The Ohio State University Cricket Club Constitution

Article I – Name

The Ohio State University Cricket Club will be our formal name.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of the Ohio State University Cricket Club is to provide a competitive family-like atmosphere through cricket, school, and community service for Ohio State University student-athletes. The Ohio State University Cricket Club is dedicated to making its student-athletes better people and players, while giving them a positive outlet to further enjoy their college experience. The Ohio State University Cricket Club promotes and teaches the game of cricket to all students, faculty, and staff, and organizes various cricket tournaments in and around campus to bring out the best cricketing talent, to be used to represent Ohio State University in various competitions held year around near other university campuses, or otherwise.

Article III - Membership

- All Ohio State University students, faculty, staff, and alumni are entitled to participate in the Ohio State University Cricket Club.
- Our club also agrees with and follows The Ohio State University non-discrimination policy.
- The Ohio State University Cricket Club must recognize all guidelines set forth by The Ohio State University in the Student Code of Conduct.
- Club members are required to sign and turn in insurance waivers and consent forms with emergency contact information prior to participation in any practices or competition.
- Club members are required to attend practices, games, tournaments and all other club events in a regular, timely manner.
- Club members are required to pay club dues, which are non-refundable on time, and expected to participate in a set percent of fundraising projects. The percent amount is to be determined by the club officers.
- The Ohio State University Cricket Club reserves the right to terminate the membership of any club member. The termination of a club member shall be taken collectively by the Club Officers, with 4/5 vote required for removal.

Article IV – Selection for Matches

The Ohio State University Cricket Club will have a selection committee for each tournament. To be a member of the selection committee, you must participate in the tournament. This selection committee will include the captain, vice-captain and the President of the club. If the President is captain or vice-captain then he can nominate another member of the board to be part of the selection committee. The selection committee will determine the selection criteria for each tournament, and communicate these criteria to the club.

Article V – Officers

President - Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Overseeing the club team, and all other officers.

- Prepare an outline of the work to be done, and show the path through giving responsibilities to other officers.
- Making sure all players have filled out insurance waiver forms.
- Scheduling games, practices, tournaments, and filling out facility request forms.
- Attending all meetings set forth by the Ohio State University Sports Club Offices and making sure the OSU Cricket Club is meeting all requirements of The Ohio State University Sports Club Office.
- Facilitating meetings, along with the rest of the board.
- Keep positive connection between OSUCC and other clubs
- Responsible for all communications and connections with the Department of Recreational Sports including scheduling.

Vice President - Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Assisting the president in any duties necessary.
- Coordinating memberships
- Coordinating practices
- Responsible for recruitment
- Attend all meetings set forth by the Ohio State University Sports Club Offices in which the President shall not be able to attend.
- Taking initiative to invite potential players to practice.
- Coordinate recruitment with on-campus organizations: namely PASA, ISA.
- Public Relations: Write monthly emails to alumni and core members giving important club updates

<u>Secretary/Social Media</u> – Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Responding to emails on the club email account.
- Send out emails to the club in regards to practice availability, match availability
- Send updates about the club to the team
- Social Media Management
- Communicate match details to the team, including time/address
- Coordinate pick-ups for rides for matches

<u>Treasurer</u> – Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Keeping track of all incoming and outgoing funds.
- Auditing the current/past year's budget.
- Drafting projections for the next year's budget.
- Preparing any financial reports requested by the President or the Ohio State Department of Recreational Sports
- Keep track of member fees, and membership lists
- Be involved with any financial decisions taken, and approve those financial decisions
- Responsible for initiating fundraising efforts, such as tennis ball tournaments.

<u>Captain</u> – Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Make equipment decisions, which must be approved by the treasurer.
- Run practices
- Ensure food and water is at the ground

- Ensure kit bags and equipment needed for match are at the ground
- Become risk manager
 - Responsible for immediate injury support during practice or games
 - Responsible for acquiring medical attention as needed for injured players
- Assist officers of management if needed
- Possible secondary contact for MCT
- Ensure waiver forms are signed by opposing teams
- Appoint stand-in captain if needed.
- Make sure umpire is paid his fees
- Make sure scoring is done
- Any and all conflicts on the field are to be handled by the captain
- In consultation with the treasurer, can decide rewards for the team after matches.
- Responsible for all "on-field" issues

The board, through unanimous decision, will decide the main contact for MCT. The President or Captain must be the secondary contact, to be determined by the board unanimously.

Article VI – Elections

Elections will be held at the last scheduled summer practice. Current officers have the choice of running for their office again or resigning. New nominations for officers will be decided by players recommending other players. Players have the choice to accept or reject the nomination before voting begins. Players may be nominated for more than one category. Voting will take place by paper ballot starting with the President. The President will count the votes, with a non-officer member watching. Any member of the team can call for a vote to impeach an officer. ³/₄ of the team must agree on the impeachment vote.

Article VII – Funds

Club funds are allocated based on the goals and vision of the cricket club for the year with some consideration for the following year. Club dues for each year will be determined by the officers in place following the election. Fundraising and sponsorship projects will be completed by all members in order to raise additional money for the club. Monetary and/or game fines will be levied against any member or officer that does not complete the necessary amount of fundraisers. Extenuating circumstances will be reviewed by the president, vice president and captain.

Article VIII – Non-Discrimination Statement

Statement of nondiscrimination prohibiting 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 basis in accordance with <u>Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines</u>.

Article IX – Advisor

The Ohio State University Cricket Club advisor shall be a faculty/staff member of the Ohio State University that has an interest in the club team. He/she will also advise the club and will assist in any manner necessary.

Article X – Coaching Staff

The club officers will conduct private interviews, and collectively decide on coach(es), who is not an officer of the team. The coach can participate in the Midwest Cricket Tournament, but may not play in student-only tournaments or matches. A coach can be removed with 4/5 majority vote by the board.

Article XI – Travel Arrangements

The Secretary will organize and approve all the travel arrangements for the cricket club. Club members are expected to be at the designated departure point 30 minutes before the designated departure time. Team members are responsible for their own expenses on road trips unless otherwise noted.

Article XII – Code of Student Conduct

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

Article XIII - 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 XIV – Return to Competitive Sports

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

Article XV – Amendments

Any member of the Ohio State University Cricket Club may suggest an amendment to this Constitution. The amendment must be typed and given to a club officer. The member will have the opportunity to defend his or her suggestion before the officer or the board. The club officers will then privately vote on whether to accept or reject the amendment. There must be a majority vote to revise the constitution (3/5 vote).

Article XVII - Officer Removal Methods

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.