

Ohio State Club Football Constitution

ARTICLE I - Name

- The Ohio State University Club Football Program

ARTICLE II - Purpose

- The OSUCF was established to provide an opportunity for students that still have a love for the game and are looking to continue playing football at an organized level. It is meant to provide a competitive atmosphere where we play against other club programs in the National Club Football Association (NCFA).

ARTICLE III - Membership

- Any member registered with at least 6 credit hours and a 2.0 GPA at The Ohio State University is qualified for membership, per NCFA rules. Our club also adopts the university's non-discrimination policy statement (see below).
 - Per NCFA rules, only 50 players are allowed on a roster. In the event OSUCF exceeds that number, roster cuts will be made by coaches and officers. However, players who are cut may remain members and participate as practice squad players for the remainder of the season, if they so choose.
 - Members are required to be at every scheduled team event unless they have a valid excuse (See Article IV) to not be at the event. Players are expected to notify a position coach or team officer if they will be missing a team event no later than the start of the event.
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- In the event the officers must cut a prospective player, the officers will evaluate the decision along with the head coach based on a number of factors. Those include but are not limited to:
 - Is the prospective player one of the best 50 players?
 - o While Ohio State does not limit the number of players a Club Sport may have, the Club Football governing body (NCFA) limits each roster to 50 players per season.
 - What determines who are the best 50?
 - o Does the prospective player fit best with the team depth chart? Example: Should the team have 3 quarterbacks but only 6 linemen and there is only one spot left, a player who plays offensive line would be selected to make the team over a quarterback due to the need for multiple players at that position.
 - o Can the prospective player physically protect himself and others? The nature of football is very violent and can cause anyone serious injury. A prospective player must be able to execute proper tackling techniques and form in order to protect themselves and others from serious physical injury.
 - *In the event that the answer to any of the previous questions is “no”, the officers reserve the right to remove a prospective player from on-field participation, regardless of the remaining roster spots described above.*
 - o Is the prospective player able to regularly attend practice and commit to learning the playbook?

- o Does the prospective player have the ability to execute drills in practice to a degree that is beneficial to themselves and the team?
 - **Anyone cut from the roster or removed from on-field participation may remain a member of the club and serve in a support capacity, such as film and management.**
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- A member is expected to attend practice regularly and notify a coach or club officer if they cannot attend.
- If a member is found to have violated The Ohio State University Student Code of Conduct, they are subject to disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by team officers and coaches, in addition to any discipline handed down by the University.
- Club dues are required for membership. First time members will have an added membership fee for equipment and jersey expenses. The amount is approximately \$250 for first time players. All player dues are non-refundable unless otherwise agreed upon by a majority vote of the officer board.
- If a member has not paid their club dues in full by Oct. 1, they are not allowed to participate in ANY competition or travel until the full amount is paid. In addition, a member cannot receive their game jersey until the full cost of the jersey is received.
- A member has the right to withdraw from the club at any time.
- A member can be terminated from the club if probable cause is brought to the attention of the officers or coach and a majority vote is achieved by the ranking officers.
- This organization and its members shall not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its education program or activity, which includes employment.

ARTICLE IV - Playing Time

- Playing time shall be determined by a prospective players' skill set and overall athleticism compared to other members of the program and opponents. Playing time is awarded to those players who display excellent athleticism and the ability to physically compete with the opposing team(s). Knowledge of the playbook also heavily factors into a prospective players' playing time.
- Playing time will also be determined from an athlete's attendance to weekly practices, games, and other mandatory events. If a player does not have valid reasoning (See below) for not attending a team event, then the coaching staff and team leaders can withhold playing time.
 - o Valid Excuses for missing team events-
 - Scheduled Classes/ Exams
 - Family events
 - Medical or other pre-planned appointments

- A prospective player can be held out of practice or competition for a variety of reasons. These include but are not limited to;
 1. Physical Injury – ie. Not cleared by OSU Athletic Trainer
 2. Incomplete paperwork
 3. The inability to adequately protect themselves or others from serious physical injury

ARTICLE V - Meeting

- Club meetings take place once per semester to elect club officers and discuss goals for the season.
- In 2023, practices take place three times a week in season:
 - o Monday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Film, location TBD)
 - o Tuesday 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Lincoln Tower Field)
 - o Wednesday 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Lincoln Tower Field)
 - o Thursday 10:30p.m.-12:00 a.m. (Lincoln Tower Field)
- In the offseason (January-April), practices will take place once or twice a week at a time to be determined.
- Competitions will be coordinated with the NCFE during the offseason.

ARTICLE VI – Officers

- President: Johnathan Thiele
- Vice-President: Christian Allen
- Treasurer: Zach Davis
- Risk Manager: Sam Dominguez
- Head of Fundraising: Jackson Rittman
- Faculty Advisor/Head Coach: James Grega, Jr.

Each officer is required to carry out a handful of pre-designated jobs during their tenure. Those responsibilities include but are not limited to;

President

- Serve as main student contact for club.
- Attend club sports meetings as team representative.
- Along with head coach, serve as the voice of the team.
- Work with Head Coach to schedule practices/games each year.
- Complete yearly training with Student Activities Office.

Vice President

- Assist President with any of the above duties as assigned.

President AND Vice President

- Schedule referees AND trainers for ALL home games (contact club sports office).
- Along with Treasurer, make sure money for referees is in hand at every home game.
- Fill out travel reports for road games. Sent to club sports office NO LATER than 24 hours after completion of the game (via DoSportsEasy).

- Police team on making player payments.
- Police team on signing up for official NCFA roster pages, DoSportsEasy page, and Impact Testing. ALL OF THESE ARE REQUIRED TO PLAY ON GAME DAY.

Treasurer

- Work with President and Vice President to balance team budget each off-season.
- Deposit any earnings from fundraisers to official team bank account.
- Work with President and Vice President to make sure referees are paid at home games.
- Accept and deposit ALL player dues at the beginning of each season.
- In charge of making NCFA membership payments.
 - \$500 performance bond due Sept. 1 (refunded at end of season)
 - \$2,240 due Oct. 1
- Complete required training with Student Activities Office.

Head of Fundraising

- In charge of seeking out and setting up fundraisers AND volunteer opportunities to meet club sports requirement.
- Actively finding ways to get the team more involved in Ohio State community.
- Collects money from fundraisers to give to Treasurer for depositing.

Risk Managers (x2)

- Two of the five above chairs must serve as a Risk Manager, which must;
 - Complete a CPR course
 - Required by Club Sports

ARTICLE VII - Elections and Officer Removal

- Elections take place in December OR January after every season. Google Forms are utilized to conduct voting
- Officers may be removed from their position by a majority vote of the remaining officers at any time if they do not maintain their job responsibilities or do not conduct themselves in a respectful, ethical manner.
- Captains shall be selected by the coaches and players.

ARTICLE VIII – Funds

- Club funds are allocated by the officers.
- Club dues are approximately \$250 per player per season (Fall).
- All fees are non-refundable.
- Fundraising efforts spearheaded by the Head of Fundraising with assistance from the remaining board as assigned.
- All players will be expected to participate in fundraising.

ARTICLE IX – Advisor

- As of 2019, the acting advisor is also the Head Coach. (See Article X)

ARTICLE X – Coach

- The Head Coach is selected by the acting club officers.
 - o The Head Coach is then permitted to appoint Assistant Coaches, permitting they complete and meet all requirements as assigned by Club Sports.
 - o Any Coach may be removed from their position by a majority vote of the remaining officers at any time if they do not maintain their job responsibilities or do not conduct themselves in a respectful, ethical manner.
- Coaches are currently not paid.

ARTICLE XI – Travel

- The entire officer board will contribute to coordinating travel for any regular and postseason travel. Coaches may assist as requested.

ARTICLE XII – Amendments

- Amendments to this document can be presented to the collection of officers and approved by a majority vote between the officers.

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