

Ohio State Voice in Sport Chapter Constitution

Article I - Name, Purpose, Voice in Sport Affiliation

Section 1: Name

Ohio State Voice in Sport Chapter

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose for beginning a Voice in Sport chapter is to create a welcoming space for People interested in advancing gender equity in sport. We want to create a community that can share empowering stories about being in sport, become educated on Title IX and build confidence to have a voice within the Ohio State community. Within this group we aim to help Students feel worthy in athletic environments, to feel confident in name/image/likeness opportunities, to promote and representation in college athletics, and provide a support network/system for Student-Athletes at Ohio State.

Section 3: Voice In Sport Affiliation

Voice In Sport is a virtual community that connects and inspires girls and women in sport ages 13-23 through a member-only platform providing access to original content fueled by VIS Creators, an Advisory Podcast, a digital mentorship program fueled by the VIS League, access to VIS Experts in Sports Psychology, Sports Nutrition, Sports Dietetics and Women's Health, and Advocacy Tools to drive change. Every board member of the chapter will be required to join the VIS Community as a Mentor which requires an application and interview process, as well as the completion of Title IX Training. This affiliation will allow us access to resources including: materials, guest speakers, trainings and extended opportunities in the world of women in sport.

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.

II.a. As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of the 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.

II.b. Qualifications for student members include current or former Student-Athlete status, a non-student athlete, student with interest in advancing gender equity in sport.

III.c. When joining the chapter, interested individuals will participate in an intake conversation facilitated by the President and will be added to a slack group. Upon graduation, past members will be removed from the slack and added to an alumni email list for continued outreach and collaboration considering events and programs.

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 violation will be brought to the

Executive Board. Upon reviewing the case, the member may be removed through a majority vote of the Executive Board.

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. In the case of a failure to perform duties, the elected officer will first be notified of their inappropriate behavior and given one warning. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the remaining executive officers and general body members in consultation with chapter advisors.

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:

A. Primary Leader (President) – Noor Abukaram

- a. Serve as chief officer of the Voice in Sport chapter
- b. Attend bi-weekly Executive Board Meetings and bi-weekly General Body Meetings
- c. Participate in annual training required by the Office of Student Life
- d. Participate in chapter events and programs
- e. Collaboratively work to plan, implement, and assess programs
- f. Act as a liaison between the Advisory board, Executive board, Voice in Sport Inc., General body, Athletic department/leadership, and the broader campus
- g. Create the agenda and gathering materials for bi-weekly Executive Board meetings
- h. Assist secretary in general body meeting structure - collaboration with members for general body meetings

B. Secondary Leader (Vice President) and Outreach Leader - Chandini Antal

- a. Attend bi-weekly Executive Board meetings and general body meetings
- b. Assume the responsibilities of the President as needed as defined above
- c. Assist the President with the management of student organization including but not limited to event planning, funding, recruitment, and scheduling of meetings.
- d. Schedule locations for meetings and events
- e. Oversee recruitment efforts including new member outreach and intake meetings
- f. Coordinates with the Social Media Chair for branding
- g. Attend the required annual student board training

D. Treasurer/Secretary – Brynn Ammerman

- a. Attend bi-weekly Executive Board meetings and general body meetings

- b. Keep accurate record of budgets
- c. In charge of general body meeting structure - collaboration with members
- e. Advise and lead on the organization's fundraising strategy
- f. Collaboratively work to plan, implement, and assess programs
- g. Attend the annual student board training
- h. Act as the main manager of taxes, and bank accounts with regards to outward facing information and the Ohio State Office of Student Life

E. Social Media Chair/Marketing Manager- Quinn Kuntz

- a. Attend bi-weekly Executive Board meetings and general body meetings
- b. Track the flow, trends, and metrics of social media platforms for optimal engagement.
- c. Create and design graphics for social media platforms to share important updates about important recent events and biweekly updates from general body meetings.
- d. Attend the annual student board training
- e. Determine the social media posting schedule across all platforms
- f. Plans annual senior recognition highlights and closeout

Article V- Election / Selection of Organization Leadership

V. Each elected official will have the term of one calendar year. Elections will be held annually in the autumn semester before winter break. All current members of Voice in Sport chapter may participate in voting within the election. In order to run for election members must have attended 75% of general body meetings for the most recent autumn semester. Qualifications for student members include current or former Student-Athlete status or athlete within the community and identifying as a woman. Additionally, members must plan to re-enroll as a student at The Ohio State University the following spring and autumn semesters to allow for completion of a full term. Elected officials are able to run for reelection if they continue to meet the previous criteria.

The transition of power between current and newly elected officers begins at the start of spring semester and is fully complete upon the section general body meeting of the new year.

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

The Voice in Sport chapter Executive Committee consists of the five organizational leadership positions and the organization's advisors.

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

In order to be an advisor for the Voice in Sport chapter the individual must identify as a woman. Advisors should represent at least two different facets of the athletics community including but not limited to Student-Athlete Support Services Office, Buckeye Inclusion, Sports Psychology and Wellness Services, and Coaching Staff.

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

IX. There is no minimum attendance policy required for general body members. As an organization, Voice in Sport chapter acknowledges the rigorous schedule of Student-Athletes and aims to create an open and inviting space.

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

X. 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 XI – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting Requirements.

XI. Proposed amendments to the constitution will be presented to the organization in writing and read at the general body meeting. At a subsequent general body meeting, the amendment will be reread and the general body will vote (in person or virtually) in favor or against the amendment. In order to be added to the constitution there must be a three-quarter majority of voting members in favor.

Non-Discrimination Policy:

Voice in Sport Ohio State 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, Voice in Sport Ohio State 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.