

## ARTICLE I. NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

SECTION I: The name of this organization will be "Science Olympiad at The Ohio State University". It will be abbreviated as any of the following:

1. Science Olympiad @ OSU
2. SciOly @ OSU

## ARTICLE II. PURPOSE STATEMENT

The objectives of this club shall be to:

1. Create Science Olympiad competitions for Division C teams to compete in
2. Promote the importance and interest of STEM through future outreach.

## ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

### SECTION I. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

Science Olympiad at The Ohio State University agrees that it will not engage in sexual misconduct nor any harassment or 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 these guidelines.

### SECTION II. Hazing

Science Olympiad at The Ohio State University agrees to maintain a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, in compliance with Ohio State University and Collin's Law. All members must conduct themselves in a manner that supports an environment free from hazing. Hazing includes any activity, regardless of consent, that causes or creates a substantial risk of physical, mental, or emotional harm or humiliation to any individual as part of membership or affiliation with the student organization. If found responsible for hazing, members and/or the organization may face disciplinary actions.

## ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP: QUALIFICATIONS AND CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I: Membership is open to anyone interested in becoming a member, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, or religion. There is no application process for becoming a member, but members are expected to uphold The Ohio State University's Code of Student Conduct. Members who do not uphold this standard may be temporarily suspended through a majority vote of the executive board.

SECTION II: As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of the student organization must include current Ohio State University students. Active members and the Executive Committee are able to make decisions regarding the membership of the community and other non-student members of an organization. Community or other non-student members may be temporarily suspended with a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

SECTION III: 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.

Section IV: 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.

Section V: 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), the executive board, in consultation with the organization's advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

### ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

#### Section I. Officer Positions

The Executive Committee includes the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Additionally, the Executive Board includes Event Supervisor Coordinator, Build Event Coordinator, Test-Writer Coordinator x2, Volunteer Coordinator, Social Media Chair, Outreach Coordinator, and Treasurer Liaison. Roles will be added at the discretion of the Executive Committee and their needs for the year.

### ARTICLE IV. ELECTION/SELECTION OF ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

SECTION I: Upon the initial activation of the club, the Executive Committee will retain their roles for however long they desire, or until they graduate from The Ohio State University to ensure the stability of the club. If there is an opening for an Executive position an application and election cycle for the Executive Officer positions will be held each year during the spring semester. The current executive board will oversee the application and election process, and officers will be selected by the executive committee for an interview, in which the executive board will come to a decision for the future officer. The President and Vice President positions may only be held by members who have served on the Executive Committee for at least one year.

SECTION II: Outreach managers, Fundraising managers, HR Managers will be elected by the Executive Committee in an interview process.

SECTION III: In the event of a resignation or impeachment within the first two years of the organization's initial activation, an application/interview process will be conducted to fill the opening position. In the event of a resignation or impeachment after the first two years, an emergency application/election process will take place. Current Executive Officers are eligible to fill the opening if they have expressed interest in the role, but they are responsible for holding an application/election process for the open position. In the event more than one current Executive Officer is interested in the opening position, executive officers not running for the position will vote. The person with the majority vote will take the position.

SECTION IV: Members must be an active member in order to hold an Executive Position. An active member includes, but is not limited to, a member who has attended meetings regularly and has demonstrated a clear interest in preserving the integrity and purpose of The Ohio State Science Olympiad.

### ARTICLE V. ADVISOR QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

The Advisor of The Ohio State University Science Olympiad will be decided upon by the executive officers of the organization. The Advisor must be a member of the University faculty or staff. Responsibilities of the Advisor are to complete the advisor training every two years, submit online approval of the organization registration every year, submit online approval of the organization goals every year, and be listed as the signatory on the organization's bank account. Responsibilities of the Advisor may be extended further should the advisor desire more involvement within the organization. A Co-Advisor may be recruited if the Executive Officers deem necessary.

#### ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS AND EVENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION

General Body meetings must take place at least two times per semester. Additional project meetings may be held outside of the general body meetings, and these will be scheduled with the help of the Vice Presidents. Contents of the project meetings must be discussed with the Executive Officers. To remain an active member of the club, students must attend two general meetings per semester.

#### ARTICLE VII– ATTENDEES OF EVENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION

The organization reserves the right to address member or event attendee behavior where the member or event attendee's behavior is disruptive or otherwise not in alignment with the organization's constitution, the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, federal, state, or local law.

#### ARTICLE VIII– METHOD OF AMENDING CONSTITUTION

Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization in writing and should not be acted upon when initially introduced. Upon initial introduction, the proposed amendments should be read in the general meeting, then read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should require a majority vote of the general body or a majority vote of the executive officers. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

#### ARTICLE IX – METHOD OF DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION

The organization will only be dissolved if active membership falls to five members. Assets will be transferred over to the current advisor's department. Debts will be paid in full before the organization can be dissolved; the executive board is responsible for overseeing this process.

#### ARTICLE XV – LEGAL

The Ohio State University Science Olympiad is not responsible for any injuries, harassment, or any other misdemeanor of any kind. If problems arise, they will be resolved by the Executive Board, however, we will not take immediate direct legal action.