# Criminal Minds Society Constitution 2023-2024

## ARTICLE I – Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy

**Section 1 – Name:** The name of this organization shall be the *Criminal Minds Society*.

**Section 2 - Purpose:** Our organization would like to establish a club among peers based on our shared enjoyment of the show Criminal Minds. Together, we will be able to analyze the psyche of the unknown subjects and hypothesize what goes into the fictional killers' thoughts. Each episode is able to offer a unique perspective, so we would have the opportunity to discuss a variety of motives and scenarios. As a club, we can watch episodes of the show together, discuss topics from episodes, and participate in fun activities based on the show and characters. Our goal is to provide educational and service aspects to the club through various events/meetings that the club holds.

**Section 3 – Non-Discrimination Policy:** Criminal Minds Society 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.

1. Criminal Minds Society expects members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members must adhere to Policy 1.15: <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

**Section 1 – Membership Qualifications:** The voting membership of this club shall consist of students currently enrolled at The Ohio State University’s Columbus campus.

1. Students will be recognized as members once all membership dues are paid in full.
2. Faculty, alumni, professionals, etc. can be members, but they will be non-voting, honorary members of the organization.

## ARTICLE III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

**Section 1 –** **Removing Members:** 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.

**Section 2 – Removing Officers:** Any elected officer of the organization may be removed from their position for the reasons following but 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.

**Section 3 – Suspending Members/Officers:** 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.

## ARTICLE IV – Organization Leadership

**Section 1 – General Leadership Information:** All student leadership positions will be held for a term of one year from one election to the next. Selection for all student positions will occur through general body elections, and details are contained in Article V.

1. President / Primary Leader – The student elected to this position will lead both general body and executive board meetings and will be required to complete annual university training
2. Vice President / Secondary Leader – The student elected to this position will take over presidential duties in that student’s absence and will also take on additional duties as assigned by the president
3. Treasurer – The student elected to this position will oversee all monetary assets of the organization, will be responsible for applying to any university funding that the club is interested in, and will be required to complete annual university training
4. Secretary – The student elected to this position will record minutes for general body and executive board meetings and will send out any club emails/notifications
5. Director of Marketing – The student elected to this position will run all social media accounts for the organization and will be also be focused on advertising to obtain and retain members
6. Director of Fundraising – The student elected to this position will be responsible for leading any fundraising events planned for the organization
7. Advisor – The staff/faculty member who takes on the responsibilities of the advisor will approve registration and organization goals annually and participate in university training every 2 years

## ARTICLE V – Election / Selection of Organization Leadership

**Section 1 – Elections Procedure:** Elections of all student leadership positions shall be held annually during the second session of the spring semester by utilizing a general body vote.

1. Individuals will apply for officer positions prior to the elections, or they can be nominated during the designated elections meeting.
2. Voting will occur using a blind ballot, and the winner will be determined based on a simple majority vote.
3. Only full, voting members can vote in elections. To be considered a voting member, you must be a student currently enrolled at The Ohio State University’s Columbus campus who has paid their dues.
4. In the case of a tie in an officer election, the current executive board will vote using a simple majority to determine the winner of the election. In the case that the executive board vote also ties, the advisor will determine the winner.
5. The term of office of all officers shall be one year from one election to the next. This allows for the training of new officers from the election until the end of the spring semester.

## ARTICLE VI – Executive Committee: Size and composition of the Committee

**Section 1 – Executive Committee Size and Composition:** The executive committee, also known as the executive board, will be comprised of the organization leaders as outlined in Article IV.

## ARTICLE VII – Adviser(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria

**Section 1 – Advisor Qualifications:** Advisers of student organizations must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff.

1. If a person is serving as an adviser who is not a member of the above classifications, a co-adviser must be chosen who is a member of these University classifications.
2. The advisor(s) duties have been outlined in Article IV.

## ARTICLE VIII – Meetings of the Organization

**Section 1 – General Body Meetings:** The organization shall meet at least monthly for general body meetings.

**Section 2 – Executive Team Meetings:** The executive team shall meet as needed with a minimum of two meetings per semester.

**Section 3 – Meeting Cancellations:** General body meetings and executive team meetings can be cancelled during holiday/vacation periods or at the discretion of the executive team.

## ARTICLE IX – Attendees of Organization Meetings/Events

**Section 1 – Attendee Behavior:** The organization reserves the right to address member or event attendee behavior where the member or attendee behavior is disruptive or otherwise not in alignment with the organization’s constitution. This includes disrupting other attendees, disrupting other people in the vicinity of the meeting/event, or not being in alignment with the organization constitution, the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local law.

## ARTICLE X – Method of Amending Constitution

**Section 1 – Amending Constitution:** Proposed amendments should be made in writing and unanimously approved by the executive team before it is presented at a general body meeting. Then, at the following general body meeting, the proposal will be read again and voted on. To be passed, it will require a 2/3 majority vote of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not.

## ARTICLE IX – Method of Dissolution of Organization

**Section 1 – Duration of Club:** This club shall exist so long as it continues to function in accordance with the provisions ofthis constitution or until it is terminated.

**Section 2 – Termination:** For dissolution of this organization, there needs to be a unanimous vote within the executive board. Then, a vote will take place within the general body that will require a near unanimous vote. To elaborate, the organization will continue to exist so long as there is adequate membership to fill leadership positions in addition to an advisor. The organization will be terminated in the case that there is not such adequate membership voting to maintain the club’s active status.

**Section 3 –** **After Termination:** Upon termination of this club, all assets and debts will be handled by the treasurer and the President or Vice President will be responsible for contacting Student Activities staff to remove organization information from the website.