Men’s Water Polo Club at Ohio State 2022-2023 Constitution

Preamble:

We the people of the Men’s Water Polo Club at Ohio State hereby set forth in this constitution on this day, the 19th of August 2022, the purpose and laws of our club.

Article I: Name

Our official name shall be the Men’s Water Polo Club at Ohio State.

Article II: Purpose

The Water Polo Club will work to further the ability of any individual water polo player through practice, competition, and instruction.

Article III: Membership

All OSU students, graduate or undergraduate, are qualified for membership as well as any employees of the University. We will not discriminate for any reason, including but not limited to: 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 basis in accordance with Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines.

A member in good standing will be defined as having paid team dues and will be granted the opportunity to travel. Those who cannot complete the payment of dues in full will not be punished and given options to complete the payments in increments. They will have the option of paying two payments with one per semester or 4 payments with two per semester. As long as the payments are complete by the dates set by the President and his council, the member will be allowed to participate in club activities. If the member does not pay by the set deadline they will not be allowed to practice or participate in any tournaments until their debts are settled.

**Article IV: Code of Student Conduct**

The Ohio State University Code of Student Conduct applies to the team and its individual members.

Article V: Meetings

Meetings will be held when needed and times will be set by the President and his council.

Article VI: Officers

The club has a President. The President holds all rights to control the club. Elected by the club, there will be a council of members to help him with his duties. This includes, but not limited to, a secretary, risk manager, treasurer, and Vice-President.

Article VII: Elections

Elections for a new President and council will be held during spring semester each year. The election for President and other officer positions will be held if and only if the current holders of that position wish to resign or a 2/3 vote by the team has been cast for removal. The new President and council shall take control immediately following an election in order to organize the club for a new year.

Article VIII: Funds

Fees and collections from members, the school, and fundraisers will be held in an account until used for club purposes. The President and his council will distribute funds when necessary to help pay for expenses. All members of the club are required to pay a fee determined by the President and his council.

Article IX: Advisor

The advisor need not be a member of the club. The advisor acts as an advisor for the club for The Department of Recreational Sports.

Article X: Coach

A coach or coaches will be hired only if deemed necessary by the President, his council, and the members of the club. Coaches need not be affiliated with the University. The coach will be paid a reasonable amount (based on available club funds) for his services or unpaid if he/she is willing. Travel and lodging at away tournaments will be paid for by the club, regardless if the coach is paid or volunteer. If the coach is a member of the club as a student, staff, faculty, or alumni, he will be an officer on the President’s council. Duties for the coach will be determined by the President.

Article XI: Travel and Competition

The Men’s Water Polo Club at Ohio State will travel to competition held by any water polo team deemed appropriate by the President and his council. Home tournaments will be set up by the President and his council and invitations to such tournaments will be sent out to teams deemed appropriate by the President and his council.

Article XII: Officer Dismissal

The dismissal of an officer or the President must be brought to the attention of the President or his council, by a general member of the club with a petition with at least four total signatures of general members. After the petition is brought to the council and President, there will then be a hearing where the officer in question is able to defend their position on the council, or as President. A majority vote by the council and President (excluding the officer under question) will remove the officer from the position. The remaining council members and President will then decide on a replacement, with a majority vote needed to be reached. There will be no financial reimbursement for a dismissed officer.

Article XIII: General Member Dismissal

The dismissal of a general member must be brought to the attention of the President or his council, by a general member of the club with a petition with at least four total signatures of general members. After the petition is brought to the council and the President, there will then be a hearing where the general member in question is able to defend their membership in the club. A majority vote by the council and President is needed to dismiss a general member. There will be no financial reimbursement for a dismissed general member.

Article XIV: Amendments

Amendments to the constitution can only be made by the President.

**Article XV: Continuity in Case of Suspension**

If the team is suspended for violating the Code of Student Conduct, Competitive Sports will appoint an Interim President and an Interim Treasurer. The Interim President and Interim Treasurer may (1) transfer signatures and check writing authority for the organization’s bank account to themselves within thirty days of the suspension, (2) pay existing financial obligations out of the organization’s current funds, and (3) when the period of suspension ends, take appropriate steps with Student Activities to re-register as a student organization. Further, the Interim President and Interim Treasurer shall inventory the organization’s equipment and write a plan for its storage and safekeeping during the suspension period. This plan must be submitted to Competitive Sports within the first thirty days of the suspension. During this suspension no new coaches or staff should be hired during this time. All club assets are frozen during this suspension period meaning nothing should be bought or sold during this time. Should the Interim President or Interim Treasurer wish to take any additional actions, they must seek advance approval from Competitive Sports.

**Article XVI: Return to Competitive Sports**

In order to return as a recognized Sport Club team, The Interim President must provide Competitive Sports with documentation that team is a recognized student organization. The Interim President must also provide a roster of at least 15 students to Competitive Sports along with a written plan to hold elections. This plan should, to the extent possible due to the terms, length and timing of the suspension, resemble the provisions contained in Article XV.