

General Information

- **Purpose-** To bring students together, to be active, and to explore the outdoors with others through the geolocation game Pokémon GO!
- **Contact Information-** PokemonGOSUofficial@gmail.com
- **Image Representing the Organization** →
- **Social Media Presence-**



Discord: <https://discord.gg/BJZcG37>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/492839847583636>

Twitter: (@PokeGO_OSU) https://twitter.com/PokeGO_OSU?s=09

Instagram: (@pokemon.gosu) <https://instagram.com/pokemon.gosu>

Website: <https://ohiostate.lets pogoyork.com/>

- **Affirmation of non-discrimination policy and anti-hazing statement-**

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.

- **Sexual Misconduct Policy-**

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Organization Roster

- President – Tubaugh.9
- Vice President – Nandyala.7
- Treasurer – Liao.675

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Organization Constitution

Constitution

Article 1

Section 1: Name- Pokemon GO at The Ohio State University

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Article 2 - Membership: Qualifications and Categories of Membership

Benefits of membership to Pokemon GO at OSU include exclusive access to both events and friendly competitions which will ensure a closer and more enjoyable community within the geolocation game Pokemon Go. This will help create both friendships and connections that may extend outside of the game itself.

2.a. As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of a student organization must include current Ohio State University students. Active members and Executive Committee are able to make decisions regarding the membership of community and other non-student members of an organization. Community or other non-student members may be temporarily suspended with a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Article 3 - Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

3.a. 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.

3.b. Any elected officer of the organization may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: nonconformity of in-app Terms of Service, 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.

3.c. 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 4 - Organization Leadership

President: The length of term for the office of President is limited to one academic year at the end of which there will be open elections (See Article 5). The President is to be elected by the members of the Organization. The general duties of the President are providing strong leadership for the Organization by working with the board and other executives to establish short and long-term goals, plans, and activities. They are responsible for presiding over the entire Organization and representing it with honor and validation.

Vice President: The duties of the Vice President include, but are not limited to the length of term-limited to one academic year (2 semesters). Vice President is to be elected by the members of the Organization. The general duties of the Vice President are to work alongside the President and to work towards the goals and plans that are provisioned by the Organization. As the executive board deems it necessary, additional vice-presidents can be elected to help the club function and meet its goals. Duties will be split decided before the elections.

Treasurer: The duties of the Treasurer include, but are not limited to, a length of term-limited to one academic year (2 semesters). The Treasurer is to be elected by the members of the Organization. The general duties of the Treasurer are to oversee club funds, record any incoming or outgoing expenses, and properly allocate funds to any events that are planned.

Social Media Coordinator: The Social Media Coordinator(s) are primarily in charge of the upkeep of social media accounts associated with the club. Duties include promotion of club events and happenings via posts made on social media, photo and/or written documentation of club events for the purpose of outreach and display, and moderation of club social media platforms. Optionally, social media coordinators may assist in the planning and execution of club events. Social media coordinators will be chosen by the executive board and as many as deemed necessary may be chosen. The length of term for each social media coordinator is one academic year (2 semesters).

Advisor: The duties of the advisor include, but are not limited to, length of term-limited to one academic year (2 semesters). The Advisor is to be appointed by agreement between the President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the Organization. The general duties of the Advisor are to facilitate the coordination/communication between the University and the Organization.

Article 5 - Election / Selection of Organization Leadership

5.a. Eligibility for office requires one to be a current, enrolled student at The Ohio State University™. Experience in the Geolocation game of Pokemon GO is required and one must have an account within the game residing above level 30. If a said student does not meet the level 30 requirement, they must then have 2 semesters worth of active participation within the organization, and be sponsored by another player above level 30.

5.b. The nominating process includes a Google survey to be sent out to all current members of the Organization to vote on the members who have nominated themselves or have been nominated by others in agreement for a leadership role within the Organization.

5.c. Timing of elections is to be held within the time frame of, or between the last 4 weeks of the spring semester as deemed by the University.

Article 6 - Executive Committee: Size and Composition of the Committee

The Executive Committee is to consist of at least four members of the organization leadership. This is to represent each aspect of the game itself and to pose as team leaders for the general membership, of which will be appointed. Conducting the business of the organization between general meetings of the membership, and reports its actions at the general meetings of the membership.

Article 7 - Advisor: Qualification Criteria

The responsibilities of the Advisor are to serve as a bridge between the student members and university administration in the coordination of events and policy while also helping the club adhere to its goals. To qualify, the advisor should be a full-time member of university staff as well as an at least somewhat regular Pokemon GO player and/or familiar with the game enough to advise, if there so happens to not be a regular player to fill the role.

Article 8 - Meetings and Events of the Organization: Required Meetings and their Frequency

Two general meetings and attendance at 25% or more of events hosted may be required for membership each academic term except for summer.

Article 9 - Attendees of Events of the Organization: Required Events and their Frequency

The Organization reserves the right to address member or event attendee behavior where the member or event attendee's behavior is disruptive or otherwise not in alignment with the Organization's Constitution.

Article 10 - Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, Notice, and Voting Requirements

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.

Article 11 - Method of Dissolution of Organization

Should any organization assets and debts exist, appropriate means for disposing of these assets and debts should be specified clearly and unequivocally. Upon the official dissolution of the organization, Student Activities staff must be contacted to remove organization information from the website.

By-Laws

Article I – Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order, and its future editions, shall govern the organization, when requested, in all cases to which it is applicable, and in which it is not inconsistent with the constitution and by-laws of this organization.

Article II – Membership

In order to become a member, an individual needs only to attend a meeting or event, and provide their information to an Executive Committee member.

- General Members of the organization are the voting and leading body of the group. To be a General Member, one must be enrolled at The Ohio State University. General Members are eligible to hold office and to vote in elections.
- Senior Members are members of eighteen years of age or more who are not enrolled at The Ohio State University. These members may not hold positions in the Executive Committee or vote in elections.
- Junior Members are members below the age of eighteen who are not enrolled at The Ohio State University. These members may not hold any leadership positions, vote in elections, or make official motions. Junior Members must have parent or guardian permission to attend league meetings and must provide official permission from parent or guardian to travel on club trips.
- Probationary Members are members who have been placed on probation by organization leadership. These members may not hold leadership positions, vote in elections, make official motions, or travel with the group. Probation is served from the date of sentencing to the corresponding day of the following major academic term (autumn and spring).
- Termination of Membership – A member may withdraw themselves from membership, without any need for justification, by informing an Executive Committee member of their desire to withdraw. Probationary Members, on the condition of a second infraction, may be asked to leave permanently.

Article III – Nomination of New Organization Leadership

Announcement of Vacancies – It is the duty of Executive Committee members to announce their intent to vacate as early as possible. In the event of graduation, intent to graduate must be brought to the Executive Committee's attention at the start of their final term. In the event of resignation, the date that the resignation becomes effective should be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee as soon as possible. Effective dates on resignations can be changed by said member, but once the specified date has passed, the person is considered resigned and is no longer eligible to vote for a nomination.

Internal Appointments – The Executive Committee may decide to select one of their current members to fill a vacancy, thereby creating a different vacancy. This may occur without the need for a confirmation vote by the general membership. These will still need to be announced when declaring nominees the week before voting. On voting day, below any external nominations, the general membership will have the opportunity to “veto” any of these appointments, as outlined in Article IV.

External Officer Nomination – The Executive Committee will, preferably unanimously, select a member(s) to fill a vacancy. This person has the right to refuse, in which another individual must be selected. This person shall undergo shadowing for the position, working with the Executive Committee in order to learn the prospective position's required tasks. This will also allow the Executive Committee to observe how the prospective officer would handle the position. Upon completion of training, the Executive Committee will vote to make the individual the official nominee. This vote should be unanimous but can be three to one, provided that the minority is not the officer being replaced. Once again, the prospective nominee has the right to refuse. If this occurs late in the process, the Executive Committee should work to repeat this process with haste. In the event that the Executive Committee feels that they cannot come to a consensus, they may forgo the right to nominate and ask for a vote as though a nominee was not confirmed as defined below in Article IV.

Officer Removal-led Nominations – Voting for a nominee after the removal of an officer by provisions outlined in Article V of the Constitution must be unanimous between the three remaining members of the Executive Committee. If this is deemed impossible, the right to appoint a nominee is lost, and voting will start as though a nominee was not confirmed as defined below in Article IV.

Simultaneous vacancies – If there are two or more simultaneous vacancies or impending vacancies in the Executive Committee, vacancies shall be filled in order from top to bottom as listed in Article

III of the Constitution, regardless of the order of notification of said vacancies. If less than three Executive Committee members are active, the right to appoint an external nominee is lost, and voting will start as though a nominee was not confirmed as defined below in Article IV.

Timing – Vacancies should be declared as early as possible with respect to the term it occurs in. The nomination must be declared to the general membership before the point at which four meetings remain on the schedule for a term.

Article IV – Confirmation of New Organization Leadership

General Procedures – The nominee will be declared by the Executive Committee at a regular meeting of the general membership. At the next meeting, a vote by secret ballot will take place. Those eligible to vote will cast their vote for either “Confirm” or “Deny” (or other opposite pairs making clear the choice being voted upon).

- If a nominee receives a greater than 50% majority, that nominee will assume the position at said position's vacancy (which could be immediate).
- If a nominee fails to receive a majority as listed above, there will be an additional vote at the next regular meeting. In this vote, each voting member will write the name of an eligible member to assume the position. Voting for the previous nominee is allowed.
- If one member receives a greater than 50% majority, that member may assume the position at said position's vacancy (which could be immediate). The chosen member has the right to refuse and has twenty-four hours to do so.
- If no member receives a majority as listed above, there will be an additional vote at the next regular meeting between the top two vote-getters who accept their impromptu candidacy. If there is a tie for second place, the Executive Committee will vote to eliminate the tied members until only one remains. In the event of a tie in the secondary vote, the highest-listed filled position according to Article III of the Constitution will vote (again) to break the tie. If in rare cases, only one member wishes to accept their candidacy, they may assume the position. If in rare cases, no members voted upon wish to accept, the Executive Committee has the right to seek and appoint someone to the position freely.
- If a final vote is needed, the member who receives a greater than 50% majority will assume the position at said position's vacancy (which could be immediate). In the event of a tie, the

highest-listed filled position according to Article III of the Constitution will vote (again) to break the tie.

Once confirmed, the new officer must complete any University-required training necessary to hold the position in the eyes of the University.

Vetoing an Internal Appointment – Below any external nominations, the ballot will iterate the previously announced changes inside the Executive Committee. Two options, “Approve” and “Veto” will accompany them. If “Veto” is marked on at least 60% of ballots received in the initial vote, that officer is barred from changing positions for one semester. The Executive Committee may then freely appoint one of the other internal members (including the newly elected member) to the position.

Timing – The initial voting process must be completed by the end of the third-to-last meeting of a semester. Voting shall begin fifteen minutes after the start of the meeting, and end thirty minutes prior to the meeting's end. Results of the voting shall be read within the last fifteen minutes of the meeting. In the event of a tie that calls for a member(s) of the Executive Committee to vote again, they shall have until five minutes remaining in the meeting to break the tie.

Voting Process and Tabulation – Members will cast their votes on printed ballots and place them inside a box. This box will be monitored at all times by a member of the Executive Committee. When voting has concluded, an impartial Senior Member or General Member agreed upon by the Executive Committee will take the box into a different room for tabulation. Tabulation will be observed by the Executive Committee. Any ballots that are incorrectly labeled (checking both boxes, checking neither, et cetera) will be disqualified.

Article V – Advisor Responsibilities

The organization's advisor is not required to be present at any of the organization's activities unless they wish to be. The advisor has the right to review the constitution and bylaws, and any changes to those documents. The advisor is responsible for reviewing any documentation required by the University in order to maintain the good standing of the organization.

Article VI – Meeting Requirements

- Regular Meetings are the average, weekly meetings of the club. At least one of the Executive Committee members must be present to maintain the club's procedures.

- Special Meetings are situational meetings called by the leadership of the organization. While these meetings are usually Executive Committee meetings, at least one member of the Executive Committee must sanction the meeting.
- Quorums are defined as members of the general membership, without the sanction of Executive Committee members. At least 40% of the voting membership should be in a tendency to maintain status as a Quorum.

Article VII – Method of Amending the By-Laws

Any general member of the organization may propose an amendment in writing and submit it to the organization leadership. The officers will invite the member to a meeting in which the changes will be discussed. It is the duty of the Executive Committee to determine whether the proposed changes are both necessary and desired, and otherwise beneficial to the club. If approved, the changes will be put to a vote of the general membership. The proposed changes will be read aloud (or otherwise made available for public viewing) at the next available meeting. At the following meeting, the motion(s) will be voted upon. A simple majority is required to approve.

It is the right of the Executive Committee to amend the by-laws to fix minor spelling and grammatical errors without using the above process. However, if, in any way, the desired minor changes would change the definitions provided in the by-laws, the process must be used.

Two Annual Goals (to be updated yearly):

1. To create an inclusive and welcoming environment for all OSU students interested in Pokémon GO and to promote teamwork, positive socialization, and spending time outdoors in the process.
2. To spread cultural literacy not only through a common interest in video gaming in competitive and cooperative gameplay, but also through other forms of art such as but not limited to movies, anime, card games and comics.