BuckeyeFurs Constitution

***Article I: Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination policies***

Section 1 - Name: This organization shall be named “BuckeyeFurs” (hereafter referred to as the “Club”)

Section 2 - Purpose:The purpose and objectives of the Club are to:

* Create opportunity for furries attending Ohio State to find others that share their interest
* Provide a safe space for furries attending Ohio State to foster community

Section 3 - Non-discrimination Policy:

The Club 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, and admission.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, BuckeyeFurs expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct.

If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at [http://titleIX.osu.edu](http://titleix.osu.edu) or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at [titleIX@osu.edu](mailto:titleIX@osu.edu).

***Article II: Membership qualifications and categories of membership***

Section 1 - Members:

Any person that has attended at least one event may be made a club member by communicating to one of the officers and added to the roster. Membership is not limited to those the main campus.

Members of the club that are currently enrolled as a student are guaranteed a direct line of communication via group chat, and access to indoor and outdoor events.

Section 2 - Guests:

Guests are defined as people that participate in club activities but are not currently enrolled as a student. Guests cannot vote for officers.

Guests must have communication with an officer and allowed permission before being able to join the event. Guests are allowed to participate in an event just as a member, but are responsible for their own conduct and transportation to and from campus, if applicable.

Section 3 - Removal:

If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the Club’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 Club’s advisor.

Club members may be subject to removal proceedings due to behavior outside of club activities, if said behavior conflicts with or is contrary to the Club’s constitution, violates the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or any federal, state, or local laws.

***Article iii: title, terms of office, and duties of organization leadership***

Section 1 - Primary Leader:

The Primary leader shall assist club members and enforce rules. The Primary Leader can plan, organize, and advertise events or meetings. The Primary Leader can make decisions pertaining to the Club if a vote is tied or a decision pertaining to the organization cannot be reached.

Section 2- Secondary leader

The Secondary leader shall assist club members and enforce rules. The secondary leader can plan, organize, and advertise events or meetings.

Section 3 - Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for any and all funds handled by the organization. The Treasurer shall assist club members and enforce rules. The Treasurer can plan, organize, and advertise events or meetings.

Section 4 - Advisor

The Club Advisor may be removed from their position based on a 2/3rds vote of the Club’s leadership and executive officers.The Advisor may review the Club’s constitution and make recommendations to the Club’s leadership and executive officers.

Section 5:

All officers will serve for 1 school cycle, and may be permitted to serve more than one term in a row.

***Article iv: Selection and removal of leadership and executive officers***

Section 1 - Eligibility:

Only members who are currently enrolled in Ohio State may participate in the election of the club leadership and executive officers, and only members can be nominated for club leadership and executive officers. Any member can have a leadership position

Section 2 - Nomination:

Applications for nominations start the second to last month of spring semester. Applicants must submit a short personal bio, reasoning for wanting leadership, and the role they are applying for.

Section 3 - Voting:

Voting starts the first week of the final month of Spring semester, votes can be submitted electronically or by hand. The current President is in charge of collecting the votes. At least two current officers shall count the votes and the officers for next term should be announced before the end of the semester.

Section 4- - Removal:

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.

Once an issue is brought to attention, a document detailing the proposal for removal and reasoning for the proposal should be given to the officer being removed. Said officer may give a defense. Then, other officers and the advisor may act on the removal upon a 2/3rds vote.

***Meeting and events of the organization***

Section 1 - Meetings:

Meetings occur at a designated club meeting space. Decisions pertaining to club leadership, policies, membership, and methodology can be done here. Happen consistently at least once a month.

If no meeting space has been determined by the beginning of the term, a meeting space must be determined within 30 days of the semester starting.

Section 2 - Outdoor Events:

Outdoor events are defined as events that happen outside a building but within the boundaries of the main Ohio State campus. Use discretion as needed, members are responsible for their own individual belongings and accessories. Outdoor events should happen consistently at least once a month.

Section 3 - Off-Campus Events:

Off-campus events are defined as recreational events that happen outside the boundaries of the main Ohio State campus. Members are in charge of their own safety when outside campus. Ultimately, transportation is up to every individual member.

Section 4:

Certain events not hosted by and not affiliated with the student organization may be discussed and advertised within the club space. *Members are responsible for their own property, safety, and conduct during such events.*

**Constitution Amendments**

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.