

Constitution and By-Laws of The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University

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ARTICLE I: Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name of Organization

The name of the organization will be "The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University."

Section 2: Statement of Purpose

The purpose of The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University is to increase awareness of and involvement in the sport of futsal, promote physical fitness and healthy lifestyles, engage in volunteering and mentoring in the community, provide opportunities for performance, competition, and teaching, and to provide a fun, inclusive, and athletic environment for students at The Ohio State University.

Section 3: Non-discrimination Policy

This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Section 4: Anti-Hazing Policy

Our student organization agrees not to participate in hazing. Hazing, defined by the Ohio Revised Code, means "doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. No person shall recklessly participate in the hazing of another."

ARTICLE II: Membership Qualifications and Categories

Membership and/or affiliation is divided into several categories as shown below.

These include General Membership, Executive Committee, Advisors or Coaching Positions, Alumni Advisory Group, and Extended Involvement.

ARTICLE IIa: General Membership

Active general membership is restricted to all current students, including those enrolled in The Ohio State University undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. As well as alumni who were members of the club for 2 or more semesters as undergraduates.

Membership will be available to anyone for no cost. In the event that the club is needing funding, dues may be activated for those who participate in The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University. In this situation, the annual membership fee should not exceed \$25. This fee will go towards purchasing team supplies necessary for the function of The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University. The fee will be due in September. For those who join after September, the charge will be \$25 through the end of the year and will reduce to \$15 in January. Individual balls, personal clothing and equipment, and/or other futsal materials are at the expense of the individual members. **ARTICLE IIb: Executive Committee Members**

Member Removal: 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 member may be removed through a majority vote of the officers in consultation with the organization's advisor.

See Article IV.

ARTICLE IIc: Founder Emeritus

The Founder Emeritus position was created as a check to ensure the long-term standing and continuing success of The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University. The Founder Emeritus position is continually maintained by the founder, Zak Boggs. The Founder Emeritus works with the President and Executive Committee with the ability to assist with Executive Committee positions as necessary to positively affect the inner workings of the Club. The Executive Committee may seek advice and input from the Founder Emeritus. The Founder Emeritus can also give input and advice as she deems necessary or may assist in the promotion of the Club across various platforms.

ARTICLE IId: Advisors or Coaching Positions

Alumni and staff at The Ohio State University (both male and female) including those employed by The Ohio State University may be involved with the organization in the form of Advisors, Coaches, Mentors, or Honorary Members. This type of membership does not allow for voting rights, however these members may give advice to the General Membership and Executive Committee. These positions act as positive connections between The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University and The Ohio State University, as well as with the faculty, staff, alumni, and general public. We encourage involvement and participation of both faculty and administrative staff members at The Ohio State University.

ARTICLE IIe: Alumni Advisory Group

Students who were part of the Ohio State Futsal General Membership as active members for two or more semesters may be part of the Alumni Advisory Committee. Members of this committee may take part in any Futsal Club at The Ohio State University activity, however they do not have voting rights and cannot be members of the Executive Committee. They hold the position of maintaining membership between students, The Ohio State University alumni, and the general public. As past experienced members, they may give advice or input to The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University and the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IIIf: Extended Involvement

Should the situation arise in which an adult futsal or soccer teacher, mentor, or coach, unaffiliated with The Ohio State University, is willing and able to assist with the Club due to the knowledge and experience he or she may have in the sport of futsal and be able to offer to the Club as a futsal team, then he or she may be involved in The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University from a coaching and mentoring standpoint, or the level in which the Executive Committee decides, which can include an Honorary Membership.

ARTICLE III: Organization Leadership

Organization leaders represent the Executive Committee and general membership and are elected by the ranks of The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University's voting membership. **Executive Committee Breakdown**

Officer Positions Position Descriptions

President Plan and run meetings and practices; create, seek, communicate with/for events and opportunities; original point of contact; top point of group organization

Vice President Make sure everyone else does his/her jobs and duties; offer help/be helpful when and where needed; work close with the President; help run practices and disseminate information

Secretary Record EVERYTHING; compile meeting notes; compile written records of all functions of the club; create a reference system for future Futsal Club at Ohio State members

Treasurer Responsible for moneys/budget; all funds through this person; name on bank account
(with Pres and Advisor); keeps "money record" and slips

Outreach Helps organize school clinics (all papers, ropes, etc. involved); helps plan and run school workshops, performances, assemblies or things working with groups outside of OSU

creates an outlet for groups bonding (minimum of one even per month); works with Outreach
Fundraiser/ Event Planner Organizes events to raise money for the club Coordinator on events (minimum of one event per month?); Organize and plan club events beyond just "jumping rope;"

Social Media Take pictures/videos and post for all promotional and public events and activities regarding the club (FB, Twitter, Instagram, The Lantern, Uweekly, etc) posters/chalking/website/Uweekly/Lantern/activity

Advertising/ Public Relations fairs, etc.
Take pictures/videos, pass out flyers or advertisements for club events, signs/

Fitness Chair Leads the conditioning parts of practices; develops and disseminates fitness plan for athletes at key times (Fall break, Thanksgiving, Winter break, Spring break, Summer break, etc)
equipment; repairs broken equipment or seeks

Equipment Manager help in repairs; inform Pres & VP when we need
In charge of equipment bag; manages equipment to replace or order new equipment and takes inventory to keep a record of

Advisor Supports The Futsal Club at the Ohio State University and our functions; acts as our connection with the university; helps us when needed; provides input, ideas, etc. on anything and everything he/she wants to suggest to the club

ARTICLE IV: Executive Committee

This committee represents the General Membership and conducts the business of the organization between general practices, meetings, and events of the membership and reports its actions to the membership at the general team practices and through email. This committee is composed of Futsal Club at The Ohio State University organization leaders and sometimes ex officio members of The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University as determined by the current Futsal Club at The Ohio State University organization leaders.

ARTICLE V: Selecting or Removing Officers

Officers are elected by majority vote at an annual election held during a meeting in March or April at the end of the Spring semester. Current members who are Ohio State students who are in undergraduate, graduate, or professional programs are able to run for officer positions.

Only Futsal Club at The Ohio State University current members who have paid the membership fee, if required, and have been a member of the organization for at least two semesters can participate in the vote to elect or remove an officer. For elections, nominations will be taken in March or April and the nominees will prepare a one-paragraph statement campaigning for the position for which they are nominated. Before the elections, the president and vice president will compile the nominee statements onto a ballot. It is required that 50% of the members must participate in voting to qualify as a full vote/election. In the situation that no election is required, the current Executive Committee can "agree" with the members who ran for positions and those positions may be accepted. The Summer Semester following an election is a transition period to properly prepare the newly elected officers for their positions starting in the Fall semester following their election.

Elected officers should be expected to conduct themselves in a way that reflects well on The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University. In the event that an officer does not meet those expectations, he or she can be removed from his or her elected position midterm by

a 2/3 majority vote by the General Membership. Additionally, it is understood that there are times when an elected officer cannot fulfill her duties due to personal reasons and will need to resign from his or her position midterm. The removal of this member from his or her elected position midterm can also happen by a 2/3 majority vote by the General Membership. In the event that immediate removal of an officer is necessary due to extreme actions that reflect negatively on the Club, the Executive Committee may decide to remove the officer by a majority vote (excluding the officer in consideration's vote).

The President position cannot be filled by a student in his or her final two semesters before graduation. This is to ensure successful transition to the next Executive Committee members. All officer positions can only be fulfilled by students physically present at Ohio State during both the Fall and Spring semesters.

ARTICLE VI: Advisor(s) or Advisory Board

Advisor(s) offer advice and appropriate direction as needed and sought by The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University. Advisor(s) are welcome to all activities, events, and practices and may take part in the organization or other positions as directed by The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University's President and Executive Committee. In the event that an Advisor may need to be replaced or removed, this is at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Advisors are not Coaches and their internal club influence can be maintained by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII: Meetings of the Organization

Scheduled practices, meetings, and events will be determined based on available time, space, funds, and resources, based on how The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University will best benefit. **ARTICLE VIII: Constitution Dissolution and Amendments**

This document can be revised through the proposal of an amendment. The proposed amendment must be presented, in writing, during a meeting or team practice. The General Members of The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University must be given one month to discuss and consider the proposal. If needed, members are encouraged to seek advice or guidance from the faculty and administrative members. During the team practice or meeting following the proposal, the proposal will be read again and time will be set aside for discussion regarding the implications of the amendment.

During the team practice or meeting, which follows the initial proposal of the amendment by one month, The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University members will vote. A 2/3 majority vote by the General Membership is needed to accept the proposed amendment to the constitution.

In the event that a situation arises that cannot be addressed by the Executive Committee or the boundaries as covered and outlined in this constitution, the members are to refer to the Founder Emeritus to discuss and determine what measures or actions should be taken. The Founder Emeritus may also be able to change the constitution, by-passing previously described amendment procedures, for the positive benefit of The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University in this situation or foreseen issues, being those in which the Club could potentially end in dissolution.

Officer Pledge

I, as an elected officer of The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University, hereby promise to fulfill my duties as they are listed in The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University constitution, to conduct myself in a professional and responsible manner when fulfilling my Futsal Club at The Ohio State University duties, and to uphold the guidelines and stated purpose of The Futsal Club at The Ohio State University as they are outlined in this constitution.

2024/25 Leadership Positions

President Prajwal Dahiya

Vice President Aditya Menon

Treasurer Tika Ram Sanyasi

Secretary

Outreach

Fundraiser/Event Planner:

Social Media

Advertising/Public Relations

Fitness Chair

Equipment Manager Zak Boggs

Advisor Deborah Stout

Founder Emeritus Zak Boggs