

# **Billiards Club Constitution**

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

Section 1- Name: Billiards Club

Section 2- Purpose: To develop a sense of community around the hobby of billiards and pool through 8-ball, 9-ball, 10-ball, One Pocket, Snooker, and similar games. To provide a location and means for students who share the love of billiards and pool to play with their peers.

Section 3- Non-Discrimination Policy: This organization adheres exactly to the Ohio State nondiscrimination policy, which states, "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."

## ***Article II - Membership: Qualifications and Categories of Membership***

Anyone is welcome to attend Billiards Club including students from other universities, graduate students, faculty, and alumni as general members. However, only undergraduate and graduate students at The Ohio State University who attend at least 40% of meetings will also be qualified as voting members.

## ***Article III - Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers***

If a member conducts themselves in a way detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the Ohio State University Student Code of Conduct, they shall be removed through a majority vote of the voting members or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor for determining method of removal.

Any elected officer may be removed for sufficient cause. Sufficient cause for removal includes but is not limited to violation of the constitution or by-laws, any conduct deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the club, or consistent failure to complete assigned duties on time. An officer can be removed from Billiards Club by a 2/3 member vote or a unanimous vote from the other officers.

## ***Article IV - Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders***

The following are positions available in Billiards Club as well as a description of the duties of each. All offices are awarded by majority vote of the club's voting members, but all nominees must be approved by the President of the club. All officers are strongly encouraged to attend every club meeting if possible.

President: The position of "President" is to be held by an undergraduate or graduate student with a good understanding of most mainstream pocket billiards games and possessing enough skill in these games to demonstrate basic strategy and general rules. The President must approve all nominees for office before they are put to a vote\*. In the event that the President denies a member the chance at being voted into a position, the Vice President and the Treasurer can overrule his decision if both are in agreement. However, if the President approves a nominee, the Vice President and Treasurer cannot deny the nominee in opposition to the President's decision. Additionally, the President is responsible for organizing events such as tournaments and submitting any costs to the treasurer for approval.

\*Exception: If an officer other than the Club Player is stepping down or fired, the President may not deny the nomination of any replacements.

Vice President: The position of "Vice President" is to be held by an undergraduate or graduate student with a good understanding of most mainstream pocket billiards games. The Vice President is not required to have any demonstrable skill in pocket billiards. He, with the Treasurer, can overrule a negative Presidential decision if both of them agree to do so. The Vice President can also submit event ideas to - and request approval for club funds from - the Treasurer without the approval of the President.

Treasurer: The position of "Treasurer" is to be held by an undergraduate or graduate student with a good understanding of most mainstream pocket billiards games. The Treasurer is not required to have any demonstrable skill in pocket billiards. They, with the Vice President, can overrule a negative Presidential decision if both of them agree to do so. The Treasurer cannot submit ideas for the use of club funds to himself for approval. Instead, he must convince either the President or the Vice President to submit the option.

#### ***Article V: - Adviser Responsibilities***

The advisor for Billiards Club is not required to make any leadership decisions. They are not required to be at meetings. It is recommended that they have some knowledge of and interest in pocket billiards. It is recommended that they assist in the instruction of beginner students. The advisor is REQUIRED to respond to any club-related emails he receives by at least referring the party emailing him to the President and is permitted to answer any questions about the club that he is able to answer.

#### ***Article VI- Description of Meetings***

Billiards Club will meet at the designated meeting spot (this location may change over the organization's lifespan) once a week. The day and time of the meeting will be put to a vote each semester, with time options submitted for vote by either the President or the Vice President or the Treasurer. Most weeks, this meeting will be used to play pool together and interact with other club members. After submission by one of the Presidents and approval by the Treasurer, all club events and fund usage must be put to a vote at this meeting and will require a majority vote by present voting members to pass. Appointments made will take effect immediately after a successful vote. Event planning can begin immediately after the event is passed.

#### ***Article VII- Amendments to this Document***

To amend this document, the President must submit an amendment for vote at the next club meeting, and 2/3 of the voting members must vote "yes" on the amendment.

#### ***Article VIII- Method of Dissolution***

All club assets will be given to the club by way of vote at the final club meeting. All debts owed by the club will be paid by the President, the Vice President, and the Treasurer, with each paying an equal share of the debt. The club can ONLY be dissolved by majority vote at the final club meeting. If the majority votes to keep the club intact, new officers can be nominated by any club member at that meeting to replace any officers who are leaving the club.

#### ***Article XI: Sexual Misconduct Statement***

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Billiard 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](mailto:titleIX@osu.edu).