

Constitution

Article I

Section 1

Kids Running Club at Ohio State University

Section 2

Promote healthy dietary and exercise habits for children in 1st-5th grade, through the use of stretching, exercise, games, and education. In the winter, the club will raise money for charities, volunteer time throughout the community, and build relationships within the club.

Section 3

Kids Running Club at Ohio State University does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Kids Running Club at Ohio State University expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here: <https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf>.

If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at <http://titleIX.osu.edu> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

Article II

Voting membership is defined as currently enrolled Ohio State Students. Others, such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc. are encouraged to become members but as non-voting associate or honorary members. Kids Running Club at Ohio State University is student initiated, student lead, and student run.

Article III

- a. If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, or is in violation of the Ohio State University Student Code of Conduct, the president and treasurer have power to order a hearing, and remove the member, with consultation of the advisor.
- b. Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed for sufficient cause. Sufficient cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws or any conduct deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the chapter. Prior to a vote on the matter of removal of an elected officer, the chapter Executive Committee shall hold a formal hearing. The officer shall have the opportunity to personally appear at the formal hearing or to be represented by counsel. The officer may present any defense to the charges before any action is taken. The chapter Executive Committee shall adopt rules to ensure due process to the officer. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two thirds affirmative vote of the executive board.

Article IV

The organization is lead by the President and Treasurer. The President plans the weekly meetings in the fall and spring, and organizes volunteer and fundraising events in the winter. The members of the group have the title of group leader, as several group leaders will be assigned to several children, their “team”, for the weekly meetings. Group members are also eligible to volunteer to plan weekly educational topics at the meetings with the children. These positions change weekly. Group members will also have the option to take volunteer chairs and help organize different volunteer events in the winter. These chair positions last semesterly.

Article V

Elections will be held at club meetings and will consist of speeches from members who are interested in obtaining a desired position. The club members will then vote on their choice of position selection. Elections will be held at the beginning of every semester. The student with the most votes at the meeting will obtain the position. If a club member with a leadership position wishes to resign, they must give the President or Treasurer an advanced notice. Impeachment will be dealt with the same way *Article III* deals with removal of club members.

Article VI

There is no executive committee

Article VII

There are no standing committees.

Article VIII

The advisor of the Kids Running Club at Ohio State University must be a full time member of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. The advisor must meet all University requirement ie. approving the club annually. The advisor is not required to attend meetings, fund raising events, or volunteer events, however the advisor is welcome to.

Article IX

Meetings with the children will occur in two separate, six week seasons, one in the fall and one in the spring. Meetings for group members only, without the kids, will occur in the winter, and group members will be notified through email, text, etc of specific meeting times. Also, different volunteer and fund raising events will be planned and group members will be notified through email, text, etc.

Article X

The organization reserves the right to address member or event attendee behavior where the member or event attendee’s behavior is disruptive or otherwise not in alignment with the organization’s constitution.

Article XI

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 or three-quarter majority 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.

Article XII

In the case of dissolution for the organization, members, children, and the parents of the children involved in the organization would be notified of the last meeting date. The members of the organization would not be penalized in any way, and the use of the club name in applications is permitted, along with the possible use of letters of recommendation from group leaders.

By-Laws

Article I

The rules contained in Robert's Rule of Order shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of this organization.

Article II

Members first become members by signing up. Members remain members by paying their dues, attending meetings regularly, and contributing to various volunteer and fundraising events.

Membership will be terminated due to significant lack of participation, or if a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, or is in violation of the Ohio State University Student Code of Conduct.

Article III

Appointing of positions in the club will occur entirely at club meetings at the beginning of each semester through speeches from club members and voting from club members.

Article IV

There will be no executive committee.

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There will be no standing committees.

Article VI

The advisor is expected to meet all requirements of the University i.e. annually approving the club, however the advisor is required to complete no further actions.

Article VII

A members' requirements will be met based on the leadership discretion.

Article VIII

Amendment of Bi-Laws can be brought up by any member of the club, and voted on. If majority vote is for amending the Bi-Laws, then the amendment will be made.