

The Columbus Crew Club at The Ohio State University

CONSTITUTION

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Article I - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization

Section 1 - Name:

The Columbus Crew Club at The Ohio State University

Section 2 - Purpose:

The Columbus Crew Club at The Ohio State University serves as the Columbus Crew supporters group for students at The Ohio State University. The club is designed to build greater unity and camaraderie amongst Columbus Crew fans at The Ohio State University, as well as all soccer/football fans. The club promotes friendship and fandom through events such as watch parties, match attendance, and meetings revolving around Crew soccer, the MLS, and any other level or league that members wish to bring into dialogue with the rest of the club. The club is meant to be a community where passionate Crew fans can display their enthusiasm and new fans can be baptized into the soccer culture of Columbus.

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy:

This organization 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. *All are welcome.*

Additionally:

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, The Columbus Crew 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.

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.

Section 1 - Qualifications of Membership:

The Columbus Crew Club is open to all enrolled students of the Ohio State University as well as faculty, alumni, and staff that are interested in joining. All are welcome.

Section 2 - Membership Types:

The Columbus Crew Club has two membership types: Casual and Diehard. The Casual membership is free and allows access to all club events, newsletters, and access to the group chat(s). The Diehard membership allows access to all of the previously mentioned items, but it also pays for certain club items that are subject to change, such as the club t-shirt and other annual merchandise. Finally, it will act as a tiebreaker, if necessary, in cases of ticket demand being greater than what the club can supply. Membership dues are set by the Treasurer on an annual basis.

Article III - Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers:

Section 1 - Methods for Removing Members:

Let it be understood that all members must be respectful to one another. In addition, while competitive talk between members regarding the sport of soccer/football and their associated team(s) is allowed, and in fact, encouraged, any and all forms of verbal abuse or personal attacks directed at anyone by a member of this club is prohibited and such person(s) responsible are subject to indefinite removal from the club.

Any and all complaints should be brought to an executive officer. In order for a complaint to be formally filed the executive board must have a written statement by the plaintiff that can be used for reference. If a member has a complaint against them and the executive board deems it violated club rules they will be notified and given a warning. Like in soccer, if the same member has a complaint deemed valid by the executive board during the same semester that member will be indefinitely removed from the club. Egregious complaints can result in automatic removal from the club without a second chance/warning. Final decisions will be made by the executive board and all decisions to either terminate the complaint or validate it must be unanimous.

Section 2 - Methods for Removing Executive Officers:

Under the circumstances that an executive officer has a complaint filed against them, the same procedure of member removal will be employed by the remaining officers. Decisions must be unanimous and the defendant in this situation does not have the right to vote.

Article IV - Organization Leadership:

Section 1 - Leadership Roles:

President:

The President's main duty is to ensure that the club meets the standards set forth by The Ohio State University in order to remain as an approved student organization. Additionally, the role of the President is to provide events for club members to attend, be on call if any other executive officers need assistance, maintain admin controls of the club group chat(s), monitor membership, send out update emails/newsletters or messages, and provide leadership to the executive officers and members. The President is the person for anyone in the club to reach out to for questions and/or concerns.

Vice President:

The Vice President is in charge of the club calendar and will coordinate with the other executive officers regarding all club functions/outings. The Vice President will also work with the President to complete any and all miscellaneous tasks regarding club functions that includes, but is not limited to, reserving rooms, ordering food, placing call-ahead at restaurants, answering the club email, and generally anything that will make the event possible.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer is responsible for handling club funds. All purchases on behalf of the club will go through the treasurer and they will receive, collect, and document all money from club members. The treasurer is also tasked with requesting necessary funds for club activities and is in charge of any necessary refunds to members. The Treasurer also calculates dues costs for members. The Treasurer works concurrently with the other executive members to create and share all signup spreadsheets for events as necessary.

Social Media Manager:

The Social Media Manager will serve as the administrator for all official club social media pages as well as updating the club website. These official outlets are required to follow the same conduct regulations as required by the club and The Ohio State University. The Social Media Manager also works directly with the Vice President to ensure that the calendar of events or reminders of events are posted in a timely and informative manner.

Article V - Election/Selection of Organization Leadership

Section 1 - Elections:

At this time it is not necessary for the club to hold elections for the purpose of selecting new officers. This is written as a reminder that the Columbus Crew Club Constitution is a living document and the club's needs may change to require them in the future.

Section 2 - Selection of Organization Leadership:

Members that are interested in becoming an executive officer will fill out the application for the specific role that they are interested in for the upcoming year. The application will be sent out by the current president to the members for a designated time.

Incumbent executive officers will review the applications and decide on the best fit for the club moving forward.

All applicants will be notified if they were selected for the position or not by the current president with enough time for new executive officers to complete all necessary transition work to ensure the continuation of the club.

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

Section 1 - Executive Committee:

Under the original scope of the club, four officers: *President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Social Media Manager*, the executive committee is composed of all club officers. If the club were to grow and add officer positions and it would be necessary to separate the executive committee from the rest, the roles of *President, Vice President, and Treasurer* shall compose the executive committee.

Article VII - Standing Committees (if needed): Names, purposes, and composition.

Section 1 - Standing Committees:

Under the original Columbus Crew Club Constitution, additional standing committees have been deemed unnecessary but it should be advised that under the circumstances of club growth and the creation of additional officer position roles, standing committees should be created and named for the betterment of the club as a working organization.

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

Section 1 - Advisor Qualification Criteria:

The advisor of the Columbus Crew Club is a full-time member of the University faculty. The role of the advisor is to watch over the club and help out in times of need. The advisor is not expected to participate in club activities, but is more than welcome to. The advisor should be at the disposal of the executive officers to ensure the club is acting in accordance with university rules and regulations.

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

Section 1 - Required Meetings and their Frequency:

The only required meetings are officer meetings, in which executive officers are required to attend. These will occur at least once a month during the academic year. All officers have the right to call a meeting but must give at least twenty four hours notice to the other officers.

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

Section 1 - Required Events and their Frequency:

As a club made of fans and volunteers, we understand that schedules are incredibly busy and ultimately the academic studies of club members come first. Therefore, there are zero required events for members.

Article XI - Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.

Section 1 - Proposals:

All proposed amendments to the constitution must be brought about or sponsored by a member of the executive board. All members can propose amendments to executive officers.

Section 2 - Notice and Voting Requirements:

Amendments can only be formally proposed at officer meetings. No notice is required ahead of time. However, an amendment cannot be voted on in the same meeting that it is proposed. In order for an amendment to pass there must be a unanimous decision.

Article XII - Method of Dissolution of Organization

Section 1 - Dissolution:

If for some unforeseen reason the Columbus Crew Club would dissolve, the assets and debts would be the responsibility of the President.