**Constitution**

**Article 1 – Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization:**

Name: This organization shall be OSU CHAARG. OSU CHAARG is a chapter of the national organization, CHAARG.

Purpose: OSU CHAARG stands to enhance our members’ knowledge and experience of health, fitness, and overall wellness; provide opportunities for students to expand self-awareness by engaging in activities related to nutrition and fitness; empower members to enrich overall quality of life; promote and provide programming that will explore various forms of physical activity; host or travel to outside sources, such as certified and experienced professionals at meetings through the semester; serve a network for members to meet peers and expand friend group.

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.

**Article II – Membership:**

1. There shall be three (3) classes of members; voting, non-voting, and honorary.
2. Voting membership shall be open to any full/part-time graduate and undergraduate students admitted to Ohio State University
3. Non-voting membership shall be open to any student, and any member of the University faculty or administrative staff.
4. Honorary membership shall be open to any person desiring such membership, and elected to such membership by a majority of the voting members.
5. There shall be no limit on the number of members in OSU CHAARG.
6. Registration and payment will occur at the beginning of each semester. Registration will not be processed until the dues are fully paid. No one will be allowed to participate in OSU CHAARG activities until they have registered, thus they have paid their dues.
7. Removal of Members: If members conduct themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

# Article III- Organizational Leadership:

# a The voting membership will elect six voting members to form an executive committee to a term lasting one year. The officers of OSU CHAARG shall be named: PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP, VICE PRESIDENT MEDIA, EVENT COORDINATOR (2), and TREASURER.

President: shall be the Executive Officer of OSU CHAARG and shall preside over all meetings of OSU CHAARG and the Executive Board. He/she shall be a previous member of the Executive Board.

Vice-President of Membership: in the absence of the President, shall preside at all meetings of OSU CHAARG and of the executive board. The Vice-President of Membership serves as the main recruitment officer for OSU CHAARG.

Treasurer: shall be responsible for all fiscal matters of the student organization. The Treasurer will have final approval of all student organization expenditures, and must keep bank account and financial records.

Vice-President Media: shall act as Secretary, when needed, and keep the records of the minutes of the OSU CHAARG meetings as well as the Executive Board meetings. The Vice-President Media serves as a liaison to the public; providing opportunities for OSU CHAARG to be promoted to the community.

Event Coordinators (2): shall serve as the organizers of the OSU CHAARG meetings. The Event Coordinators serve as a liaison to health and fitness professionals interested in OSU CHAARG.

b Officer must be a matriculated student and be in good standing with their college.

c All officers serve for a term of ONE (1) YEAR or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified.

d Removal of officers: 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.

e Current executive members, based on a majority vote, shall elect the replacement officer. Replacement officer must satisfy requirements listed above.

**Article IV – Meetings of the Organization:**

1. Regular meetings of OSU CHAARG shall be held at least ten times a semester; the Executive Board with the approval of the voting members shall determine the time for such meetings.
2. Special meetings of OSU CHAARG may be called at any time by the Executive Board upon one week’s notice to each member or by a petition of a majority of the membership, submitted one week before the scheduled meetings.

**Article V –University Advisor:**

OSU CHAARG shall have a University Advisor who shall be a full or part time member of the University faculty, staff, or administration. The University Advisor shall be selected by the executive committee.

**Article VI – Amendments**

1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any member and shall be voted upon at the next meeting of the Student Organization. Voting cannot take place prior to seven days (one week) of the initial proposal.

b Amendments to this Constitution shall be the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all voting members as well as a unanimous approval of the Executive Board.

**Article VII – Dissolution**

a Proposed dissolution of OSU CHAARG must be presented in writing and read aloud at general body meeting. A secret ballot vote will be taken and counted by the President.

b 75% of the register voting membership must cast a vote.

c A 5/6 majority vote is required for dissolution.

d Upon dissolution of OSU CHAARG, all work, funds, and property by the organization will be donated to national organization, CHAARG.

**By-Laws**

Article I – Parliamentary Authority:

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 – Membership:

Basic criteria are described in Article II of this Constitution. Membership dues for voting members are $40 per quarter.

Article III – Elections:

1. Elections will take place the first week of Spring Semester.
2. All voting members shall be allowed to apply for an Executive Board position.
3. The previous Executive Board will meet and score applicants. The highest scored applicants will be slated based on the expertise of the Executive Board. Previous Executive Board members running for another or previous executive position will not be able to score applicants for that position of interest in order to avoid a conflict of interest and eliminate as much biasness as possible.
4. The slate will be shown to the members of OSU CHAARG and passed by a majority vote of those persons casting ballots.
5. Upon failure to pass of the initial slate, another slate hearing will be held until pass of majority vote of those persons casting ballots.
6. Officers will take office immediately following their election.

Article IIII – Executive Committee:

1. The Executive Board shall determine the policies and the activities of OSU CHAARG, discipline members, approve the budget, and have general management of OSU CHAARG.
2. The Executive Board shall meet regularly at least once a week and upon request of the President.

Article V – University Advisor:

1. The advisor ensures consistency of activities with stated purpose.
2. The advisor certifies academic standing of executive board members.
3. The advisor will assist the Treasurer with financial related matters of the group if necessary.

Article VI – Meeting Requirements:

1. The Executive Board shall determine the location of the OSU CHAARG meetings, and the President will determine the location of meeting of the Executive Board.
2. Two weeks notice shall be given to all members of OSU CHAARG prior to meetings.
3. At all meetings, a quorum shall be one half of the voting members. If less than a quorum is present, no official group business can be conducted.
4. Approval of matters brought before the group at a given meeting requires a majority vote from all members present as said meeting.

Article VII – Amendments of Bylaws:

1. Amendments must be submitted in writing and read aloud to the general body. The Amendments can be brought forward for a voting at the next meeting. Quorum is required and must be verified by VP Membership immediately prior to the vote. A 5/6 majority is required for ratification.