

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

Section 1 - Name: The name of this organization shall be Performance Nutrition Club at Ohio State

Section 2 - Purpose: The purpose of this organization is to educate and immerse nutrition focused students into a performance nutrition environment. Students will be given the opportunity to spend their time at The Ohio State Athletic facilities and work closely with the performance dietitians while building relationships with high-level athletic teams and staff.

Section 3 - 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 in accordance with [OSU's nondiscriminatory policy](#).

Article II- Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.

Membership is open to all interested in performance nutrition. It is limited to current enrolled Ohio State students. Others such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc. are encouraged to become members but as non-voting, associate, or honorary members.

Article III- Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers.

III.a. In order to remove an individual from membership, at least two general body members and one officer must document a complaint to the executive board in writing (Appendix A). Once this complaint is filed, the member in question will be notified and asked to appear before the executive board at the next general body meeting. At this time, the member in question shall be given an opportunity to defend his or her behavior. Based on a simple majority vote, the executive members present at the meeting must decide to act upon one of the following options:

1. Removal of the member for the remaining of the academic year
2. Probation of the member from club-related activities for the remainder of the academic semester or until substantive efforts have been made to alleviate the source of the complaint. This member must appear before the executive board and be deemed suitable for membership before being released from probation
3. Membership of the individual remains unchanged

III.b. In order to remove an individual from an officer position, at least five general body members and three officers must document a complaint to the executive board in writing (Appendix A). These individuals must also have a candidate to replace the officer in question, and this candidate must have the support of at least 1/2 of the club members. Once this complaint is filed, the officer in question will be notified and immediately suspended from officer responsibilities. The officer may choose to resign and remain a general member, or he or she may present his or her case to the members and executive board at the next general body meeting. Based on a 3/4 majority vote of the general body present and simple majority vote of

the executive board members present; the members and officers must decide to act upon one of the following options:

1. Removal of the officer, after which the officer can remain as a general member and reapply for an officer position the following academic year. This officer will be replaced by the candidate aforementioned
2. Officer position of the individual remains unchanged

III.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 IV- Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.

Organization leaders represent the Executive Committee and general membership and are elected or appointed from the ranks of the organization's voting membership. The titles of executive board leaders include the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Public Relations Director. The length of term for each position is the full fall and spring semester of the academic school year. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Public Relations Director are elected by all active members and confirmed by club advisor.

The Executive Board consists of:

President

- Oversee all executive positions
- Set agenda for meetings
- Set volunteer schedules
- Review by-laws at the end of each term
- Mediate between Performance Registered Dietitians and volunteering members

Vice President

- Assess the by-laws and general body meetings
- Appoint guest speakers
- Communicate with the general members via email and GroupMe

Treasurer

- Out-reach to local high schools, and organizations to inquire information about education talks
- Reach out to Ohio State's team of Performance dietitians to involve the club in hands on experience
- Book any rooms needed for meeting
- Manage the club roster and make additions/deletions when appropriate

Public Relations Director

- Create content and graphics for social media platforms
- Display current and upcoming events of the club
- Showcase active members on social media

Article V- Election / Selection of Organization Leadership.

Elections ballots will be approved by the advisor and sent out by the president. Ballots will be put together through Google forms and sent to all members of the club. Those interested in running for the position can self-nominate and must be in good standing with the club.

Undergraduate members can vote for incoming officers, but current graduates and non-Ohio State members are excluded. Time of elections will occur at the end of the academic school year in April and apply for the following academic school year.

Article VI - Executive Committee: Size and composition of the Committee.

The Executive Committee represents the general membership, conducts business of the organization between general meetings of the membership, and reports its actions at the general meetings of the membership. This Committee is comprised of the organization leaders: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Public Relations Director.

Article VII- Adviser(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.

Advisers of student organizations must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. 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.

The expectation of the advisor is to:

- Ensure all club activities and events follow the school policies and procedures, as well as the student code of conduct
- Completing annual registration renewal requirements as well as serve as the main university liaison to the student organization
- Provide guidance and be available encouragement when needed.

Article VIII- Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.

Two general meetings of the membership are required each academic term except for summer.

Article IX- Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.

Proposed amendments must be in writing, and are not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and requires a two-third majority of voting members (a quorum being present) or a majority of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

Article X- Dissolution.

Dissolution will occur only if 2/3 majority approval of the voting membership provides a notice of a vote on dissolution 60 days in advance to the membership at which time the organization may not have any out-standing debts. Upon dissolution of the organization, all existing assets shall be donated to a charity or saved for future organizations.

Appendix A- Removal of Membership/Officer Position.

Members Filing the Complaint (Print/Signature/Date):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Officer(s) Endorsing the Complaint (Print/Signature/Date):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Complaint:

Date Received by Conference Team:
