

## **Article 1**

**Section 1 - Name:** The name of this organization is 8-Bit Buckeyes.

**Section 2 - Purpose:** The purpose of this organization is to support our members by providing a safe, welcoming environment to relax and have fun while playing local multiplayer games, with an emphasis on Nintendo games and properties.

**Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy:** 8-Bit Buckeyes 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.

**Section 4 - Sexual Misconduct Policy:** As a student organization at The Ohio State University, 8-Bit Buckeyes expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here: <https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf>.

If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at <http://titleIX.osu.edu> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at [titleIX@osu.edu](mailto:titleIX@osu.edu).

## **Article 2 Membership**

- A. Any full- or part-time undergraduate student of the Ohio State University is eligible for membership in 8-Bit Buckeyes.
- B. All members of the Ohio State University are eligible to attend club meetings and club-sponsored events.
- C. To become a member of the 8-Bit Buckeyes, a student must attend 10 weekly meetings. Attendance is tracked every meeting.

## **Article 3 Methods of Removal**

- A. 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.

- B. 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 and in agreement with the organization's advisor.
- C. Until a decision is made regarding an officer's potential removal, that officer is suspended from their duties and role privileges. If an officer's case is agreed by the others to be extreme enough, they may also be suspended from attending club meetings.
- D. If the president is removed, the vice president will take over. If the treasurer is removed, their duties will be split between the president and vice president for the remainder of the term. For any other removals, the responsibilities of the role will be split between officers in a way deemed appropriate.

## **Article 4 Organization**

### **Leadership**

#### **Section 1 - Responsibilities:**

- A. President
- Acts as main director of the organization. They are the primary officer responsible for choosing annual goals and leading the organization toward them
  - Responsible for logistics such as communication with advisor, annual club registration, applying for Ohio Union locker space, and networking with Ohio State administration and other student organizations
  - Reserves rooms for weekly meetings and any special events.
  - Communicates the necessary logistics for secretary to send out weekly communications
  - Responsible for leading weekly meetings and delegating tasks
  - Manages organization Discord server
  - Must complete annual President Officer Training as offered by The Ohio State University

**B. Vice President**

- Responsible for building relationships within the general club membership
- Primary planner and leader of special events (examples include tournaments, organization trips to outside venues, and game launch events)
- Responsible for leading organization recruitment
- Primary planner for the Autumn and Spring Involvement Fairs
- Leads meetings when president is not able to attend

**C. Treasurer**

- Controls organization bank account
- Responsible for handling club transactions and paying club debts
- Provides other officers with up-to-date information on organization finances
- Must complete annual Treasurer Officer Training as offered by The Ohio State University

**D. Director of Marketing**

- Controls all organization social media accounts.
- Creates any organization marketing materials. Examples include graphic design for social media posts
- Primary leader in developing club apparel
- Works with Vice President to create marketing materials for Involvement Fairs

**E. Secretary**

- Send out communications to organization Discord and email list to notify membership about weekly meeting details
- Drafts any club proposals (For example, requesting funding from OUAB)
- Administers yearly elections
- Tracks meeting attendance

**Section 2 - Terms of Office**

- A. Elected officials will serve their term for one year.

**Article 5 Election of Organization Leadership**

- A. The organization's leadership will be elected each March. Those elected officers will start their positions at the start of the autumn semester.
- B. Only active club members may run for officer positions.

- C. Elections will be conducted through a Google Forms form in which an active member would select their desired role and explain why they would be good for that role. The form will be available for one week and after it closes the current officers will do a majority vote for each role based on the applicant's argument for why they would be a good fit for that position. The officers have one week to do this after the form closes and all chosen candidates will be messaged the day after this one-week period ends.
- D. If a new president or treasurer is elected the previous officers in that respective position will train that candidate in what they use to perform their officer duties. These candidates will also perform their required trainings by their expected dates and perform all necessary tasks to smooth their transition into office for the following year.
- E. Resignations will be accepted at all times. If the president resigns, the vice president will take over. If the treasurer resigns, their duties can be split between the president and vice president for the remainder of the term. For any other resignations, the responsibilities of the role will be split between officers in a way deemed appropriate.

### **Article 6 Advisor**

- A. Advisors must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. If a person is serving as an advisor who is not a member of the above classifications, a co-advisor must be chosen who is a member of these University classifications.
- B. Advisors oversee the club and ensure that the club follows university guidelines.
- C. It is the student leaders' responsibility to reach out to faculty advisors on a regular basis and request assistance as it is needed.

### **Article 7 Meetings and Events**

- A. Meetings should be held once a week throughout the autumn and spring semesters.
- B. Attendance is not mandatory for anyone (but officers should strive to attend meetings when able).
- C. All students are welcome to attend meetings.
- D. The president should reserve meeting space for the club well in advance of the intended meeting time.

### **Article 8 Method of Amending Constitution**

- A. Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization officers in writing and should not be acted upon when initially introduced. Amendments should require a four-fifths majority

affirmative vote from the officers to pass. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

## **Article 9**

### **Method of Dissolution of Organization**

- A. The club can be dissolved through a three-quarters majority vote to do so at the club's final meeting of the spring semester.
- B. If the club is dissolved and currently has any assets, they should first be used to pay any debts owed. Then, the remaining club assets can be dispersed to a location deemed appropriate by a majority vote of the club's active membership.