

Hip-hop Club
The Ohio State University

Article 1 - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.

Section 1: Name: Hip-hop Club

Section 2 - Purpose:

Hip-hop Club is established for the purpose of allowing all Ohio State students to exercise their love for the hip-hop genre of music. In this club, students will be able to express and showcase their fandom of certain hip-hop songs, albums, artists, time-frames, sub-genres, etc. Through this club members will also be exposed to many new ideas in hip-hop, and thus may even possibly discover their new favorite song, artist, or album. Meetings will be held in a variety of formats, including presentations from the members and listening sessions where we analyze music, debates, freestyle competitions, field trips (such as local rap concerts), and more. Overall, we want to spread our admiration for hip-hop with others and give students a medium to express their own appreciation for it as well.

- More descriptive explanations regarding the activities that will be partaken in during Hip-hop Club Meetings:
- Important Note: The items listed below are subject to change and will do so as the year goes on. New types of meetings will be added, and changes will be made with the help of general body member input to ensure the highest level of enjoyment for everyone.
 - Presentations From Members:
 - Different members each week will create a presentation in a style of their choice (such as a slide show, simply speaking on its own, a video, etc.) on a certain aspect of hip-hop.
 - Any member with a desire to present at a meeting can talk to the president or any other member of the executive board (either after a club meeting or through email) to plan out a time slot for their respective presentation.
 - Before a presentation is shown during a scheduled meeting, it must be checked by the executive members. Such can be completed by sending the presentation to one of the executive members through email.
 - Listening Sessions:
 - During these, peers in Hip-Hop Club will enjoy each other's company while listening to certain types of hip-hop music.
 - All members will get input on what is played next and can add certain songs to the queue.
 - Food will be provided and discussions will be held relating to songs that are played and people's opinions on them.
 - Certain songs, as chosen by the members, will be analyzed more in-depth throughout their run-time.
 - Debates

- The floor will be opened by any member(s) who wants to state an opinion on an aspect of Hip-Hop. A rebuttal can then be made by any other member, hopefully leading to a full-blown, respectful discussion that evolves and takes on different topics.
 - Debates will remain respectful and executive members hold the right to end a certain debate if flagrant comments are made by either side.
- Freestyle Competitions:
 - Based on the population who want to participate, a bracket will be made to provide structure for the freestyle competitions.
 - An instrumental will be played and respective members will freestyle over such beats.
 - The winner of each round will be determined by a vote of all the people at each meeting.
 - Different prizes will be allotted to the winners of each freestyle contest.
- Field Trips
 - Organized trips outside of campus to local concerts or other locations relating to hip-hop will be organized by the executive board and details will be released to general body members as they are confirmed.

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.”

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As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Hip-hop 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.

Membership shall be open to anyone who has an interest in the music genre of hip-hop and who is on good terms with The Ohio State University itself.

To be listed as an active member who can run for leadership positions, one must attend a minimum of 4 meetings before the time of the election.

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.

The removal of any general body members or executive officers can only be approved by a unanimous vote by the executive board, with the reasons for removal being valid due to the member in question either violating the Ohio State code of conduct or conducting themselves in a manner resulting in the club not being able to function properly.

Article IV - Organization Leadership.

Leadership Positions and Their Duties:

- President:
 - The president will plan and run all club meetings.
 - The president will plan and run all executive member meetings.

- The president will keep close contact with the advisor and implement the strategies suggested by the advisor.
- The president will have the responsibility of communicating with the general body members about actions relating to the club.
- Secondary Leader:
 - The secondary leader will assist the president with any of their respective tasks when asked of them and when such request is within reason.
 - The secondary leader will respond to prospect members on information needed to join the Hip-hop
- Treasurer:
 - The Treasurer will assist the president with any of their respective tasks when asked of them and when such request is within reason.
 - The Treasurer will be responsible for stepping in for the president whether it be long periods of absence or single-meeting absences.
 - The Treasurer will deal with all monetary items relating to the club that may arise as the size of the club grows.

More positions may be added as needs for the organization grow and different members with different skill sets join the club.

For all of the aforementioned leadership positions, terms of office will either last until the position is given up by the member themselves, the member is removed from their position, or such person graduates/is no longer a member of The Ohio State University.

Leadership positions will be elected or created through a unanimous vote by the already standing executive body.

Article V - Election / Selection of Organization Leadership.

Any active member of the club will be eligible to run for a leadership position when either a certain leadership position becomes vacant or a new one is created. The member running for a position may do so in any manner that they see fit as long as it is not at the expense of any other member of the club. Members will be chosen/elected through a majority vote of the executive body and will attain their roles in their respective positions immediately. Elections will take place only when a position is vacated or created.

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

The executive committee will always inform the general body of decisions made within the executive committee and how such decisions will impact the running of the club.

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

The advisor will attend all general and executive meetings that they desire to and that their schedules allow them to. The advisor will oversee all necessary actions of the club and may assist with anything they desire. They may offer suggestions about changes in the club they

want to see or may make orders about what changes in the club must occur as well. On top of this, they will oversee the elections of leadership positions along with the removal of any members including those in leadership positions.

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

General meetings will be held biweekly at a time and location chosen by the executive board before the beginning of each semester. These times and locations are subject to change and will be communicated through social media and group messaging platforms. Executive board meetings will be on opposite weeks from general body meetings.

Article IX - Meetings and events of the Organization: Required events and their frequency.

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.

Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by either any member of the general body or any member of the executive board and are passed by a unanimous vote by the executive board. A member of the general body may propose an amendment to any member of the executive body by means of email or direct discussion during a general meeting.

Article XI - Method of Dissolution of Organization

If the Hip-hop club is dissolved for any reason, all of the remaining debts are to be paid by the active executive body. Monetary assets still available to the club are to be donated to the nonprofit organization *Hip Hop For Change*.