

## Constitution

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

**Section 1-- Name :** The Star Wars Club at The Ohio State University

**Section 2 – Purpose :** The purpose of The Star Wars Club at The Ohio State University is to create a dynamic and safe environment for all fans of Star Wars alike to come together and enjoy everything that Star Wars has to offer.

### **Section 3 – Non-Discrimination Policy**

**I.a.** 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. This organization will also not act as a “gatekeeper” to the Star Wars Community. Everyone shall be made comfortable voicing their opinions on Star Wars and no one shall be shamed for liking/disliking any part of the Star Wars community.

**I.b.** As a student organization at The Ohio State University, The Star Wars 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 Jedi Council.

### **Article III – Methods for 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.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), the executive board, in consultation with the organization's advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

**Article IV - Organization Leadership: *Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.***

Primary Leader (Grand Master)  
Secondary Leader  
Treasurer  
Advisor  
Social Media Chair

**IV.a** The board of officers will be referred to as "The Jedi Council". Members of The Jedi Council will devote time outside of regularly scheduled club meetings to plan meetings and events.

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

**V.a.** New members of the Jedi Council will be chosen based on a vote held by the current standing Council when needed. If not enough members reside on the Council to hold a proper vote, then the Primary Leader shall appoint new members themselves.

**V.b.** If the primary leader can no longer fulfill their duties due to health, family or other unforeseen issues, then the secondary leader will be granted the role of "interim primary leader" and will hold that position until the council can hold a vote on appointing a new and permanent leader.

**V.c.** If the council as a whole decides that the primary leader is not fit to lead then the council can conduct a vote among themselves and the club as a whole (not including the primary leader) to have them removed from office. If successful, duties of the primary leader will be assigned to the secondary leader (who can appoint a new secondary leader) until the council can hold a vote on a new permanent leader.

**V.d.** If the general body sees a member of the council as unfit to lead, the general body can hold a vote (without the council) to choose a member to replace that council member. If the vote is a success (vote is only successful with a 2/3 majority of the general body voting to replace). If successful, they will be removed from office and the remainder of the high council will appoint a new leader.

**Article VI - Executive Committee:** *Size and composition of the Committee.*

**VI.a.** The Executive Committee (like a board of trustees or directors) represents the general membership, conducts business of the organization between general meetings of the membership, and reports its actions at the general meetings of the membership. In many organizations, this Committee is composed of the organization leaders, chairpersons of the standing committees, and sometimes ex officio positions from related student organizations.

**Article VII - Standing Committees** (if needed): Names, purposes, and composition.

**VII.a** These committees serve the organization leadership, the Executive Committee, and general membership. Standing committees are permanent and designed to carry out the basic functions of the organization. Often chairpersons of these committees are appointed by the organization leadership.

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

**VIII.a.** Advisors of student organizations must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. If a person is serving as an advisor who is not a member of the above classifications, a co-advisor must be chosen who is a member of these University classifications. Responsibilities and expectations of advisors should be clearly and adequately described.

**Article IX – Meetings and events of the Organization:** *Required meetings and their frequency.*

**IX.a.** We are aware that college life is busy and stressful so to keep your status as a full time member, you are only required to make it to 50% of all organizational meetings. .

**Article X – Attendees of Events of the Organization**

**X.a.** 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. This organization holds the right to remove members from a meeting and potentially the organization itself.

**Article XI – Method of Amending Constitution:** Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.

**XI.a.** 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 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 – Method of Dissolution of Organization**

**XII.a.** Should this organization wish to disband; all debts must be paid in full by the organization. All assets that are owned by the organization may be distributed throughout the club by the Primary leader.

**XII.b.** The organization should only be disbanded if membership falls below requirements, or if the council does not see a future for the club any longer.