



# SCARLET AND GRAY SPORTS RADIO CONSTITUTION

## 2024-25

### **Who We Are:**

Scarlet and Gray Sports Radio is a student organization for those to broadcast live Ohio State sporting events through the online live audio platform Mixlr. With three channels, SGSR, SGSR 2 and SGSR Extra, the student network carries 14 NCAA sports on the campus of The Ohio State University.

### **Purpose:**

Scarlet and Gray Sports Radio (SGSR) aims to offer any Ohio State student the opportunity to broadcast any of the 14 sports SGSR broadcasts on the campus of The Ohio State University. It is intended for both students who are interested in making sports broadcasting a career and for those that are looking to be involved in the realm of sports. Students are to gain broadcast and communication skills with a vast amount of broadcasting opportunities.

The SGSR Executive Board strives to be encouraging and provide feedback for those in the club to get better, as well as to create opportunities for members of the club to grow and get better.

### **Non-Discrimination Policy:**

SGSR 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.

SGSR never prohibits members from doing what they love and aims to create a welcomes space for those that are passionate about sports and broadcasting.

### **Membership**

- Members/broadcasters of SGSR must be full-time, undergraduate or graduate students at The Ohio State University.
- There is no application to be a member of the club.

- There is no required major or minor to join the club.
- SGSR may not turn away a potential member for reasons including gender, sexual 1 orientation, gender identification, race, ethnicity, disability status, military status or any other related characteristic(s).

### **SGSR Code of Conduct:**

As representatives of the club, the Ohio State athletic department and the university as a whole, SGSR members are expected to conduct themselves as professionals.

- Broadcasters will respect authority figures including sports information directors (SIDs), SGSR advisor and e-board members.
- SGSR members will not use profanity or derogatory language during a broadcast - Example of derogatory language: addressing a team or player's struggling performance is permissible (assuming it's true), but using "garbage," "bum," or other related words.
- Broadcasters will remain unbiased in their calls
  - o Examples:
    - Refer to Ohio State by name rather than "we"
    - To prepare for the opposing team just as much as an Ohio State team.
- **Broadcaster Dress Code:**
  - o **For men:** button-up shirt with long sleeves/polo shirt, with dress slacks or semi-formal pants (nothing with holes) and shoes. Ties are not required but welcomed
  - o Exceptions include spring broadcasts, which may warrant button-up shirts with short sleeves. Absolutely no sneakers, flip flops or other casual shoes are to be worn.
  - o **For women:** "business casual" dress is permitted in all circumstances, with a jacket-and-pants combo being the primary suggestion for broadcasts and events deemed larger than normal.
- SGSR-issued credentials are to only be used for entry into a sporting venue when the user is working the scheduled event and should never be used for free admittance or access to off-limits areas as a fan. Credentials can be found inside the Lantern Podcast Studio in room 275 of the Journalism Building.
- Members will follow rules and regulations outlined in the SGSR Constitution as they are outlined. Repeat violations of these rules is grounds for dismissal from the organization. Punishment for violations will be determined by the SGSR e-board, faculty advisor or a combination of the two.

### **Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers:**

- 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 SGSR E-board officers in consultation with the organization's advisor.
- 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 in consultation with the organization's advisor.

- In the event that the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), {00312468-1} the executive board, in consultation with the organization's advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

### **Organization Leaders:**

Each leadership role on the SGSR Executive Board is for one year. Returning students who have served in a previous role can run for re-election at the end of the academic year.

- **President:** The president serves as the liaison between the club and the faculty advisor, making decisions related to the club. They run each SGSR meeting, lead the Executive Board, helps book travel for away sporting events, and remain in close contact with Ohio State athletic personnel, especially in the Athletic Communications department.
- **Vice President:** The vice president assists the president with decision making and works closely with the faculty advisor when consulting about the club. Assists the president with running meetings and scheduling games for the broadcasters of the club.
- **Director of Operations:** The director of operations plans events and creates a budget for the academic year to go towards travel and equipment purchases.
- **Director of Media:** The director of media handles SGSR's Instagram and X (formerly known as twitter) accounts, posting content related to SGSR and promoting game coverage.
- **Advisor:** The club advisor helps in the decision-making of the club and makes suggestions on how the club can improve and function.

### **Executive Board Election Process:**

- Election for the upcoming year's SGSR E-board will take place at a meeting date/time to be determined by the current E-board.
- The President of SGSR's E-board will be decided by the four officers and faculty advisor.
- Using a google form, members will choose **ONE** of the other four roles they would be interested in running for.
- At the election meeting, students who expressed interest will address the room to explain why they should be elected for their role.
- After the speeches are given, students will anonymously vote for who they would select as the next e-board members for each role.

### **Football Broadcast Team:**

Football is the crown jewel of sports at Ohio State, and as such, only the top broadcasters in SGSR will earn the opportunity to cover the Buckeyes on the gridiron each season.

- Members who are interested in broadcasting the upcoming Ohio State football season will sign up for a time to broadcast a simulated game with a fellow SGSR member in the Lantern Podcast Studio (Journalism Building Room 275).
- After recording, they will upload an unedited reel of a drive (possession) into a google drive to be viewed/critiqued by the incoming president and vice president.
- Potential members will fill out a Google form to indicate their interest and schedule an audition date from a list provided by the selection committee.

### **Big Ten Plus:**

- SGSR members can have the opportunity to broadcast sporting events streamed on Big Ten Plus, a streaming service of Big Ten Network. The support from B1G+ is highly valued and something SGSR takes very seriously.
- The minimum requirement to be eligible for broadcast and production spots with B1G+ is to have broadcast 10 games for SGSR.
- Members who meet the above qualification are able to schedule an evaluation with the club president and vice president, in order to assess their readiness for working on B1G+. Once the reels are put together, they will submit a 5-10 minute, unedited reel with play-by-play from two sports.
- The president and vice president, in addition to any outside evaluators from the broadcast field, will decide whether the member is ready to broadcast for B1G+.
- Members who are determined to not yet ready for B1G+ are able to schedule a reevaluation after two weeks or five broadcasts (whichever comes first).
- "Broadcasts" in this sense, refers to SGSR games during which the member has served as play-by-play commentator, color analyst or a combination of both. Assistant roles (pregame/halftime/postgame) cannot be used for B1G+ submissions.
- **Sideline Only Role:** SGSR members interested in **ONLY** sideline reporting can apply for a B1G+ role where they will only get sideline reporting repetitions based on availability. Reel criteria includes 3-5 minutes of multiple sideline hits from an SGSR broadcast as well as on-camera hits from covering a sporting event. Segments from an assistant role (pregame/halftime/postgame) are welcomed.

### **B1G+ Qualifications:**

- **On-air confidence:** Broadcasters must be sure of themselves on the microphone, calling an accurate game with minimal errors (incorrect term usage, stutters, etc)
- **Versatility:** Broadcasters should be capable of calling multiple different events accurately and comfortably, due to the nature of the opportunities provided to B1G+ encompassing several different sports over the year.

- **Professionalism:** Broadcasters must represent themselves and SGSR at a high level by dressing appropriately (same dress code as SGSR), coming prepared with stats and information and conducting themselves in a respectful manner.
  - **Willing To Learn:** With a vast amount of sports covered by B1G+, broadcasters are to learn rules and terminology of the sport they are covering. Broadcasters must also set up times to talk with coaches from both teams by reaching out to Sports Information Directors via email.
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This document serves to outline the rules and regulations of SGSR and its members. The broadcast industry is always evolving, and so should this document. The criteria for an SGSR member should be constantly reevaluated as the media field changes, and as new opportunities are formed within the Ohio State Athletic and Journalism departments.