

The Constitution of The OSU Dodgeball Syndicate

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1) Purpose Statement

The OSU Dodgeball Syndicate forms a group atmosphere that improves its player's abilities to communicate as a team, perform in a pressured environment, and increase social chemistry by developing team strategies, competing in nation-wide tournaments, and attending team practices.

2) The Governing Body:

A) Officers and Duties:

There will be eight appointed positions within The OSU Dodgeball Syndicate:

i) President: The President will have the responsibility of being the forefront representative of the organization within the University and among other colleges. He or she must maintain active communication with other presidents of teams within the National Collegiate Dodgeball Association in preparation for upcoming tournaments and rule changes. Also, the President assumes the role of Captain in all tournaments. The president will maintain and update information on the club page such as upcoming tournaments and practice times and locations. Lastly, the president must facilitate meetings of the Governing Body.

ii) Vice President: The Vice President will be primarily responsible for assisting the president in communicating with and organizing the team. The Vice President will help the president respond promptly to important emails or messages. He or she will also assist in determining the team roster for each tournament, and making calls or decisions during tournaments. It will also be the duty of the Vice President to assist the President in his or her role of maintaining active communication networks.

iii) Treasurer: The Treasurer will be primarily responsible for maintaining the financial information of this organization. His or her signature will be required on all checks and financial records for authentication. The Treasurer will be in charge of collecting dues and setting up fundraisers for the organization. The Treasurer must make sure the President is up to date on the club's current balance and all potential changes of funds.

iv) Social Media Chair: The Social Media Chair will primarily handle all responsibilities related to social media accounts. This includes, but is not limited to, posting club updates on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. The posts can relate to tournament results, player spotlights, club activities, etc.

v) Risk Manager: The Risk Manager's role is to be present in the event of need for First Aid and to monitor the current activities of the club to make sure it is acting within reasonable, sensible, and safe operations. It is a requirement that the safety officer be trained in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

vi) Streaming Manager: The streaming manager will be responsible for using the team GoPro to set up a stream and recording of all matches played in tournaments. They will

set up the GoPro at the court we are playing at and livestream it to the team's YouTube channel so fans can watch and the team can watch them at a later time for film study.

vii) Recruiting Chair: The recruiting chair will be responsible for leading strategies for new player recruitment, especially at the involvement fair. They will design a plan to recruit new players. They will also be responsible for recruitment throughout the entire year, if deemed necessary.

viii) Fundraising Chair: The fundraising chair will lead the club's fundraising for the year. They will look out for possible fundraising opportunities the club can participate in to raise money for the club. The main fundraiser the club has used is a Super Bowl squares fundraiser.

B) Appointments of Position:

The ten positions above are assigned by a vote of current team members. Decisions for the appointment of a position must be made with a majority vote.

C) Term Length and Removal of Appointment:

Positions are without definite term length and end only under three circumstances: the resignation of the individual, the graduation of the individual resulting in departure from the university, or by impeachment and official removal from appointment via the full consensus of the other officers.

The presentation of written documentation with the signatures of fifteen or more active members expressing the desire for removal of an individual from office will require an immediate forum amongst the governing body to evaluate the validity of the claim and respond as they deem appropriate.

3) Terms of Membership:

A) General Membership:

The OSU Dodgeball Syndicate does not have any explicit demands for full membership. An individual will be considered a general member if they actively participate in at least 5 open play nights per quarter as described in Article 4 Section A. This club is primarily in existence to allow anyone to play at their convenience. General members may be removed if they fail to meet the attendance requirements above and have not contacted the executive board explaining their absence. If members are removed, they will be taken off the student organization and DoSportsEasy roster.

B) Traveling Roster:

The traveling roster is made up of individuals who will represent The OSU Dodgeball Syndicate and The Ohio State University in open competition with dodgeball organizations from other universities. Once an individual is granted placement on the

traveling roster, the position is reserved for that individual until his or her graduation or departure from the university, his or her explicit request not to be placed on the roster for the year, or by breaching a condition for his or her original appointment. Placement on the traveling roster will be granted to individuals by the governing body on four conditions: experience, compatibility, skill, and commitment.

i) Experience: Experience is hereby defined as the amount of knowledge of the game of dodgeball and total years playing dodgeball within the organization. Individuals who have more experience will be valuable assets in highly competitive play.

ii) Compatibility: Compatibility is both the ability to work well and get along with other members of the traveling roster as well as the ability to act maturely against opposing sides. The teamwork aspect of dodgeball is key to the success within intercollegiate play. A player on the roster causing irreconcilable conflicts with other players on the traveling roster or opposing teams may be removed.

iii) Skill: Skill is a very important aspect of a player on the traveling roster. The skill of an individual will be evaluated primarily on his or her ability to throw, catch, and dodge effectively as well as work well in protecting the interests of other team members during the course of a match whether by covering or maintaining control of a region. Due to the growing level of play within the collegiate dodgeball community a player's skills must be honed to allow them to compete well.

iv) Commitment: Above all The OSU Dodgeball Syndicate wants its traveling roster to be devoted to representing the organization and university with dignity and honor. Commitment is both a member's commitment to the aforementioned goal and a commitment to active participation in the syndicate's usual activities. A player may be removed from the traveling roster if they drastically lack commitment as mentioned here.

C) Non- Discrimination Policy: This organization 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.

4) Meetings and Activities:

A) Open Play Nights: Open play nights are the largest part of the syndicate's activity. Primarily, these nights will be for anyone present to play dodgeball and network with other students. Announcements will be made by the officers to update students about current events, opportunities, or changes in schedule. Unlike intra or intercollegiate competition, open play nights are provided for people who are looking for a physical and social outlet.

i) Time and Location: Open play will commence at 7:00pm every Monday and Thursday evening until approximately 9:00pm at the RPAC Upper Courts during the fall semester. Open play will occur from 6-8pm on Tuesdays at the RPAC North Gym and from 7pm-9pm on Thursdays at RPAC Upper Gym during the spring semester.

ii) Sides: Sides will be divided evenly by the random appointment of two captains to choose sides. After an initial pick of players the captain may choose to divide the line of unpicked players in half to allow commencement of open play sooner.

iii) Rules: Rules will be given out at the first meeting of the year by the president of the organization. Most new and unaware members will learn the game in the course of the evening if they missed the first explanation. Open questions to any active member about the judgment of a rule are encouraged. Some special notes include the following:

a) The Honor System: All calls of whether a player is in or out are made by the individual player. Regardless of what anyone else in play thinks, the individual has the final call. It is important to note though, anyone believed to be abusing this privilege will result in a higher likelihood of becoming a “target” for more experienced and significantly harder throwing members.

b) Head Shots: Head shots are allowed and do count in the event of their occurrence. The OSU Dodgeball Syndicate in no way emphasizes, glorifies, or encourages such a type of play. It only acknowledges a head shot as another normal part of the game.

B) Competitive and Tournament Play: Competitive play and tournament activity is encouraged for all members of The OSU Dodgeball Syndicate. There are two primary categories of competitive play: intramural or intra-collegiate play with other university sponsored organizations and intercollegiate play between colleges.

a) Outside Organizations: Many organizations aside from The OSU Dodgeball Syndicate host regular dodgeball events for fundraising, community activity sponsorship, or charity work. This organization applauds those endeavors and will promote such tournaments and matches amongst its members.

b) Sponsored Tournaments: It is a goal to gather more recognition for the game of dodgeball within the university community. As a result, The OSU Dodgeball Syndicate will sponsor events throughout the year to expose the game of dodgeball to as many people as possible. These tournaments will be both for the publicizing of the club and fundraising for the traveling team.

ii) Intercollegiate Competition: The OSU Dodgeball Syndicate is a founding and active member with the National Collegiate Dodgeball Association, hereby referred to as the NCDA. Competitive play within this association will be reserved for members of the traveling roster except under special instances decided by the governing body.

a) Head to Head Matches: The NCDA uses regular season rankings for placement in the year end tournament. As a result The OSU Dodgeball Syndicate will engage other

universities in official competitive play for this seeding procedure. Head to head matches can be held both locally as well as at other schools.

b) Round Robin Play: In order to allow more regular season matches, round robin play will be promoted for multiple universities to gather in one place to reduce the number of trips they need to make throughout the season. Like head to head matches, round robin play can either be local or at other universities.

c) Tournaments: Some participating schools in the NCDCA host tournaments throughout the year. The final tournament of the year is held during the spring semester and will mark the end of the season.

C) Councils of the Governing Body: Meetings of the Governing Body will be held at minimum once per two weeks to address the current financial situation of the club including fund-raising and expenses, as well as participation, scheduling, and rules changes, and the planning of sponsored dodgeball tournaments and matches.

5) Amendments:

A) Conditions for Change: In the event any member feels there is a need to change anything written in this constitution, they should contact one of the Governing Body members.

B) Rules for Change: Any change, revision, addition, or amendment to this constitution shall only be made with full consent of all members of the Governing Body. All changes will be marked with a specific date of change. Specific reasons for a change are encouraged to be marked within the body of the Constitution or an attached log for future Governing Bodies and Syndicate members to have for reference.

6) Code of Student Conduct

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

A) Article 1 – 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.

B) Article 2– Return to Competitive Sports In order to return as a recognized Sport Club team, The Interim President must provide Competitive Sports with documentation that the 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 5.