Constitution

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

**Section 1 - Name:**

Sports Card Club at Ohio State

**Section 2 - Purpose:**

The purpose of the Sports Card Club at Ohio State is to educate its members about the growing hobby of sports cards.

**Section 3 - Non- Discriminatory 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.

I.B. As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Sports Card Club at Ohio State 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. 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.

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

Primary Leader (President): One full year term elected by all members of the club. Interacting with all members and meeting their needs and wants, and organizing meetings.

Secondary Leader (Vice President): One full year term elected by all members of the club. Duties include overseeing the primary leader’s actions, and marketing the organization.

Treasurer: One full year term elected by all members of the club. Duties include interacting with outside organizations/businesses to host events, overseeing school funding.

Advisor: Tenured Term. Duties include overseeing members of the club as well as the actions of the board of officers

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

V.A. New members of the board of officers will be voted on by the current members of the board of officers

V.B. If the primary leader can no longer fulfill their duties due to personal reasons the secondary will take over the role of primary leader and a new secondary leader will be appointed.

V.C. If the general body as a whole believes a member of the board of leadership is not fit for their duties then that officer will be removed from the position and a new member will be voted in.

**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 comprised 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:**

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 are clearly and adequately described.

**Article IX – Meetings and events of the Organization:**

IX.A. Since college life can be busy only 50% attendance to meetings is required to be considered a full time member.

**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.

**Article XI – Method of Amending Constitution:**

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. This organization will be disbanded if required attendance can not be maintained.

XII.B. Upon the official dissolution of the organization, Student Activities staff must be contacted to remove organization information from the website.

**By-Laws**

**Article 1 – Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in parliamentary practice 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**

Membership is open to the undergraduate population of The Ohio State University. No fees are required. Students interested in the organization must contact the current president.

**Article III- Election / Appointment of Government Leadership**

Elections will be held at the beginning of September annually. Members wishing to become elected for officer positions can express their interest to the current president by the end of August. Voting will occur on a specified date of that year.

**Article IV- Executive Committee**

Executive committee will oversee the club and perform its previously outlined duties.

**Article V - Advisor/Advisory Board Responsibilities**

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**Article VI - Meeting Requirements**

Active members must attend meetings in specified format and areas for each specific meeting.

**Article VII - Method of Amending By-Laws**

By-laws may be amended by proposing in writing and reading the change at a general meeting of the membership and then bring the proposed change up for a vote at the next general meeting with a 2/3 majority vote of the membership present (a quorum being present).