



LivingSport



# **2024-2025**

## **Constitution**

### **Preamble**

LivingSport teaches future coaches how to prepare youth for life and leadership through sport and how to become the best coaches they can be.

The organization meets four times monthly and focuses on new events, social issues, growth, and mental issues. In addition, LivingSport aims to enhance the knowledge and experiences of OSU students by creating an area where we can come together and speak with no judgment. We also want to create events that make it possible to be more involved in the youth development role of the world!

### **Article I: Name of Organization**

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

### **Article II: Purpose**

LivingSport is the beginning guide to LiFEsports. Our work will impact the lives of those who need it most. We strive to address the broader social conditions young people face, especially those exposed to various social vulnerabilities. Our Initiative's continued focus on teaching has continued to impact the sport-based PYD field by developing tomorrow's workforce, and our research demonstrates how sport can make a difference in the lives of vulnerable youth. Our mission is to teach future coaches how to prepare youth for life and leadership through sport and how to become the best coaches they can be. Our goal is to become the guide in teaching and promoting better positive coaches for youth-based sport development programming. This organization will also offer a paid internship opportunity for the LiFEsports summer camp.

## **Article III: Goals**

1. Provide a comfortable environment that encourages dialogue around local and global issues and highly sensitive subjects.
2. Promote fair, open-minded, knowledge-seeking, and unbiased attitudes.
3. Provide areas where students may network with other students, student-athletes, and business professionals.
4. Host events that promote fun, educational, and engaging interactions between student-athletes of various cultures, and personal ideologies.
5. Become the guide in teaching and promoting better positive coaches for youth-based sport development programming.

## **Article IV: Membership**

### **A. General Membership**

1. General membership into LivingSport is open to ALL Ohio State students in recognition of the rights of all individuals to mutual respect; and acceptance of others without biases regardless of race, gender, religious affiliations, academic standing, GPA, and eligibility status.

### **B. Leadership Board Membership**

1. To be a Leadership Board Member, one must:
  - a. Attend each weekly executive board meeting and all LivingSport meetings or events during the academic year.
  - b. Have exhausted at least one year of academic eligibility.
  - c. Have at least one more year of academic eligibility left **OR** be in their last year of academic eligibility.

### **C. Officer Membership**

1. To be an Officer, one must:
  - a. Attend each weekly executive board meeting and all LivingSport meetings or events during the academic year.
  - b. Have exhausted at least one year of academic eligibility.
  - c. Have at least one more year of academic eligibility left **OR** be in their last year of academic eligibility.

## **Article V: Executive Board**

### **A. Composition**

1. The Executive Board is the sum of the Officers and the Leadership Board. The Executive Board will consist of an athletic department staff advisor and Four (4) additional positions. One (1) of these are the Leadership Board members: Secretary. The remaining three (3) are the Officer positions: President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

### **B. Powers**

1. The executive power of RAS is vested in the Executive Board.

### **C. Executive Board Responsibilities**

1. All Executive Board members must attend the scheduled Executive Board meetings.
2. All Executive Board Members must attend LivingSport General Body meetings and events.
3. All Executive Board members must uphold professional conduct in the event of a conflict. Otherwise, the persons involved may be subject to impeachment proceedings, following the guidelines of this constitution.
4. All Executive Board members are responsible for reading, knowing, and adhering to the RAS constitution.
5. All Executive Board members are responsible for recruiting the amount general members needed to assist with the planning and execution of events and meetings.
6. All Executive Board members are responsible for informing their team about upcoming LivingSport events and meetings.

### **D. Executive Board Absenteeism and Tardiness**

1. All Executive Board members may not be absent from more than two (2) Executive Board Meetings per semester. If an Executive Board member violates this policy, the member will automatically be impeached unless an appeal is made to the General Body.
2. All Executive Board members are expected to attend Executive Board and General Body meetings promptly. No Executive Board member is to be more than ten (10) minutes late to two (2) consecutive meetings. This will be equivalent to an absence.
3. All conflicts due to class or other activities participation are to be made known to the Executive Board within a reasonable amount of time before the scheduled meeting to be considered excused.

### **E. Executive Board Positions and Duties: Officers and Athletic Department Staff Advisor**

#### **President**

1. Maintain communication throughout the Executive Board.
2. Represent LivingSport at other organization meetings & events.

3. Serve as a spokesperson on behalf of the entire group.
4. Lead the organization in determining the tasks and objectives.
5. Oversee the execution of these tasks and objectives.
6. Create a strong understanding of the LivingSport brand, ensuring the content reflects monthly meeting goals and objectives.
7. Check the progress of each officer; keep in contact with them.
8. Recommend and appoint individuals to board positions.
9. Plan and organize events and meetings.
10. Introduce new material that he or the members have suggested.
11. Guide LivingSport in creating a mission, strategy, and constitution to abide by at all times.

### **Vice-President**

1. Enforce Guidelines outlined by this constitution.
2. Assure Executive Board delegated responsibilities are complete.
3. In the absence of the president, assume his duties.
4. Succeed to the Presidency if the position becomes vacant.
5. Responsible for all creative marketing for each event including posters, video, and social media. Lead development of creative ideas and marketing that are innovative and consistently promote LivingSport.
6. Develop and place flyers around campus
7. Develop partnerships with other businesses to spread the word of events
8. Represent LivingSport at student organization meetings along with the President.
9. Associate with the different campus student organizations for networking, collaborating, and awareness.
10. Assist the President in planning and organizing events and meetings.

### **Treasurer**

1. Prepare the annual LivingSport budget
2. In the absence of the Vice President, assume his duties.
3. Monitor the LivingSport budget
4. Complete annual financial report
5. Collect funds and depositing in the LivingSport account
6. Maintain a record of all transaction
7. Work closely with partners to secure events to raise money
8. Succeed to Vice President if the position becomes vacant

### **Secretary**

1. Prepare the weekly agenda 24 hours before the meeting
2. Recommend and recruit individuals to become a part of the organization.
3. Serve as the main point of contact with other organizations.
4. Take notes during the meeting
5. Keep track of who is tardy or absent

## **Academic Department Staff Advisor**

1. Maintain relations between the Department of Academics and the student body.
2. Advise the Executive Board.
3. Give input and assist in the election process.
4. Secure financial resources.
5. Research the legalities of events within the University and public regulations.
6. Research the liabilities and authorization of events

## **F. Attendance**

According to the outlined roles and responsibilities, each member will be held accountable to the three-strike policy. The three-strike policy includes the following:

1. Acceptable absences include sports competitions and practices, exam and exam reviews, or a reviewable commitment approved by the Academic Department Staff Advisor.
2. For last-minute absences (illness, impromptu practices, etc.) must be declared or communicated to the LivingSport President or Vice President within two hours of the event or meeting.
3. A full strike will be given for an absence of the Executive Board or LivingSport meetings without notification.
4. A half strike will be given for missing a given deadline or not accomplishing the title role or assigned responsibility that has been given.
5. The Internal Communications Specialist will keep track of the point system.

## **G. Impeachment**

1. LivingSport member(s) may bring specific impeachment charges against Executive Board members(s) who have not fulfilled their duties, or engaged in conduct that violates the LivingSport constitution, or the general well-being of the organization.
2. Impeachment will be initiated in the following manner:
  - a. A formal letter or email must be typed by the member(s) bringing the charges to the Athletic Department Staff Advisor, calling for impeachment of the Executive Board member(s) and specifically stating the reasons for impeachment.
  - b. The Executive Board will have a meeting and discuss the matter with the Executive Board member(s) and/or the general member(s) who have brought the charges, and attempt to resolve the matter, if possible.
  - c. The President will present the matter at the next general Meeting from the date of a letter calling for impeachment, and call for an impeachment vote from the General membership. If the President is being impeached the Vice-President will present the matter at the next General Meeting.
  - d. A majority vote of the general membership will remove the Executive Board member(s) from office.

## **H. Resignation and Position Switching**

### **1. Resignation**

- a. The Executive Board Member(s) who is/are resigning must give their remaining members two weeks prior notice.
- b. A formal letter or email must be typed by the member(s) resigning, briefly outlining the reasons for resignation.
- c. The Executive Board member resigning must complete all delegated responsibilities made before the resignation letter or email before the date of resignation.

### **2. Position Switching**

- a. Position switching is unconstitutional
- b. To obtain another Executive Board position, the interested Executive Board member(s) must first resign from their original Executive Board position, and elections will then be held for the recently opened positions following the election proceeding outlined in this constitution.

## **I. Terms of Office**

1. Executive Board members will assume their positions for the new academic year after the final LivingSport general membership meeting/event of the academic year.
2. All constituents of the Executive Board will hold their positions for one full academic year (Fall-Spring semesters). Eligibility is based on the election proceedings outlined in this constitution.
3. Executive Board members will remain on the Executive Board, as long as the election proceedings outlined in this constitution are followed at the end of the academic year and an Executive Board member is legitimately re-elected through the process.

## **Article VI: Elections Process**

### **A. Selection Process**

1. At the end of each spring semester, prospective students will complete an application form provided by LivingSport.
2. The application will be returned to the LivingSport Advisor for review.
3. Selected candidates for Executive Board Membership will undergo an interview process and be chosen for the following academic term by the LivingSport Advisor and Executive Board representatives
4. Once the applicant has been selected for an interview, an interview will be scheduled. Interviews will be conducted by the LivingSport Advisor and members of the Executive Board.

5. Following the selection, the group-assigned Academic Advisor must sign the given documentation confirming appointment approval.

## **Article VII: Organizational Structure**

### **A. General Meetings, Activities and Events**

1. General meetings, activities, and events must start promptly and be properly organized.

### **B. Officer Meetings**

1. The Officers will meet following each LivingSport event to reflect on the meeting, talk about areas of opportunity, and begin the planning process for the next meeting/event.

### **C. Executive Board Meetings**

1. The Executive Board meetings will be scheduled to discuss plans and arrangements for upcoming events.

### **D. Changes to the LivingSport Constitution**

1. To change the LivingSport Constitution, three-fourths (3/4) of the Executive Board must vote in agreement with the amendments to the Constitution.
2. Finally, the Student Organization Office must receive a copy and approve of the new Constitution.

### **E. Interpreting the Constitution**

1. If there are discrepancies concerning the Constitution, the Executive Board must vote in agreement with the amendments to the Constitution.

### **F. Chain of Command**

1. Executive Board: Officers
  - a. President
  - b. Vice President
  - c. Treasurer
  - d. Secretary



- e. Academic Department Staff Advisor

## 2. General Members

### **G. Grievances**

1. Any member or organization that has a grievance with LivingSport shall have his concern(s) addressed at the next scheduled Executive Board meeting.

## **Article VIII: Non-Discrimination Policy**

### **A. Policy**

1. LivingSport does not discriminate based on 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. For information purposes, the University's policy is quoted as follows: "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 based on 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."