

## **Constitution**

### ***Article 1 - Name, purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization***

**Section 1 - Name:** This organization is to be called “The Dagorhir Club at The Ohio State University” or simply shortened to “The Dag Club” or “Dag”. Dagorhir works within the ruleset provided by Dagorhir Battle Games Association, Inc.

**Section 2 - Purpose:** The purpose of this organization is to introduce and train students in the athletic role playing hobby that is Dagorhir, a nationalized rule set of foam fighting and light role playing. It provides an opportunity to safely practice martial-arts like sword fighting and medieval reenactment with foam weaponry.

The Dagorhir Club at The Ohio State University aims to retain a consistent team of trained and in training players who will attend local Dagorhir events while also raising awareness of the Ohio State Center of Medieval and Renaissance Studies.

**Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy:** This organization 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, The Dagorhir Club at The 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](mailto:titleIX@osu.edu).

### **Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.**

II.a. As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of a student organization must include current Ohio State University students. Active members and Executive Committee are able to make decisions regarding the membership of community and other non-student members of an organization. Community or other non-student members may be temporarily suspended with a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

II.b Students may join as members at any time, although are not considered members until the following requirements are met:

1. An up to date waiver is in the possession of a member of The Dagorhir Club executive board.
2. Students have displayed a clear understanding of the Dagorhir rule set.
3. Students have paid all dues, if eligible.
4. Students have maintained 50% attendance rates.

II.c Student members are welcome to the “loaner gear” brought by the executive board for the purpose of diversifying gear on the field and while training. Active members are also welcome to all “build day” events, and to contributing to the club fund in the form of non compulsory fees in exchange for Dagorhir gear or the material needed to build said gear. Non-student members with the exception of the advisor are not permitted these benefits.

II.d Non-student members may participate in the club, but will not be included as a part of the official roster. Due to the community nature of Dagorhir it is expected that many non-student players will attend practices and events. These non-student players must have a waiver on file with an executive board member to participate.

### **Article III - Methods of Removing Members and Executive Officers**

III.a If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization's constitution or by-laws, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law, the member may be removed through a majority vote of the officers in consultation with the organization's advisor.

III.a.2 Due to the full-contact nature of Dagorhir, if any member or non-member participant knowingly breaks Dagorhir rules and endangers the well being of any participating party of The Dagorhir Club at The Ohio State University, that member is subject to immediate suspension until the completion of an investigation by the executive for the safety of Dagorhir players.

III.b. Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization's advisor

III.c. In the event that the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), {00312468-1} the executive board, in consultation with the organization's advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

### **Article IV - Organization Leadership:**

IV.a The Dagorhir Club at The Ohio State University is to be lead by the executive board which is in turn lead by the President member.

IV.b The Executive Board will consist of the following officers: President (Count), Vice President (Viscount), and Treasurer (Thane).

IV.c Officer Responsibilities:

1. The President (Hereby referred to as the Count) is responsible for determining the direction of the organization. They are responsible for ensuring the continued completion of all Student Organization requirements as determined by Ohio State, and all communication with OSU. The Count is also responsible for delegating tasks in order to meet the goals of the organization. The president is also in charge of organizing weekly practices and meetings, and managing the social media presence of the organization.
2. The Vice President (Hereby referred to as the Viscount) is responsible for overseeing all presidential duties in the event the president cannot fill the required role (ie: hosting summer practices if the president is not on campus for this time).
3. The Treasurer (Hereby referred to as Thane) is responsible for the Dagorhir Club at Ohio State University's bank account, Venmo, and all other financial accounts. The Thane oversees the use of all funding, and keeps and inventory of equipment. The Thane is also in charge of spearheading all fundraising campaigns. In the case of the absence of both the Count and the Viscount, the Treasurer inherits the duties of the Count.
4. All Executive board members are to attend at least 50% of club meetings.

5. Terms of office will last one academic year.

#### **Article V - Election / Selection of Organization Leadership**

V.a Elections are to be held during the club's Spring registration window and the beginning of each Spring Semester. The elected officials will co-lead with the already existing leadership until the end of the Spring semester in order to learn the best practices for leading the organization.

V.b Active members who attend at least 50% of practices, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00, are not on disciplinary probation, and are active in the club are eligible for nomination. Members are encouraged to nominate themselves.

V.c Elected positions are to be voted on by general membership of Active Members who are present at a pre-specified Election Meeting. (The meeting will be announced at least a month ahead of time by the Executive Board via email, social media, and announcements).

V.d Elected officials will be chosen on the basis of simple majority vote.

#### **Article VI - Advisor**

VI.a Advisors of student organizations must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff.

VI.b It is the responsibility of the Count to communicate with the advisor, and to find a new advisor of the current advisor resigns or is terminated by the Executive Board.

VI.c Responsibilities of the Advisor include: attendance of mandatory training. Assisting in acquisition of funding. Guidance in matters of University Policy.

#### **Article VII - Meetings and events of the Organization: required meetings and their frequency.**

VII.a Meetings for the organization will be held weekly, often referred to as "practice" during Autumn and Spring semesters. The exact time of these meetings will be determined in the By-Laws.

VII.b Executive Board meetings will be held bi-weekly during Autumn and Spring semesters. These meetings are open to all club members, but voting rights are restricted to the executive board.

VII.c Special meetings such as events, build days, and emergency meetings will be held through the academic year. General membership will be given at least 24 hour notice of these meetings.

#### **Article VIII - Attendees of Events of the Organization**

As stated in III.a.2 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 or Dagorhir rules.

#### **Article IX - Method of Amending Constitution**

IX. Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization in writing and should not be acted upon when initially introduced. Upon initial introduction, the proposed amendments should be read in the general meeting, then read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should either a two-third majority of voting members (a quorum being present) The

constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

IX.a Quorum is at 51% active member attendance.

**Article X - Method of Dissolution of the Organization**

X.a A proposal for the dissolution of the organization must be presented at a general meeting by a member of the Executive Board. And voted upon in the same method as a constitutional amendment.

X.b The organization may not be re-established until one year has passed following dissolution.