act as substitute coach
 - Allocate budget for club expenses
 - Manage the club webpage and email list
 - Organize happy hours
 - Vice President:
 - Organize community service
 - Organize away tournaments (drivers, hotels, depart/arrive time's, and tournament entries)
 - Organization of fundraisers
 - Organize/order club warm-ups, sweatshirts, hats, and bags
 - Order new equipment at discretion of executive officers
 - Order new uniforms, in charge of distribution and collection
 - Any marketing or promotional activities
 - Act as substitute president
 - Treasurer
 - Attend all Sport Club treasurer meetings
 - Fill out budget allocation
 - Control checkbook (writing check and making deposits)

- **Article VI: Elections**
Nominations and volunteers for officer positions will be taken during Spring Quarter. Officers will lose their position due to lack of participation in club activities, or resignation from office
- **Article VII: Funds**
Funds will be raised through member dues and other fundraisers
In recent years, yearly due is \$10 per capital.
- **Article VII: Advisor**
Advisor must show an interest in the club and the sport it participates in. The club advisor must be a full time member of the faculty or staff. The advisor must offer help and insight when called upon by the club president to do so. The advisor must have a genuine interest in helping the students and club he/she represents
- **Article IX: Coach**
The coach should have had some coaching experience.
The coach is responsible for running practices.
The coach is responsible for leading the team during a tournament or a match.
The payment to a coach will be negotiated.
- **Article X: Travel**
The Vice President will make arrangements for travel, including: where the club is traveling, hotels and transportation. Carpooling will be the primary means of transportation to tournaments participated in.
- **Article XI: Amendments**
Any club member, during an officer meeting, can present amendments. The officers can then ratify the amendment if they feel the amendment will improve the club
- **Article XII: By-laws**
 - Organizational Leadership
 - Officers shall be elected in the spring at the end of the club volleyball season
 - Any person may nominate another player for office, including themselves
 - A vote is taken by the members and the coach for the officers. A simple majority wins. If any positions are not filled after voting, the president may appoint willing members when he pleases
 - All officers shall serve one year terms with no limit on the number of terms permitted to be served
 - Parliamentary Authority
 - All general decision making shall be decided by a majority vote of the officers and coach or of a committee appointed by the president. All members' concerns shall always be heard, discussed, and considered, but final authority is with the officers and coach.
 - Membership
 - To keep active membership, members need to submit due in time and participate in the regular training.
 - Any member not living up to their responsibilities as a team member outlined within this constitution and by-laws may be removed from the club by the officers in a special meeting called by the president
 - Election Procedures
 - Nominations and volunteers for officer positions will be taken after the season's termination during spring quarter. Players planning to play the next season who will be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours of classes are

eligible for nomination. A vote will be taken of the members and the coach to determine officers. A simple majority wins.

- Removal of Officer
 - If an officer conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, is delinquent in performing their officer duties, or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the voting membership or unanimous vote of the other officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

- Miscellaneous
 - Practices are held two or three times a week during the whole year for all members. The exact time is decided on each quarter by the president consulting with the facility manager.