

Constitution of the Competitive Programming Club, 2025-26

Article I Name

1. This organization shall be called **Competitive Programming Club** at the Ohio State University. In the constitution it is referred to as the Chapter; the Ohio State University is referred to as OSU; the Competitive Programming Club is referred as CPC.

Article II Purpose

1. The Chapter is organized and will be operated exclusively for educational and scientific purposes to promote the following:

- a. An increased knowledge of and greater interest in the science, design, development, construction, languages, management and applications of modern computing.
- b. Greater interest in computing and its applications.
- c. A means of communication between persons having an interest in computing.

2. The Chapter will serve students at the Ohio State University and other interested persons in the Columbus, Ohio community.

Article III Membership

1. Anyone is free to attend meetings. Those who attend at least 4 meetings will be considered official members in the roster. In order to become an official member, simply show up to at least four meetings and fill out the attendance form we provide at the beginning of each meeting.

2. This organization 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.

3. As a student organization at The Ohio State University, CPC 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

Article IV Officers

1. The officers of this Chapter shall be: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers constitute the Council.
2. The Chapter must have one of the following:
 - a. One chair and one Vice Chair.
 - b. One chair and two Vice Chair.
 - c. Two Co-chairs.
 - d. Two Co-chairs and one Vice Chair.
3. The Chapter may have a Treasurer and a Secretary. The Chapter may combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer.
4. The Chapter may have a maximum number of seven officers. Besides Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, at most two extra officers may be established.
5. The officers shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast at the annual election meeting. They shall take office in January and serve for one year.
6. If an officer chooses to remain in their position for the following year, the leadership team holds the right to remove that position from contention in the annual election.
7. No member may serve in the office of Chair or Vice Chair for more than two consecutive years.

Article V Duties of Officers

1. The Chair is the principal officer and is responsible for leading the Chapter and managing its activities. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the chapter and of its Executive Council. The Executive Council shall consist of the Chapter officers, the Chapter Sponsor, and chairs of the Chapter's standing committees.
2. The Vice Chair shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chair, assist the Chair in the management of the Chapter, and perform other duties that may be assigned by the

Chair.

3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Chapter and Executive Council meetings. Other duties of the Secretary include:

- a. Maintaining the records of the Chapter.
- b. Performing other duties as assigned by the Chair.

4. The Treasurer shall collect dues, pay all bills, and maintain the Chapter's financial records. Other duties of the Treasurer include:

- a. Preparing the Chapter's Annual Financial Report for presentation to the Chapter at the Annual Election meeting.
- b. Performing other duties as assigned by the Chair.

Article VI Chapter Sponsor

1. The Student Chapter Sponsor shall be a voting member of CPC and either a member of the faculty or full-time staff of OSU.

2. The Student Chapter Sponsor shall be selected by the Executive Council immediately following the Election Meeting. The selection shall be confirmed by OSU Office of Student Life.

3. The Student Chapter Sponsor shall be generally responsible for the activities of the Chapter. Duties of the Sponsor include:

- a. Helping provide continuity from year to year as student leadership and personnel change.
- b. Promoting good student-faculty relationships.
- c. Helping maintain university standards in all activities of the Chapter.
- d. Exercising financial supervision, if necessary, by promoting prompt payment of bills and collection of dues, and overseeing the settlement of all accounts in the event of dissolution of the Chapter.
- e. Representing the Chapter interests to the faculty and administration.

4. In case the Chapter holds a meeting after sunset time which involves underage students (under eighteen), the sponsor must be in attendance. In the event that the appointed sponsor is not available, another faculty member or a local area professional approved by OSU, can be assigned to chaperone evening meetings.

Article VII Executive Council

1. The Executive Council shall consist of the Chapter officers and the Student Chapter Sponsor.
2. The term of the members of the Executive Council shall be coincident with the terms of the officers. They shall take office in January and serve for one year.

Article VIII Committees

1. With the advice of the Chapter's Executive Council, the Chair may appoint committees as appropriate.
2. A committee must consist of at least three members of the Chapter, and one of them must be either a voting member of CPC or a member of the faculty, full-time staff, or full-time student of OSU.
3. The description and members list of a committee shall be announced to all members by the Chair.

Article IX Meetings and Amendment

1. Meetings shall be held as planned by the Executive Council. The Chapter shall hold meetings only in places that are open and accessible to all members of the Association.
2. The Annual Election meeting should be held at the last meeting of the semester. At this meeting, the Secretary and Treasurer each shall present the required reports. Also, the election of officers shall be held. Written notices of all meetings shall be distributed to all members at least one week prior to any meeting.
3. All proposed changes to the Chapter Constitution require both a plurality of votes cast and approval by the Executive Council.
4. Officers will be elected by a plurality of votes cast.

Article XI Disbursements and Dues

1. Disbursements from the Treasury for Chapter expenditures shall be made by the Treasurer with the authorization of the Executive Council and shall be included in the minutes of its meetings.
2. Dues shall be fixed annually by the Executive Council.

Article XIII Dissolution of the Chapter

1. Dissolution of this Chapter by consent of the members shall consist of unanimous agreement of all its officers together with a majority vote at a meeting which has been publicized in advance to all members of the Chapter for the purpose of taking this vote.

Article XIV Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.