

The Ohio State University Cricket Club Constitution

2024-2025

Article I – Name

The Ohio State University Cricket Club (or OSUCC) will be our formal name.

Article II – Preamble

The Ohio State University Cricket Club is established to give students the opportunity to play cricket recreationally at a competitive level as well as to establish relationships throughout the university and community through membership and club events. Membership to this organization shall be considered a great honor. This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or military veteran status.

Article III - Membership

- All Ohio State University Full-Time Students, Faculty, Staff, and Active RecSports Members 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.
- Members of The Ohio State University Cricket Club must recognize and follow all guidelines set forth by The Ohio State University in the Student Code of Conduct.
- Club members are required to register on DoSportsEasy 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 volunteer in fundraising projects.
- 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 Executive 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 Executive 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 – Executive Officers

President – Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

1. Overseeing the club team, and all other officers.
2. Prepare an outline of the work to be done, and show the path through giving responsibilities to other officers.
3. Make equipment decisions, which must be approved by the treasurer.
4. Making sure all players have filled out insurance waiver forms.
5. Scheduling games, practices, tournaments, and filling out facility request forms.
6. 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.
7. Facilitating meetings, along with the rest of the board.
8. Keep positive connection between OSUCC and other clubs
9. Responsible for all communications and connections with the Department of Recreational Sports including scheduling.
10. Ensure food and water is at the ground
11. Ensure kit bags and equipment needed for match are at the ground

Vice President – Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

1. Assisting the president in any duties necessary.
2. Coordinating memberships
3. Coordinating practices
4. Responsible for recruitment
5. Attend all meetings set forth by the Ohio State University Sports Club Offices in which the President shall not be able to attend.
6. Taking initiative to invite potential players to practice.
7. Coordinate recruitment with on-campus organizations: namely PASA, ISA.
8. Public Relations: Write monthly emails to alumni and core members giving important club updates
9. Shall help keep and update a transitional binder and files.

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

1. Responding to emails on the club email account.
2. Send out emails to the club in regards to practice availability, match availability
3. Send updates about the club to the team
4. Social Media Management
5. Coordinate pick-ups for rides for matches
6. Shall update the website with relevant content and maintain a positive brand on all social media accounts (including Twitter and Facebook)
7. Shall fill out travel forms on DoSportsEasy for away games.

Treasurer – Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

1. Keeping track of all incoming and outgoing funds.
2. Auditing the current/past year's budget.
3. Drafting projections for the next year's budget.
4. Preparing any financial reports requested by the President or The Ohio State University Department of Recreational Sports
5. Keep track of member fees, and membership lists
6. Be involved with any financial decisions taken, and approve those financial decisions
7. Responsible for initiating fundraising efforts, such as tennis ball tournaments.
8. Maintain and update inventory of items owned by the Club

Risk Manager/Safety Officer – Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

1. In charge of maintaining a safe environment both at our school, and when we travel.
2. Responsible for knowing procedures in case of emergency
3. Responsible for filing and submitting proper forms and waivers for the club
4. Has a CPR and first-aid certification.
5. In-charge of storing and returning RecSports first-aid kit.

Article VI – Non Executive Leaders

Captain – Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

1. Run practices
2. Make fair decisions as part of the selection committee
3. Make sure umpire is paid his fees
4. Make sure scoring is done
5. Any and all conflicts on the field are to be handled by the captain
6. Responsible for all “on-field” issues
7. Communicate match details to the team, including time/address
8. The Captain is expected to be available for, play and lead the team in all games.

Vice-Captain – Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

1. Assist captain in his responsibilities.
2. Stand-in as captain in matches where the captain is unable to participate
3. Make fair decisions as part of the selection committee.
4. Responsible for maintaining team morale along with the president and the captain.

Article VII – Elections

- Section I - Executive Board Elections

1. All student members are eligible for an officer position. Only active student members may vote in elections for officer positions. Active student members are those who will be full-time students and have attended multiple practices or played multiple games in the previous semester.
2. Elections will be held before the fall semester either in the last week of July or the first week of August.
3. If a position is contested, a student member election shall take place; if a position is not contested the person running will assume the position
4. Elections shall be run by the highest-ranking officer that is not running for a position. If all officers are running for a position, the previous year's president or highest-ranking officer shall run the election

- Section II - Non-Executive Leader Elections

1. Elections for Captain and Vice-captain will happen before the start of every tournament.
2. Everyone is eligible to run for Non-executive positions if they are selected to the initial roster before the start of a tournament.
3. Members who wish to vote in these elections must be available for at least 33.3% of the tournament's games.
 - a. Members who vote but fail to be available for the above-mentioned % of games will not get to vote or run in the Non-executive leader elections in the next tournament they participate in.

Article VIII – 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 treasurer.

Article IX – 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 [Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines](#).

Article X – 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. The Advisor will not have access to the club's finances.

Article XI – 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. The coach will not have access to the club's finances.

Article XII – 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. The secretary along with the President is responsible for filling out travel forms on DoSportsEasy.

Article XIII – Code of Student Conduct

The Ohio State University Code of Student Conduct applies to the team and its individual members. Any member who violates the Code will be subject to disciplinary action by the club's executive board. Multiple offenses will lead to a permanent ban from the club.

Article XIV – Continuity in Case of Suspension

If the team is suspended for violating the Code of Student Conduct or , 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 XV – 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 XVI – 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.