

Constitution

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

I.a. Name: *This student organization will be named Buckeyes for Special Hockey.*

I.b. Purpose: *At Buckeyes for Special Hockey, our mission is to unite students with varying medical and sports interests to make a positive impact on the lives of children with developmental disabilities in the Columbus community. Through hands-on engagement, collaborative efforts, and fundraising initiatives, we aim to raise both funds and awareness for organizations and hospitals dedicated to supporting children with special needs. We seek to establish strong bonds between Ohio State University students and young special hockey teams across Columbus. By facilitating regular interactions, we strive to create an environment of camaraderie, support, and mentorship for these children. Our organization seeks to provide Ohio State students with the opportunity to apply their medical and sports-related knowledge in real-world settings. Through workshops, training sessions, and hands-on experiences, members will gain valuable insights into working with individuals who have developmental disabilities. We are also committed to raising funds that directly contribute to reducing the financial barriers faced by special hockey players and their parents. By lowering the cost of participation for practices and games, we ensure that these enriching opportunities are accessible to a wider range of children. Buckeyes for Special Hockey actively seeks collaborations with local organizations (such as the Columbus Blue Jacket), hospitals, and educational institutions. By partnering with these entities, we aim to amplify our impact, expand our reach, and create a support network that benefits both the children and the broader community. Together, we aspire to build bridges of understanding, compassion, and support between Ohio State University students and the special hockey community in Columbus. Through fundraising, awareness campaigns, and hands-on engagement, we believe that we can create positive change and enrich the lives of all those involved.*

I.c. Non-Discrimination and Sexual Harassment 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. As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Buckeyes for Special Hockey expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct.

All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here: <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

II.a. Buckeyes for Special Hockey's voting membership is limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students. Other non-student members, such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc., may become members, but only as non-voting associate or honorary members.

II.b. Categories of membership consist of two positions: leadership positions and general membership positions. General membership students may run for a leadership position during each semester's elections.

II.c. 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 III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

III.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.

III.b. Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is 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.

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), {00312468-1} the executive board, in consultation with the organization's advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

Article IV - Organization Leadership:

IV.a. The titles of organizational leaders are as follows: president, secondary leader, treasurer, and advisor.

IV.b. The length of terms for each organization leader is a semester.

IV.c. The general duties of each leadership position are as follows. The president will be in charge of sending weekly emails, running meetings, accepting new members, coordinating volunteering, and planning fundraising events. The secondary leader will be in charge of answering questions via email, helping run meetings, and will be involved with coordinating volunteering and planning fundraising events. The treasurer will be in charge of managing the organization's finances. The advisor will be in charge of overseeing club activities and making sure the club adheres to their constitution, bylaws, and goals.

Article V- Election / Selection of Organization Leadership

V.a. The nominating process will occur before the election by which a member desiring office will introduce themselves in front of the club and explain which position they are running for and their qualifications for the role.

V.b. Eligibility for office will be open to all active members.

V.c. The election rules are as follows. Elections will be held during the first meeting of the organization each semester. All active members will vote by placing a notecard with their desired members for each position into a ballot. Leadership roles will be determined for each semester by a popular vote from all members. Once elected, all leaders will be ratified into their roles.

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

VI.a. The executive committee will consist of the president, secondary leader, treasurer, and advisor. The Executive Committee will represent the general membership, conduct business of the organization between general meetings of the membership, and report its actions at the general meetings of the membership.

Article VII – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria

VII.a. Advisors of Buckeyes for Special Hockey must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. If a person is serving as an advisor who is not a member of the above classifications, a co-advisor must be chosen who is a member of these University classifications.

VII.b. Responsibilities and expectations of advisors are as follows. Responsibilities of advisors will include overseeing club activities and making sure the club adheres to their constitution, bylaws, and goals. Expectations for advisors include professionalism, cordiality, and attentiveness.

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

VIII. Two general meetings and attendance at all or 40% of events hosted will be required for membership each academic term except for summer.

Article IX – Attendees of Events of the Organization: Required events and their frequency

IX. 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 X – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.

XI. 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 XI – Method of Dissolution of Organization

XI.a. Requirements for dissolution will be an insufficient number of members and an unwillingness of current members to continue the organization.

XI.b. The procedure for dissolution will be a termination of the club by contacting the Student Activities staff on campus and a donation of all assets to Special Hockey Columbus.

By-Laws

Article I – Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the constitution shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of this organization.

Article II- Membership

A member will email the organization's contact to express interest in joining the club. The member will then be inducted into the organization with no dues, however will only be listed as an active member when they have attended two meetings and 40% of the organization's events. Termination of membership will occur when the criteria for active membership has not been met.

Article III- Election / Appointment of Government Leadership

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Article VI - Meeting Requirements

All active members present at a meeting will be voting members on issues at hand.

Article VII - Method of Amending By-laws

By-laws may be amended by proposing in writing and reading the change at a general meeting of the membership and then bring the proposed change up for a vote at the next general meeting with a 2/3 majority vote of the membership present (a quorum being present).