

# Constitution

## Paintball Club at The Ohio State University

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### Article I – Club Overview

*Section 1* – Name - Paintball Club at The Ohio State University (OSUPB)

*Section 2* – Purpose - The club will operate on a dual-purpose system.

The first purpose is to accommodate all students of Ohio State who enjoy or who are interested in the sport of paintball. The club will serve as a medium to advance player skill, network with individuals who enjoy paintball, and give any and all students the chance to experience paintball.

The second purpose for the formation of the club is to create and sustain a competition-level team that will compete against other universities in the CPPL (College Paintball Players League).

*Section 3* – Non-Discrimination Policy - This club and all of its members shall not discriminate against any individual/individuals for reasons of age, color, disability, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, race, religion, sex, veteran status or any other identification a member may have. Respect is a quality that this club will abide by and intolerance will not be allowed. Failure to abide by this policy will result in immediate banishment of the perpetrator from the club.

### Article II – Membership Obligations

*Section 1* – Club Membership – To maintain club membership of the Paintball Club at The Ohio State University, students must adhere to the following terms:

- a. Each member must be enrolled at The Ohio State University.
- b. Each member must adhere to all university rules and policies.
- c. Each member must pay semester dues (see article nine, sections one and two)

*Section 2* – Team Membership – To maintain team membership of the Paintball Club at The Ohio State University, students must adhere to the following terms:

- a. Each member must abide by all requirements listed in article two, section one.
- b. Each member must pay the additional team dues as specified in article nine, section three.
- c. Each team member is to set the example for the club and therefore attend, at minimum, seventy-five percent of all club meetings, outings, events, practices, tournaments, and fundraisers. Should any team member fail to adhere to this percentage, for reasons other than those affecting the individual's health, family and/or

- other mandatory events, the Captain has the right to limit that individual's playing time. These exceptions do not include non-mandatory events for other clubs or school work.
- d. Participation at fundraising events is to be recorded by the Executive Committee. All funds collected from fundraising events will be allocated, based on total hours worked, to those team members who participated in those events. The funds collected by the team will be used for the team as the President, Vice President, and Treasurer see fit. It is the responsibility of each individual team member to participate in fundraising events in order to earn their right to their share of the money the club fundraisers. Any excess funds not used by the team at the end of the year will remain in the club account for the following year.
- e. All team members must read and agree to the terms addressed in this document by way of signing an agreement form. Signing the form will bind the team players to all terms and conditions set forth in this constitution.
- f. All team members are expected to adhere to the details and regulations of any and all sponsorships the team may receive during the current season.

**Section 3 – Practice Cancellations and Absences – To maintain team membership of the Paintball Club at The Ohio State University, students must adhere to the following terms:**

- a. Each member must inform club leadership if they need to be absent within 48 hours of the event/practice/meeting. If the member has not initiated correspondence then the absence will be considered unexcused and the repercussions will be decided by the leadership team.
- b. In the event that the weather report is under "Feels like 32 degrees fahrenheit ", or otherwise inclement weather, club leadership has discretion to decide whether practice will be shifted to watch footage of paintball or go to the gym as a club. If it is "Feels like 0 degrees fahrenheit", or if it is inclement weather, practice is canceled entirely
- c. The time commitment each week for all member is as follows:
- Meetings: 1 hour
    - At the designated time per semester
  - Outdoor Practice: 5.5 hours
    - Minimum one day per weekend for 5.5 hours (including driving time) 10:00am- 3:30pm
      - Depart by 10:00am
      - Leave Paintball Field by 3:00pm
    - *At leadership discretion, there is potential to add an extra practice day*
  - Expected maximum commitment of 6.5 hours/week required to designate just for the club on a normal week (aka no tournament/scrimmage that weekend)
    - In the event of inclement weather, an indoor film practice will commence. The max time commitment for an indoor film practice is 3 hours

## Article III – Officer Positions and Obligations

*Section 1* – Executive Committee - The club will operate under the direction and supervision of its elected leaders. The election of leaders will be put to a vote every spring semester. The term of executive positions span one calendar year. Elections will take place on the third to last meeting of every spring semester. Newly elected officers will begin their terms on the first day after spring semester officially commences. During this meeting, the club members will have the opportunity to vote for other members of the club into the executive committee as they see fit. The executive committee will be held accountable for all aspects of the club and to continue the club's goals and agendas until the following elections take place. The direction and goals of the club reside in the leaders that occupy the following positions:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Captain
4. Treasurer
5. Secretary

### **a. President**

The President is responsible for overseeing the club. They must schedule all meetings and will work with other executive positions to help the club run smoothly. The President is in charge of all meetings, outings, tournaments, and whenever the club is representing The Ohio State University anywhere at any time. The only time the President is not in charge is during the election of the club president every spring semester. When the presidential election takes place, an existing executive committee member not running for president will collect and count the presidential ballots.

### **b. Vice President**

The Vice President is responsible for assisting the President and other executive committee members with any and all aspects of the club. The Vice President is second in command and will take control of the club during club meetings, outings, and other club events should the President not be able to attend. In the case of an absent President at any function, the Vice President will take control of the club.

### **c. Captain**

The Captain is responsible for overseeing the tournament aspect of the club. They are in charge of scheduling and organizing practice dates and times, working with the President and Vice President to organize a yearly tournament event calendar, registering the team for all tournament events, and organizing and running yearly tryouts with the President and Vice President. The Captain will also work with the President and Vice President in developing the rosters for every tournament the club attends. The Captain is responsible for determining lines and plays at every tournament as they see fit.

**d. Treasurer**

The Treasurer is responsible for supervising and maintaining all monetary issues relating to the club. They will be responsible for collecting and recording all membership dues, sponsorship financial aid, and donations. The Treasurer will work closely with the President and Vice President in recording and overseeing all monetary incomes and expenses incurred while participating in any event headed by one of the officers previously listed. The Treasurer will also be responsible for working with the President and Vice President in compiling semester and yearly budgets for the club and team.

**e. Secretary**

The Secretary is responsible for recording all minutes during club meetings and posting them on the club Facebook page. The Secretary is also responsible for maintaining and updating all club media pages including but not limited to: Facebook, Twitter, the club and team website, and YouTube. The Secretary will work with all executive positions, aiding in their selective projects. Should the secretary need help with any specific project, they are granted (by the President) the ability to form a committee to complete the project.

Article VI – Officer/Member Removal

*Section 1* – Removing Officers – Club members may be removed from office by an executive committee majority vote if any of the following instances occur:

- a. The officer is found in violation of any of the membership obligations (article two, section one)
- b. The officer is found unfit to fulfill his/her assigned duties and has demonstrated as such
- c. The officer is found absent at one-third of the club's meetings/executive meetings/outings/charity events/social events

*Section 2* – Instating New Officers – In the event of a removal of a club officer, the executive committee has the right and responsibility to fill the vacant position with a majority vote of a new officer.

*Section 3* – Removing Members – Club members may be removed by a majority vote of the executive committee if any of the following instances occur:

- a. The member fails to pay the club dues by the set deadline
- b. The member fails to adhere to the rules and regulations of The Ohio State University
- c. The member fails to achieve full-time student status at The Ohio State University
- d. The member fails to adhere to the rules and regulations set forth in this constitution

## Article VII – Adviser Criteria

*Section 1 – Advisor Requirements* - The faculty advisor must be a faculty or staff member currently employed at The Ohio State University. They must also be willing to help and advise, in any way necessary, for the betterment of the club.

## Article VIII – Meeting Details

*Section 1 – Executive Committee Meetings* – Executive committee meetings are to be called by the President or Vice President when found necessary. Executive committee members are expected to attend these meetings when called. The frequency of executive committee meetings will be at the discretion of the President and Vice President.

*Section 2 – Club Meetings* – Club meetings will be held weekly unless otherwise specified by the President or Vice President. The purpose of these meetings is to inform the club, as a whole, of various events the club will attend. Club meetings will also be held to allow the members of the club to collaborate and share their knowledge about the sport of paintball. The President and Vice President will determine the location of club meetings.

## Article IX – Dues

*Section 1 – Due Details* – In order to be a member of the Paintball Club at The Ohio State University the student must, among other obligations discussed in article two section one, pay dues. Club dues are to be paid in full by each member every semester. The exact deadlines set for dues will be at the discretion of the executive committee and will be announced at the first and last club meeting of every semester. Club dues are to be paid by every member, including the officers, and are to be kept on record by the club Treasurer. The Paintball Club at The Ohio State University semester dues shall be divided into two parts, club dues, and NCPA team dues.

*Section 2 – Club Dues* – Club dues (also defined as general membership dues) will be determined by the executive committee of the previous year. The purpose of club dues will be to generate minimal funds that may be allocated towards the benefit of the club as a whole. The use will be up to the discretion of the Executive Committee. Club dues grant members the right to vote and run for office within the club as well as benefit from sponsorships the club may hold.

*Section 3 – Failure to Pay Dues* – In the event a member fails to pay their semester club dues, the rights and benefits associated with those dues shall be revoked from the member until payment to the club and/or team has been made.

*Section 4 – Late Membership* – In the event a student wishes to join the club post due collection date, they have the right to pay (in full) the total amount of dues owed for that semester in order to obtain full membership status and benefits. In the event a student wishes to join the team post due collection date, they have the right to pay (in full) seventy-five percent of club and team dues owed for the year at that point in time. The member will

be granted the rights associated with the dues paid upon full payment of all dues owed. A student may only be considered for late membership if the student wishes to join the club after one-half of the current semester has passed.

#### Article X – Rosters

*Section 1 – Tournament Rosters* – Due to roster caps associated with paintball tournaments, fulfilling the rosters for tournaments will be a selective process. All members who pay club and team dues, show up to practice, social events, fundraisers, regularly attend meetings, and have the money to play tournaments will have the opportunity to be selected for the tournament roster. The President and Captain select the members for the tournament roster. The President and Captain have the responsibility to select the best players they see fit for tournaments even if those players do not include themselves.

*Section 2 – Multiple Rosters* – Providing the tournament allows, and there are enough members willing, the President and Captain may select members for multiple rosters to compete in any tournament the team attends.

*Section 3 – Club Outing Rosters* – All non-tournament club outings that involve playing paintball will not be subjected to rosters. The point of club paintball outings will be to have fun and bring new players into the sport, not competition.

#### Article XI – Amending The Constitution

*Section 1 – Method of Amending the Constitution* – Any and all amendments (additions and deletions) of the Constitution must follow the following process:

- a. The proposed amendment(s) must be presented, in writing, to the Executive Committee at which point in time the Committee shall vote for or against the amendment(s)
- b. Upon approval, the amendment(s) must be added to the constitution immediately and the new constitution must be sent to The Ohio State University Student Government
- c. Upon disapproval, the amendment(s) may be reworked and submitted to the Executive Committee
- d. An Amendment may be proposed at maximum three times to the Executive Committee in any one calendar year

#### 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 – Club Jerseys and Gear

Until a member has played their first event, they will not be able to purchase a jersey/anodized gun. If players are in good standing with the club this may be waived at the discretion of the student leadership team. For any sponsors/parties interested in the jersey, they can purchase or be gifted a stock jersey that has the number "0" on the back and includes the last name "BUCKEYES" on the back, with the removal of sponsors from the jersey (Ex: Undr, Punishers....). If any issues arise, they will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the board currently presiding over the club. There is no drinking/partying allowed while wearing the OSU paintball jersey. (This does not apply to "Tech shirts" or other purchased merchandise items)