

Constitution

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

I.a. Name: The name of this organization will officially be “Crazy Cool Crochet Club” though it may also be referred to as ‘Crochet Club’ as well.

I.b. Purpose: Crazy Cool Crochet Club seeks to provide a community to teach, learn and create through the art of crochet. The target membership includes any individuals who want to learn how to crochet.

I.c. Non-Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy:

Crazy Cool Crochet Club does not discriminate or tolerate discrimination 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, or employment. Discriminatory actions constitute grounds for removal from the organization.

*Additionally, as a student organization at The Ohio State University, Crazy Cool Crochet Club 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.

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.

II.a. Membership is attainable at any time, requires minimal attendance, and is reserved for current Ohio State Students or faculty. Members have the ability to vote in elections and amendments to this constitution, run for office, as well as other benefits throughout the term including those described in II.b

II.b. Crazy Cool Crochet club provides a community to learn how to crochet and provides community service opportunities. Members have the power to vote for future executive board members, propose future projects and participation in member exclusive events and meetings. Although membership is not required for participation in some cases, membership availability will be used to schedule organizations for maximum attendance.

II.c. 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 the 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.

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, prolonged lack of communication, 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:

IV. Organization leaders represent the Executive Committee and general membership and are elected or appointed from the ranks of the organization's voting membership. All leadership positions have a term of 2 semesters, running from the beginning of fall semester until the end of spring semester. All executive committee positions are chosen through an election. The duties of each executive committee position are as follows:

IV.a. Primary Leader (President) - controls administrative tasks (maintaining active status, reserving rooms), is in charge of communication, organizes events and collaborations, responsible for meeting programming

IV.b. Secondary Leader - organize outings, controls event scheduling

IV.c. Treasurer - Controls funding, plans meetings according to funds.

IV.d. Public Relations Chair - Controls public image

IV.e. Director of Programming - plans meetings, collaborations, and service events

IV.f. Secretary - Controls communication with organization, tracks attendance

IV.g. Advisor - Oversees organization conduct, maintains communication with primary leader, gives final approval on major decisions

Article V- Election / Selection of Organization Leadership

V.a Elections will be held in March of every spring semester in a general body meeting. Candidates may be established in meetings prior to the election through announcing intention to run for office and a request to be added onto the ballot. Elections will be voted upon by the voting membership.

V.b Ballots will be cast electronically through an online survey and ratified via electronic software.

V.c Eligibility for office is limited to current members who have attended at least 50% of the general body meetings.

V.d Under any circumstance through which a leadership position is left vacant an emergency election will be held during a general body meeting to fill the position.

Ve Leadership positions will be appointed in May.

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

VI 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 – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.

VII. 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. Any advisor(s) are expected to be informed of what projects or collaborations the organization is involved in, to be in communication with leadership, and ensure students within the organization are behaving in such a manner that reflects the values of the university and the organization during any organization events.

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

VIII. Two general meetings and attendance at all or 50% of events hosted may be required for membership each academic term except for summer.

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

IX. 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, the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law either through reprimand or removal.

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

X. Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization in writing (electronically or physically) 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 XI – Method of dissolution of Organization

XI. Dissolution will follow a vote of two-thirds majority of quorum votes or when there is a failure to follow the university recognition process for a full year. In the result of dissolution, financial assets of crochet club will be redirected to the student government association and all others to the department of student and campus life.