

True Crime Club Constitution

at Ohio State University

Article I. Name

- This club will be officially called the True Crime Club and unofficially referred to as tTCC.

Article II. Deprivation of Authority

- TCC and its members agree to recognize that the organization is made possible by the Ohio State University and henceforth follows the university's written rules and unwritten precedences.
- TCC and its leaders and members agree to follow university club guidelines; failure to do so could lead to a member of any standing being ejected from the organization.

Article III. Notice of Non-discrimination

- TCC follows the university's set quote of no discrimination 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.
- Failure to follow this policy could lead to a member or officer of any standing being ejected from the organization.
- All potential incidents of potential discrimination should be taken to the leaders of the organization; following that the leaders will take the issue to the Office of Student Life for further investigation.
- "The Ohio State University is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity and to improve opportunities for all. The university is committed to equal opportunity, affirmative action, and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as a matter of law. 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."

Article IV. Purpose Statement

- The main goal of this organization is to develop a club for Ohio State students sharing an interest in true crime. This works to build knowledge through exploration of podcasts, books, and other media. There will also be opportunities for students to practice their public speaking/presentation skills, participate in community service based opportunities, aspire for leadership roles, and establish new relationships with peers. The organization strives to bring more awareness to this subject including to better understand psychology, psychological disorders, and how to help people with those underlying conditions.

Article V. Rights and Responsibilities

- Presidential position responsibilities include:
 - All yearly presidential training, maintaining an active relationship with an advisor, lead (plus create) activities, meetings, and events, evaluating member status and keeping attendance.
- Vice Presidential position responsibilities include:
 - Assisting the president with basic duties, leading events, activities, and meetings in the president's absence, assisting with fundraising, leading media management.
- Treasurer position and responsibilities include:
 - All yearly fiscal training, complete and assess budgeting processes, inform the leadership team regarding all fiscal discretions.

Article VI. Election Process

- Elections will be held in April.
- Voted on by the member body and decided by a simple majority.
- Incumbent leaders must run to maintain seats every election cycle.
- New candidates (optional for incumbents) must present a proposal during the election cycle.
- Leadership cycles will last on a yearly basis from elections in April to the next election date the following year.
- Candidates must be nominated by a fellow member (can be leaders other than that of the president position) of the organization.
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Article VII. Membership

- Attendees will be considered members after attending 5 meetings per semester and 50 percent of all major events hosted by the organization.
- A member can run for a leadership role only if they attend $\frac{2}{3}$ or more of the meetings and all major events hosted by the organization.
- Only members can vote in elections, membership is on a semester to semester basis.
- Members can be removed for any of the following: discriminatory actions, inability to take serious topics with sensitivity and awareness, unruly actions, failure to treat others with respect.
- 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.
- Membership can be stripped when there is documentation of misconduct going against what has been requested by the constitution for membership standards of action and when all leaders (President, Vice President, Treasure, and Advisor) vote unanimously to remove the personnel from the club.
- A leadership role can be stripped when there is documentation of misconduct going against what has been requested by the constitution for the leader and general membership standards of action and when all leaders, excluding said leader in question (President, Vice President, Treasure, and Advisor) vote unanimously to remove the personnel from the club.
- 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.

Articles VIII. Amendment Process

- Constitutional amendments can be proposed during the election cycle, then voted upon in the next meeting.
- 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 of voting members (a quorum being present) of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

- Only in person votes will be counted towards amendments and election candidates.

Articles IX. Sexual Misconduct

- As a student organization at The Ohio State University, True Crime Club 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.