

# The Constitution of Sportsmanship Council at The Ohio State University



## Our Goals

We are Sportsmanship Council, a group dedicated to enhancing the fan experience of all varsity athletic programs at Ohio State through active support, visitor outreach, and promoting positive sportsmanship

- To formulate ideas and projects which promote good sportsmanship on campus and city-wide
- To establish an environment that continually fosters camaraderie and positive sportsmanship
- To define sportsmanship
- To identify and address issues concerning and poor fan behavior

## Our Mission

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## Our Vision

At all times, in all venues, home or away, Buckeye fans will demonstrate pride in The Ohio State University and its teams as well as respect for the opponent's institution, teams, and supporters. By doing this, Buckeye fans will be known throughout the country as the "Best Fans in the Land".

## The Six Pillars

1. Never miss Ramp
2. Cheer Loud and Proud
3. Support all 36
4. Sing Carmen Ohio
5. Wear Scarlet
6. Respect the Tradition

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Amendment II-Constitution Revised 10/2018

## Article I

### *Section 1 - Name*

The name of this organization shall be Sportsmanship Council at The Ohio State University.

### *Section 2 - Mission and Vision*

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### *Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy*

Sportsmanship Council at The Ohio State University and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) on the basis of for reasons of age, ability status, gender identity or expression, sex, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, health status, marital status, parental status, or veteran status.

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

### *Section 1 – General Body*

By signing the Ohio State Sportsmanship Pledge, any currently enrolled student (undergraduate, graduate, or professional) at The Ohio State University may become a member of the general body of the Sportsmanship Council at The Ohio State University. All members of the organization are subject to the rules and regulations set forth through the Sportsmanship Pledge, the constitution, and the University. All general body members may serve as members on the standing committees\*. All general body members are welcome to attend Executive Meetings.

\*If numbers allow for formation of committees.

### *Section 2 – Executive Board*

The Executive Board of the Sportsmanship Council at The Ohio State University shall consist of an elected President, Vice President, Treasurer, Advisor, Director of Welcoming and Positive Sportsmanship, Director of Membership, Director of Buckeye Pride, and Director of Marketing. Responsibilities that apply to all Executive Board members include attendance at Executive Board, general body meetings, project planning, coordination, and serving as a representative of positive sportsmanship and fan behavior at all athletic events. The Executive Board shall also reserve the right to reject any decision made by a committee by a three-quarters (3/4) vote.

### *Section 3 - The Advisor*

The Advisor shall be a member of The Ohio State University faculty, staff, or community and shall be appointed by the Executive Board. The Advisor is expected to meet with the Executive Board. The Advisor shall serve indefinitely.

## Article III – Organizational Leadership

### *Section 1 – Officers*

The following officers shall be elected: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Faculty Advisor, Director of Welcoming and Positive Sportsmanship, Director of Membership, Director of Buckeye Pride, and Director of Marketing. The Executive Board will serve for one full academic year, from the first Monday after Spring Break to the last day before Spring Break the following year. Newly elected officers will be required to meet with their predecessor during the period between elections.

### *Section 2 – Qualifications for Officers*

The President, Vice President, and Treasurer must have at least Sophomore standing (rank 2). The President and Vice President should have served for at least two semesters on the Executive Board. Members of the executive board shall have been members of the Sportsmanship Council at The Ohio State University for a minimum of one semester at the time of elections. In addition, all executive board members must meet the requirements listed in The Ohio State University Organization Handbook.

## Article IV – Organizational Procedures

### *Section 1 – Parliamentary Authority*

The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern Sportsmanship Council at The Ohio State University in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the organization’s constitution and by-laws.

### *Section 2 – Amending Procedures*

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed and voted on by any member Sportsmanship Council at The Ohio State University. The introduction of a proposed amendment shall constitute the first reading. The proposed amendment will be read at the next regular meeting following its introduction at which time debate and final action of the proposed amendment shall be in order. The proposed amendment shall be adopted by the affirming vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the Advisory Board and Executive Board combined. Amendments to the constitution shall be dated and written as amendments, preserving the out-of-date article.

## **The By-Laws of the Sportsmanship Council at The Ohio State University**

### Article I – Officer Duties

#### *Section 1- Duties of the President\**

- a. Serve as the Primary Leader of the Ohio State Sportsmanship Council and all its activities.
- b. Preside over the Executive Board
- c. Call special meetings if necessary
- d. Coordinate the duties of all the officers and ensure that they are being performed properly
- e. Perform those other functions which shall be deemed necessary and proper by the organization at large
- f. Serve as spokesperson for the organization

#### *Section 2 – Duties of the Vice President\**

- a. Preside over the Advisory Board
- b. Complete any other duties assigned by the President
- c. Coordinate the activities of all the committees and ensure that they are functioning properly
- d. Assume the responsibilities of the president until an election can take place or the president can return to their duties.
- e. Coordinate annual Toss for a Cause fundraiser
- f. Manage and create newsletter

*Section 3– Duties of the Treasurer*

- a. Be responsible for the accounting of all financial affairs of the organization including expenditures and sources of in-kind support.
- b. Prepare an annual budget to the Executive Board, the Advisory Board, and the university departments providing sources of funding
- c. Work with university departments and outside corporations to gain and maintain sponsorship agreements

*Section 4– Duties of the Advisor*

- a. Perform those duties of a Faculty Advisor as required by the University
- b. Assist the Treasurer in securing funding
- c. Serve as the mediator between faculty, staff, and alumni members should a conflict arise.
- d. Perform those other functions which shall be deemed necessary and proper by the organization at large.

*Section 5– Duties of the Director of Welcoming and Positive Sportsmanship*

- a. Leads Game Day Ambassadors
- b. Orders Game Day Buttons
- c. Works with Athletic Department contact for button design
- d. Sends Welcoming Emails to contacts of universities the team travels to and those coming to Ohio State
- e. Homecoming Parade Logistics
- f. Basketball Welcoming

*Section 6– Duties of the Director of Membership*

- a. Register for both Involvement Fairs
- b. Recruiting of new members
- c. Sets up a table to advertise organization at the Buckeye Kickoff Event
- d. Keeps track of member's points
- e. Plans Socials
- f. Plans Recruiting events

*Section 7– Duties of the Director of Buckeye Pride*

- a. Plans tailgates for the semester
- b. Communicates with Athletic Department and Fan Experience Department

- c. Collaborates with other student organizations
- d. Chooses athletic games for Best Fans In The Land Events
- e. Coordinates any Beat Michigan Week Activities

#### *Section 8– Duties of the Director of Marketing*

- a. Manage Facebook Pages
- b. Manage Twitter Account
- c. Manage Instagram Account
- d. Communicate with Block O marketing / Fan Experience marketing to advertise events
- e. Help out with apparel orders
- f. Any reservation of the tables in the Union
- g. Create any flyers if necessary
- h. Update the Sportsmanship Council Website

\* If deemed necessary by the Executive Board, determined by a two-thirds vote (2/3), the duties of the President and Vice President may be combined under the duty of Co-President.

#### Article II – Elections

Elections will take place annually in the month of March. Each candidate for officer must be nominated by a member of the general body or the current executive board. Once all officers have been nominated, a secret ballot vote will be conducted in both a general body meeting. Each individual with the highest count will be elected as the new officer.

#### Article III – Removal of Elected Officers

Any member of the Executive Board or general body may request the review of an officer member who has committed an impeachable offense. The review will be conducted by the Faculty Advisor. In the event that the accused is the Faculty Advisor, the review will be conducted by the President. Once action to impeach has been lodged with the Faculty Advisor or President, they shall be bound to determine the following:

1. Whether the alleged offense committed is an impeachable offense as defined by the Executive Board.
2. Whether or not the officer accused of the alleged offense should be impeached.

After the review of the officer in question, the Faculty Advisor or President will present its recommendation to a closed meeting of the Executive Board. A vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the Executive Board would result in the removal of the individual.

#### Article IV – Committees

##### *Section 1 – The Committees*

- a. Carmen
- b. Script

##### *Section 2 – Members of the Committees*

All student members of the Sportsmanship Council may serve on one or more standing

committees.

*Section 3 – Duties Common to All Committee Directors*

- a. Be responsible for the establishment of their committee meeting times by the first week of every quarter
- b. Ensure proper assembly of minutes taken at respective committee meetings, in accordance with accepted format
- c. Maintain direct communication with the Executive Board regarding decisions and actions of respective committees

*Section 4-Carmen*

*Section 5-Script*

*Section 6 – Member Removal*

- a. Any member of the Executive Board may request the review of a general body member who has failed to exhibit, or acted against, the values of the organization.
- b. The review will be conducted by the Faculty Advisor. In the event that the accused is the Faculty Advisor, the review will be conducted by the President. Once action to remove the member(s) has been lodged with the Faculty Advisor or President, they shall be bound to determine the following:
  1. Whether the alleged offense committed is worthy of dismissal from the organization
  2. Whether or not the member accused of the alleged offense should be dismissed.
- c. After the review of the officer in question, the Faculty Advisor or President will present its recommendation to a closed meeting of Executive Board. A vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the Executive Board would result in the removal of the individual.

Article V – Meetings

All Executive Board meetings or general body meetings will be held every other week or when deemed necessary. A quorum shall consist of 2/3 of the Advisory Board and 2/3 of the Executive Board combined. The President, Advisor or three or more petitioning offices shall have the ability to call a special meeting whenever they deem necessary. The Executive Board reserves the right to interpret the Constitution and the Bylaws in any manner seen fit to the best interests of this organization.

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