

# Constitution

*(For the following, (the) OSU refers to The Ohio State University.)*

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

**Section 1 - Name:** Game Nights *(Hereinafter referred to as The Organization.)*

**Section 2 - Purpose:** Create fun, growing, collaborative, and stress-free environments for OSU students, alumni, faculty, and staff to meet new people, think strategically, practice sportsmanship, win and learn to lose!

**Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy:** The Ohio State University is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity and to improve opportunities for all. The university is committed to equal opportunity, affirmative action, and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as a matter of law. Ohio State 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: 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 members who present to vote.

II. b. Memberships are open to OSU students, alumni, faculty and staff members who will go through an application and selection process. Events might be open to non-OSU members or community and details on the application will be provided in accordance.

## **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 The 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 Executive Committee members who attend to vote in consultation with the organization's advisor.

III. b. Any elected officer of The Organization 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 The 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 Committee 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 Committee, 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.**

IV. a. The Organization's leaders include the following: President is responsible for leading and determine the overall strategies of The Organization. Secondary Leader serves to support President in executing the plans. Treasurer will be handling all the financial-related matters. Advisor will provide advice on operations of The Organization.

IV. b. All leadership roles, including President (Primary Leader), Secondary Leader, Treasurer, and Advisor, are elected through voting procedures by the current Executive Committee. Leaders' terms of office are one year or until the transition of leaderships, whichever is later.

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

V. a. Leaderships are elected through voting procedures by Executive Committee. For any leader to be elected, two-thirds of the Executive Committee members need to present to vote, and the candidates who receive more approval votes than the others will be elected. Executive Committee reserves the right to terminate office of leadership as outlined above.

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

VI. a. Executive Committee is comprised of the following: President (Primary Leader), Secondary Leader, and Treasurer.

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

VII. a. Advisor is an OSU faculty member who is invited to serve as an advisor of The Organization, who will provide advice on operations of The Organization, attend organization meetings and events when possible, facilitate officer transition activities, provide historical context for The Organization, share university information with members, and mediate inter-personal conflict.

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

VIII. a. Each Executive Committee member is expected to attend every executive meeting unless for valid reasons and with prior notice.

**Article IX – Attendees of Events of the Organization: Required events and their frequency.**

IX. a. Members who help organize events should attend the events unless agreed upon otherwise.

IX. b. Members or Attendees who apply to attend events should show up on time. For three times of absences without two-day prior notice, a member might be removed of their membership status and need to go through the application and selection process again to regain their membership status within the membership application window. Attendees with three times of absences without two-day prior notice might become ineligible to application to events if agreed upon by Executive Committee.

IX. c. 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 X – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.**

X. 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 require more than half of approval votes of the Executive Committee members who present to vote. The Constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

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

XI. a. Dissolution of The Organization should require two-thirds of the voting members to vote and two-thirds of the votes agreeing to dissolve The Organization.