

Women In Gaming Constitution

ARTICLE I: Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization

Section 1 — Name: Women In Gaming Club

Section 2 — Purpose:

Our purpose is to facilitate a safe space for women and gender-nonconforming students at OSU to find community and expand their interests in video games.

Section 3 — Non-Discrimination Policy:

This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, HIV/AIDS status, genetic information, military status, protected veteran status, parental status, religion, national origin, pregnancy, race, color, and sex, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

ARTICLE II - Membership: Qualifications and Categories of Membership

The Women in Gaming Club is open to all students at Ohio State, with a focus on women and gender-nonconforming students. Students who have attended at least 1 meeting during the semester and identify as a woman or gender non-conforming individual will be given voting privileges. All other members will be listed as non-voting members.

ARTICLE III — Method for Removing Members and Executive Officers

The termination of a member within the organization will be up to the jurisdiction of Women In Gaming's leadership team and will be overseen by the organization's advisor. Their membership will be decided through a majority vote by the leadership team. The grounds for termination are based on whether the individual(s) violated the University's non-discrimination policy, other university policies, the Women In Gaming's policies, or broke the law.

Officers in the organization are subjected to removal like general members and their termination will be decided by a majority vote by the other officers. Cause of removal for an officer includes: violation of the University's non-discrimination policy, failure to uphold duties, behavior that damages the organization, violations of Student Code of Conduct, or violations of federal, state, or local laws.

ARTICLE IV — Organization Leadership: Titles, Terms of Office, Type of Selection, and Duties of the Leaders

- **President:**
 - Lead the organization's agenda and attend all board meetings.
 - Set precedent for all board and general members.
 - Lead transition of power for when they leave office.
 - Handle conflict with the organization in a diplomatic way.
 - Attend board meetings unless there is a reasonable excuse.
 - Will hold office for an entire academic year.
 - Will be elected by vote in the Spring.
- **Vice President:**
 - Be in as stand-by president for when the president is unavailable to lead.
 - Review and uphold the organization's agenda.
 - Handle conflict within the organization in a diplomatic way.
 - Attend board meetings unless there is a reasonable excuse.
 - Will hold office for an entire academic year.
 - Will be elected by vote in the Spring.
- **Treasurer:**
 - Handle transactional/financial responsibilities.
 - Take part in handling conflict within the organization in a diplomatic way.
 - Attend board meetings unless there is a reasonable excuse.
 - Will hold office for an entire academic year.
 - Will be elected by vote in the Spring.
- **Secretary:**
 - Be head of communications.
 - Draft and send out emails for all members.
 - Attend board meetings unless there is a reasonable excuse.
 - Update the roster on the student organization website.
 - Take meeting notes and document organizational activities.
 - Will hold office for an entire academic year.
 - Will be elected by vote in the Spring.
- **Advisor:**
 - Will oversee organization activities.
 - Will be encouraged to attend general meetings.
 - Will be strongly encouraged to attend board meetings.
 - If unable to attend board meetings, the advisor must be aware of the organization's activities.
 - May be asked to approve organizational requests.
 - Can hold their advisor position until they wish to resign.

ARTICLE V — Election/Selection of Organization Leadership

Section I: Eligibility

In order to be eligible to be a non-presidential position a person must meet these criteria:

- Be a voting member of the organization for at least two semesters.
- Have noticeable attendance for meetings.
- Have a recognizable passion for the organization.

In order to be eligible for the President position a person must meet these criteria:

- Be a voting member of the organization for at least three semesters.
- Have noticeable attendance for meetings.
- Have a recognizable passion for the organization.

Section II: Nomination

All eligible candidates will be nominated for their desired positions and will be placed on the ballot with their desired positions. However, eligible candidates can only pick up to two positions to run for.

Section II: Election

The candidates for executive board positions will be decided by voting by the members of the organization. All eligible voting members will be able to vote including the past/current executive board, excluding the advisor. Elections will always be held in the Spring unless there are special circumstances. Advisors will not be decided via election of the general body but by the approval of the current executive board.

Section III: Voting Procedure

The method for voting is at the discretion of the executive board whether it be via online form or with in-person ballots. The current President is obliged to organize the voting process and ensure that the process is fair. The Advisor is also permitted to oversee the election as well. If there were to be a tie in the voting process, there would be another round of voting amongst the tied candidates and if that also ended in another tie then the advisor would be allowed to cast the deciding ballot.

Section IV: Terms and Vacancies

Every position is given a one academic year term and in the Spring there will be an opportunity for an election. However, if no new candidates volunteer to run against the current board and no one steps down then there will be an option for the executive board to vote to not hold an election process for that Spring. If there are any vacancies in the President or Advisor positions, an election must be held immediately. Other positions have up to the Spring registration window to find replacements. If there are any vacancies excluding the President and Advisor after the Spring registration window, the organization will be permitted to remain pending and hold elections in the Autumn.

ARTICLE VI — Executive Board: Size and Composition of the Committee

The executive board will consist of the President, Vice president, Treasurer, and Secretary.

ARTICLE VII — Standing Committees: Names, Purposes, and Composition

Not applicable.

ARTICLE VIII — Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria

- Advisors of student organizations must be full-time members of the University faculty of 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.
- The duties of the advisor are to stay in contact with the executive board and sign off/approve checks.

ARTICLE IX — Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their Frequency

Meetings will be held biweekly; the specific day is subject to change based on cohort availability. There are no required meetings.

ARTICLE X — Method of Amending Constitution

Proposed amendments should be in writing, 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 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 XI — Method of Dissolution

If the executive board unanimously believes for the organization to be dissolved then it is the duty of the executive board to notify all members within the organization. If members protest the dissolution then there must be at least enough members to run for all executive board positions and take responsibility for the organization and go through an immediate election process even if it must be held in the Autumn. However, if there is no protest or any members willing to lead the organization, then the organization can dissolve. The Treasurer and Advisor will be responsible for ensuring that all debts and finances are dealt with. The President will be responsible for communicating with Student Activities for the organization to dissolve.

