Constitution and By-Laws of The Men’s Ice Hockey Club at The Ohio State University

**Constitution**

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

***SECTION 1: Name***

The name of this organization shall be: The Men’s Ice Hockey Club at The Ohio State University

***SECTION 2: Purpose***

The Men’s Ice Hockey Club at The Ohio State University is a competitive non-varsity club team committed to providing its members with the opportunity to participate in high level Ice Hockey while still having the time to pursue a higher education and spend time in the workforce.

***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 bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

*Article II – Membership: Qualifications and Categories of Membership*

***SECTION 1: Membership Qualifications***

In order to be considered eligible to be a member on this team you must be a currently enrolled Ohio State undergraduate or graduate student.

***SECTION 2: Expectations of Members***

We want individuals who are passionate about hockey and are looking to continue their career at a high level. We exist as a team to give players who still have a love for the game and want to compete at a collegiate level. This is a competitive organization.

*Article III – Organization Leadership: Titles, Selection method, and Duties*

***SECTION 1: President***

The President will be chosen by a majority vote made up of club members overseen by the University’s Recreation Sports Department. This vote should take place sometime in February, sometime before the season’s end. The president represents the team on the student level, is responsible for hiring and working with coaches, and oversees the other officers and their duties.

***SECTION 2: Vice-President***

The Vice-President will be chosen by a majority vote made up of club members overseen by the University’s Recreation Sports Department. This vote should take place sometime in February, sometime before the season’s end. The Vice-President is responsible for eligibility with the league and University, and assisting the other officers with any duties they may have.

***SECTION 3: Treasurer***

The Treasurer will be chosen by a majority vote made up of club members overseen by the University’s Recreation Sports Department. This vote should take place sometime in February, sometime before the season’s end. The Treasurer is responsible for setting a budget for the season, setting the price of dues, collecting all dues, and maintaining the bank account.

***SECTION 4: Secretary***

The Secretary will be chosen by a majority vote made up of club members overseen by the University’s Recreation Sports Department. This vote should take place sometime in February, sometime before the season’s end. The secretary is responsible for travel arrangements and overnight hotel bookings.

*Article IV – Method of Selecting and/or Removing Officers and Members*

***SECTION 1: Method of Selecting Members***

There will be tryouts every season at the beginning of fall semester where the Coaches along with the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, determine the team. We select anywhere from 22-30 players, depending on the year. Tryouts may also occur in the beginning of the spring semester, serving as an opportunity for the club to add supplemental players. The team is re-selected each fall.

***SECTION 2: Method of Selecting Leadership***

The Club’s leadership will be chosen by a majority vote made up of club members overseen by the University’s Recreation Sports Department. This vote should take place sometime in February, sometime before the season’s end.

***SECTION 3: Method of Removing Members***

Club members can be removed from the team for cause. If a member of the team fails to adhere to this constitution and these bylaws, Recreation Sports Department guidelines, or engages in conduct detrimental to the club and or university, then the coaches and officers will engage in a majority vote for removal.

Club members may voluntarily remove themselves from affiliation with the organization at any point in time.

***SECTION 4: Method of Removing Leadership***

Leadership members can be removed from their position for cause. If a member of the leadership team fails to adhere to this constitution and these bylaws, Recreation Sports Department guidelines, or engages in conduct detrimental to the club and or university, then the other coaches and officers will engage in a majority vote for removal.

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

***SECTION 1: Advisor Qualification***

Advisors of student organizations must be members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. It is the responsibility of the organization’s advisor to help with all issues the club may have with the University.

***SECTION 1: Advisor Selection***

The team’s leadership must choose the advisor unanimously. There is no criterion that the advisor must meet. It is encouraged to find an advisor that is familiar with the sport of Ice Hockey; however, this is not required.

*Article VI – Meetings of the Organization: Required Meetings and their Frequency*

***Section 1: Required Meetings***

Meetings or practices will be held one to three times a week, as determined by the coaches and leadership. Members must seek prior approval if absence is expected.

Home games are considered a required meeting for all club members. Members must seek prior approval if absence is expected. Coaches and team leadership will notify members of the game roster before 72-24 hours before.

Away games are considered required club meetings only when specific members have been notified of their approved travel and participation. The University’s Recreation Sports Department will determine who is eligible for off campus travel, while the Club’s leadership and coaches will determine the playing roster for those games. Coaches and team leadership will notify members of the game roster before 72-24 hours before.

*Article VII – Code of Student Conduct*

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

*Article VIII – 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.

*Article IX – Return to Competitive Sports*

In order to return as a recognized Sport Club team, The Interim President must provide Competitive Sports with documentation that 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 the constitution above.