**Constitution of Inaayat Dance Team of The Ohio State University**

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**Preamble**

We, the undergraduate students of The Ohio State University, hereby create this student organization to be called Inaayat Dance Team of The Ohio State University. With authority derived from the undergraduate student body and existence recognized by the faculty and administration of this university, this student organization shall dedicate itself to the betterment and promotion of the visual and performing arts. It shall be accessible to undergraduate students and aims to create a keen interest among the undergraduate student body in the field of Indian Classical Dance.

We recognize that certain statutes of the Ohio Revised Code and bylaws of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees govern the administration of The Ohio State University. Accordingly, we recognize our freedoms with respect to these existing statutes.

**Article I: Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.**

1. The organization shall be called Inaayat Dance Team of The Ohio State University.

2. The purpose of the organization will be to encourage appreciation for Indian Classical dance at Ohio State through recruitment of student dancers and participation in campus and

community events as well as inter-collegiate dance competitions.

3. 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.

4. This organization shall be comprised of an executive board, granted their respective powers

and responsibilities enumerated herein:

**Article I: Membership**

1. The Judicial Discrepancy shall be solved by the discretion of the Directors.

2. Members can only be a part of the election procedure if and only if:

 a. they have actively participated in a project of the organization.

 b. their quarterly dues have been cleared.

 c. The above clause stands valid both in the case of wishing to be elected to the board as

well as having voting rights.

**Article II: The Executive Branch**

1. There will be 5 major elected positions on the Executive Board.

2. The organization shall be headed by the Executive Board which shall comprise of: President, Co-President, Treasurer, and 2 Team Managers.

1. The 5 members of the Executive Board shall be elected annually.
2. These members must also be full-time OSU students with a valid Buck-ID and dot number.

*A. The Captain and Co-Captain*

1. The Captain and Co-Captain shall serve as the chief executives and Public Relations Officers of the undergraduate student body. Only upperclassmen may run for the captain positions, unless there is a lack of upperclassmen running for these positions.

2. The Captain and Co-Captain shall have the following powers:

1. Sign the official documents of the organization.
2. Shall be responsible for each decision, each act proposed and executed by the Executive Board.
3. Shall be answerable to the members of the organizations.
4. Shall be responsible for any event held by the organization.
5. Shall also be responsible for any misconduct performed by members of the organization.
6. Shall be responsible for making choreography and designing props and costumes.
7. They shall preside over all the general meetings of the organization.
8. Ensure that an Executive Report is given at every general Board meeting.
9. Shall be responsible for choreography, audio, and costumes.
10. The outgoing president shall serve as the Ex-Officio of the organization.

3. Nominations by the President and Co-President shall be confirmed or rejected by the

Executive members; confirmation shall require a two-thirds vote.

1. The president shall not discriminate against organization members on the basis of race, gender, friendship, and values.

*B. The Treasurer*

1. The Treasurer shall also be nominated in a similar fashion as that of the President and Co-President.
2. The Treasurer shall be the Chief Officer of all the finances of the organization.
3. Shall work in close connection with the President and Co-President to form the budget.
4. Shall maintain contact with all sponsors.
5. Shall be responsible for recording finances in a binder that will be subject to review at Board meetings and at the request of organization members.

*C. Team Managers and Executive Board Members*

1. All Team Managers and Executive Board Members are elected positions.
2. Team Managers do not have to be dancers. Any organization supporter and full-time OSU student may fulfill this role.
3. Non-dancing team managers are required to attend organization practices and executive meetings.
4. They serve in an advisory capacity to the Executive Board.
5. All team managers have voting rights.
6. Shall act as Organization Manager whose responsibilities are the following:
7. Shall be responsible for keeping order during dance practice.
8. Shall be responsible for booking rooms throughout the year.
9. Shall be responsible ensuring attendance of organization members.
10. Shall be responsible for contacting event coordinators, organizations, and colleges for dance performance events.

**Article III: Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.**

1. The appointed advisor must be an Ohio State Faculty or Administrative & Professional staff.
2. The advisor’s responsibilities are as listed:
3. The advisor shall provide organization support and enthusiasm.
4. The advisor is not *required* to attend any organization event.

**Article IV: Oath of Office**

1. The Oath of Office for the President, Co-President, Advisor and Treasurer and the Directors shall be:

*“I promise to faithfully uphold the Constitution of Inaayat Dance Team of The Ohio State*

*University and to defend and respect the rights of each individual student to the best of my*

*ability.”*

**Article V: Method of Selecting Officers and Members.**

1. Election of Officers for the upcoming year shall occur during the spring quarter of the previous academic year by the team members (50% vote) and by the current and past captains (50% vote).
2. Treasurer and Team Managers shall be elected through a majority vote of all the current and past organization members.
3. Officers must have the following qualifications:
	1. A minimum of 1 year experience as an organization member.
	2. Be capable of choreographing.
	3. Prior leadership experience.
	4. Must be full-time Ohio State undergraduate student.
	5. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
4. Selection of team leads will be executed through dance auditions. Only upperclassmen may run for lead positions. These auditions shall be judged by the team members who wish to continue on Inaayat Dance Team (50% vote), and by current and past captains of the previous year (50% vote).
5. There shall be two dance auditions every year in order to select new members.
	1. One shall be a closed dance audition which shall take place during the spring quarter before the upcoming academic year.
	2. The second shall be an open dance audition which shall be held during the first two weeks of the fall quarter academic year. If multiple auditions held during the fall, all must be held during September.
	3. Winter quarter auditions are not recommended.

**Article VI: Impeachment of Officers and Members**

1. The members of the Executive Board can only be impeached by the entire member body with a 2/3 majority of team members and a 2/3 majority vote of current captains and captains from the previous year. The impeachment proposal has to be put forth by a minimum of 2 members.
2. Organization members can only be impeached by the entire member body with a 2/3 majority. The impeachment proposal has to be put forth by a minimum of 2 members.

**Article VII: Meetings of the Organization: meetings, practices and their frequency.**

1. There shall be a minimum of two regular practices every week during the 2014-2015 academic year.
2. Executive meetings will be held a minimum of once a month.
3. The President, Co-President, and Treasurer are required to attend all regular practices except three throughout the academic year. All absences require a valid excuse.
4. The President, Co-President, and Treasurer are required to attend all Executive meetings except one throughout the academic year. All absences require a valid excuse.
5. Officer excuses must be given to team members a recommended minimum of 24 hours before practice.
6. Members are required to attend all practices except 5 throughout the academic year.
7. Member excuses must be given to any officer a recommended minimum of 2 hours before practice.
8. Officers and members who miss more than 3 unexcused practices are subject to review by the Executive Board.
9. Officers who miss more than 2 unexcused Executive meetings are subject to review by the Executive Board.

**Article VIII: Amendment of the Constitution**

The amendment of the constitution can be proposed by either a member of the organization or the Executive Board. The amendment shall be debated respectively requiring a 2/3 majority in each case.

**Article IX: Method of Dissolution of Organization**

The organization shall undergo dissolution during the 2017-2018 school year only after approval of the organization’s members by a 2/3 majority.

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