

## **Buckeye Buddies Constitution**

Article I - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.

Section 1: Name: **Buckeye Buddies**

Section 2 - Purpose:

**The purpose of Buckeye Buddies is to work with disability organizations along with Ohio State sponsored athletics to achieve a friendly, competitive, and enjoyable environment. In doing this we hope to provide opportunities and experiences that will be beneficial for all involved. Lastly, we hope to provide awareness and monetary contributions for the various disability organizations paired with Buckeye Buddies.**

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy:

**Buckeye Buddies does not discriminate on the basis of disability, color, ancestry, gender identity, national origin, race, religion, sex, military status, HIV/AIDs status, sexual orientation, age, status, protected veteran status, genetic information, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and membership.**

**As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Buckeye Buddies, 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 II. The organization's voting membership should be limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students. Other non-student members, such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc., may become members, but only as non-voting associates or honorary members. Students who are interested in becoming members can message the Buckeye Buddies Instagram, reach out to any of the leaders, and attend the involvement fair to join.**

**Buckeye Buddies is to be student initiated, student lead, and student run. Please refer to the Guidelines for Student Organizations for more information at [https://activities.osu.edu/involvement/student\\_organizations/resources](https://activities.osu.edu/involvement/student_organizations/resources). As active members of Buckeye Buddies, students will have the opportunity to participate in a constructive environment in which they can give back to the community and engage in friendly, competition and fun. It also provides opportunities for both educational and leadership development.**

**II.a. As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of a 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.**

**Article III – III.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.**

**III.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 majority affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization’s advisor.**

**III.c. 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.**

**Article IV - Organization Leadership:**

**Required leadership positions:**

**-Primary Leader (President): The duties of the president include but are not limited to overview of operations, reaching out to community leaders, assurance of good-standing with The Ohio State University. The term is a two year long term with re-election in the Fall.**

**-Secondary Leader (Vice President): The duties of the vice president include but are not limited to assistance to the president, oversee all committees, and oversee membership quality and participation. The term is a two year long term with re-election in the Fall.**

**-Treasurer: The duties of the treasurer include but are not limited to maintaining accurate records of funds, responsible allocation and use of funds, and working in alignment with both the president and vice president. The term is two years long with re-election in the Fall.**

**-Marketing and Volunteer Relations Manager: The duties of the marketing and volunteer relations manager include but are not limited to oversight of all Buckeye Buddies’ social media accounts, mandatory participation at all events to gather content, and work with the president and vice president to build the image of Buckeye Buddies. This person will also be involved with retaining and acquiring volunteers. The term is a two year long term with re-election in the Fall.**

**-Special Olympics Relations Manager: The duties of the Special Olympics relations manager include but are not limited to maintaining a productive and healthy relationship with Special Olympics Ohio, a key partner organization of Buckeye Buddies, assisting with**

**fundraising and event planning, and any additional tasks pertaining to the overall management of the club. The term is a two year long term with re-election in the Fall.**

**-Event Planning Manager: The duties of the Special Olympics relations manager include but are not limited to planning and overseeing fundraising events, planning week-to-week logistics of club events, and ensuring that adequate resources and volunteers are obtained for club events. The term is a two year long term with re-election in the Fall.**

**-Advisor: The duties of the advisor include but are not limited to overseeing the organization, modifying any necessary aspects of the organization, and working in alignment with the Executive Board. The term for an advisor is 2 year long term.**

#### **Article V- Election / Selection of Organization Leadership:**

**All nominees must be active members for two semesters\*. All nominees will give a two minute long speech stating why they should be elected for their desired position the meeting one week before elections. Nominees can run for more than one executive board position, however can only be elected for one. Elections will be organization-wide, in-person majority vote at the place of usual meeting. Date of elections will be determined by a majority vote of the Executive Board. Members must be given a two week notice of the annual election. Current executive board will be responsible for counting votes and accurately displaying results. Elections will be held at the end of the year.**

**\*Being an active member indicates 50% or more of participation of the required time of being an active, non-executive board member of Buckeye Buddies.\***

#### **Article VI - Executive Committee:**

**The executive committee will be led by the president, along with membership of the vice president, treasurer, advisor, and current heads of each committee. The executive committee will meet separately from organization meetings to conduct all relevant business and topics of discussion.**

#### **Article VII - Standing Committees (if needed):**

**Standing Committees can differ depending on the needs of Buckeye Buddies during that period of time. A guideline for necessary committees to ensure the success of Buckeye Buddies includes:**

- Committee for Recruitment: In charge of recruiting and retaining members of the Buckeye Buddies organization. Led by Recruitment Chair**
- Committee for Social Media/Merchandise: In charge of posting, replying, and anything else for social media accounts. Also in charge of the production, collection, and distribution of all Buckeye Buddies' Merchandise. Led by Social Media Chair**
- Committee for Operations: In Charge of all the operations of Buckeye Buddies which includes but is not limited to setting up events, helping assist during events, cleaning events, and ordering necessary items for events.**

**- Committee for Fundraising: In charge of planning and execution of all Buckeye Buddies fundraising events. Led by Fundraising Chair.**

**\*Members of Buckeye Buddies are allowed and encouraged to be involved in more than one committee.**

Article VIII – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board:

**Advisors of student organizations 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.**

**Responsibilities and expectations of advisors include but are not limited to open communication with the president and vice president, active involvement and passion for the organization, helping and overseeing the organization, and working in alignment with the executive board.**

Article IX – Meetings and events of the Organization:

**Meetings will typically be held every two weeks to discuss the results of past events and expectations of future events. Attendance at all or 50% of events hosted is required for membership each academic term except for summer.**

Article X – 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. Members or attendees may be asked to leave a meeting if deemed necessary by any person in the Executive Board. There is a zero tolerance policy of inappropriate behavior.**

Article XI – 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 one subsequent general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should either require a three-quarter majority of voting members (75% of all members must be included in the vote), The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.**

Article XII – Method of Dissolution of Organization Requirements and procedures for dissolution:

**In the event of dissolution of Buckeye Buddies, any existing assets will be divided between the current organization partnered with Buckeye Buddies. Any debts should be filed with**

**The Ohio State University Student Organization Department. If outstanding funds are still not paid, a collection shall be taken up with all members evenly**

Article XIII - Buckeye Buddies 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 basis in accordance with [Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines](#).