Constitution of the Ohio State University
Student Chapter of Competitive Programming Club

Article I Name

1. This organization shall be called Competitive Programming Club at the Ohio State University. In the constitution it is referred to as the Chapter; the Ohio State University is referred to as OSU; the Competitive Programming Club is referred as CPC.

Article II Purpose

1. The Chapter is organized and will be operated exclusively for educational and scientific purposes to promote the following:

   a. An increased knowledge of and greater interest in the science, design, development, construction, languages, management and applications of modern computing.

   b. Greater interest in computing and its applications.

   c. A means of communication between persons having an interest in computing.

2. The Chapter will serve students at the Ohio State University and other interested persons in the Columbus, Ohio community.

Article III Membership

1. Membership in the Student Chapter shall be open to all CPC members and nonmembers.

2. Removal of members is under the discretion of the leadership team. For circumstances in which a current member needs to be removed from the club, said member will be given notice from one of the officers. They will no longer be permitted to attend weekly meetings and any events held by CPC. If said member fails to abide by these restrictions, campus security will be notified.

Article IV Non-Discrimination Policy

1. 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.

2. As a student organization at The Ohio State University, The Competitive Programming 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 V Officers

1. The officers of this Chapter shall be: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers constitute the Council.

2. The Chapter must have one of the following:

   a. One chair and one Vice Chair.

   b. One chair and two Vice Chair.

   c. Two Co-chairs.

   d. Two Co-chairs and one Vice Chair.

3. The Chapter may have a Treasurer and a Secretary. The Chapter may combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

4. The Chapter may have a maximum number of seven officers. Besides Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, at most two extra officers may be established.

5. The officers shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast at the annual election meeting. They shall take office in January and serve for one year.

6. If an officer chooses to remain in their position for the following year, the leadership team holds the right to remove that position from contention in the annual election.

7. No member may serve in the office of Chair or Vice Chair for more than two consecutive years.

8. Under circumstances that result in the need to remove an officer from their position:

   a. A formal request must be presented to the current President of the club. If the
request regards the President’s removal, the request shall be presented to the Vice President.
b. A hearing will be held by the President or Vice President in which the officer under review will be notified of the issues in question and have the opportunity to plead their case.
c. A vote from the leadership team will be taken. If a majority consensus is reached, the officer in question will be removed from their position.
d. In the case that an officer is removed, the President will assume the duties of said officer until a new individual is promoted to the position. In the case that the President is removed, the Vice President will assume the President role.
e. After a removal, the President will choose to either:
   i. expedite an election for the vacant position
   ii. continue performing the vacant role or pass the duties to a willing officer until the annual officer election

Article VI Duties of Officers

1. The Chair is the principal officer and is responsible for leading the Chapter and managing its activities. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the chapter and of its Executive Council. The Executive Council shall consist of the Chapter officers, the Chapter Sponsor, and chairs of the Chapter's standing committees.

2. The Vice Chair shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chair, assist the Chair in the management of the Chapter, and perform other duties that may be assigned by the Chair.

3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Chapter and Executive Council meetings. Other duties of the Secretary include:

   a. Maintaining the records of the Chapter.

   b. Performing other duties as assigned by the Chair.

4. The Treasurer shall collect dues, pay all bills, and maintain the Chapter's financial records. Other duties of the Treasurer include:

   a. Preparing the Chapter's Annual Financial Report for presentation to the Chapter at the Annual Election meeting.

   b. Performing other duties as assigned by the Chair.

Article VII Chapter Sponsor

1. The Student Chapter Sponsor shall be a voting member of CPC and either a member of the faculty or full-time staff of OSU.
2. The Student Chapter Sponsor shall be selected by the Executive Council immediately following the Election Meeting. The selection shall be confirmed by OSU Office of Student Life.

3. The Student Chapter Sponsor shall be generally responsible for the activities of the Chapter. Duties of the Sponsor include:

   a. Helping provide continuity from year to year as student leadership and personnel change.

   b. Promoting good student-faculty relationships.

   c. Helping maintain university standards in all activities of the Chapter.

   d. Exercising financial supervision, if necessary, by promoting prompt payment of bills and collection of dues, and overseeing the settlement of all accounts in the event of dissolution of the Chapter.

   e. Representing the Chapter interests to the faculty and administration.

4. In case the Chapter holds a meeting after sunset time which involves underage students (under eighteen), the sponsor must be in attendance. In the event that the appointed sponsor is not available, another faculty member or a local area professional approved by OSU, can be assigned to chaperone evening meetings.

**Article VIII Executive Council**

1. The Executive Council shall consist of the Chapter officers and the Student Chapter Sponsor.

2. The term of the members of the Executive Council shall be coincident with the terms of the officers. They shall take office in January and serve for one year.

**Article IX Committees**

1. With the advice of the Chapter's Executive Council, the Chair may appoint committees as appropriate.

2. A committee must consist of at least three members of the Chapter, and one of them must be either a voting member of CPC or a member of the faculty, full-time staff, or full-time student of OSU.

3. The description and members list of a committee shall be announced to all members by the Chair.
Article X Meetings and Amendment

1. Meetings shall be held as planned by the Executive Council. The Chapter shall hold meetings only in places that are open and accessible to all members of the Association.

2. The Annual Election meeting should be held at the last meeting of the semester. At this meeting, the Secretary and Treasurer each shall present the required reports. Also, the election of officers shall be held. Written notices of all meetings shall be distributed to all members at least one week prior to any meeting.

3. All proposed changes to the Chapter Constitution require both a plurality of votes cast and approval by the Executive Council.

4. Officers will be elected by a plurality of votes cast.

Article XI Disbursements and Dues

1. Disbursements from the Treasury for Chapter expenditures shall be made by the Treasurer with the authorization of the Executive Council and shall be included in the minutes of its meetings.

2. Dues shall be fixed annually by the Executive Council.

Article XII Dissolution of the Chapter

1. Dissolution of this Chapter by consent of the members shall consist of unanimous agreement of all its officers together with a majority vote at a meeting which has been publicized in advance to all members of the Chapter for the purpose of taking this vote.