

# **Jump Rope Club At The Ohio State University**

## **Student Organization Constitution**

### **ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The Name Of The Organization Will Be "Jump Rope Club At The Ohio State University."

### **ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Jump Rope Club at The Ohio State University is to increase awareness of and involvement in the sport of jump rope, promote physical fitness and healthy lifestyles, engage in volunteering and mentoring in the community, provide opportunities for performance, competition and teaching, and to provide a fun, inclusive, and athletic environment for students at The Ohio State University.

### **ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS**

#### **Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct**

Jump Rope Club 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 the Student Organization Registration Guidelines.*

#### **Section B. Hazing**

Jump Rope Club 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.*

#### **Section C. Bylaws**

Jump Rope Club At The Ohio State University *retains the right to maintain separate bylaws to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in the previous articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements set forth by local, state, and federal laws, The Ohio State University's regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Student Organization Registration Guidelines. Organizations may make amendments and changes to the bylaws without consulting the Ohio Union & Student Activities department, and changes to bylaws do not require approval. All elements of organizational bylaws shall be consistent with the organization's currently approved constitution on file and CSA constitution requirements.*

## **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section A. Membership Eligibility**

Active general membership is restricted to all current students (both male and female) including those enrolled in The Ohio State University undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs, as well as alumni who were members of the club for 2 or more semesters as undergraduates.

### **Section B. Member Selection**

Membership will be available to anyone meeting the above criteria for no cost. Formal membership is granted after joining the club GroupMe group chat. The link can be found in a multitude of places, including the student organization website. In the event that the club is in need of funding, dues may be activated for members of the Jump Rope Club at The Ohio State University. In this situation, the annual membership fee should not exceed \$25. This fee will go toward purchasing team supplies necessary for the function of the club. The fee will be due in September. For those who join after September, the charge will be \$25 through the end of the year and will reduce to \$15 in January. Individual ropes, personal clothing, or other jump rope materials are at the expense of the individual members.

### **Section C. Membership Timeline**

There is no formally established timeline of membership. Members may come and go as they wish, but generally, most additions occur during the months of September and January.

### **Section D. Member Removal**

Should cause for membership removal be raised, a member can be removed by either a majority vote of all club officers, or a majority vote of voting members, providing at least two thirds of the usual number of attending voting members present at the vote, with a week's notice of the vote

## **ARTICLE V. ADVISOR**

### **Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities**

Advisor(s) offer advice and appropriate direction as needed and sought by the Jump Rope Club at The Ohio State University. Advisor(s) are welcome to all activities, events, and practices and may take part in the organization or other positions as directed by the President and Executive Committee. Advisors are not Coaches and their internal club influence can be monitored and maintained by the Executive Committee.

### **Section B. Advisor Term**

Advisor(s) serve at the discretion of the Executive Committee. There is no fixed term length; advisors remain in their role until resignation or removal by the Executive Committee.

### **Section C. Advisor Selection**

Advisor(s) must be alumni or staff at The Ohio State University. They may be nominated by the Executive Committee and confirmed by consensus of the committee, with the President and Secretary responsible for formalizing the appointment.

## **Section D. Advisor Replacement**

In the event that an Advisor may need to be replaced or removed, this is at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The President and Secretary will meet with the Advisor for a face-to-face meeting to discuss issues, and notes will be taken of this meeting. If the President and Secretary feel that removal and replacement is necessary, they will bring the issue to the Executive Committee, with the Founder Emeritus invited to attend. After discussion, the advisor can be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee and the Founder Emeritus, if present.

## **ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP**

### **Section A. Officer Positions**

**President:** Plans and runs meetings and practices; creates and seeks events and opportunities; serves as original point of contact; maintains top-level organization of the group; communicates with general membership; delegates responsibilities to other officers; works with the Vice President on event and performance planning.

**Vice President:** Works closely with the President; helps run practices, events, and performances; disseminates information; plans fundraising (with Treasurer); plans team bonding and retention events; assumes President's responsibilities in their absence.

**Secretary:** Records meeting notes and written records of club functions; compiles updates; manages direct communication with general membership.

**Treasurer:** Manages funds and budget; maintains records of money spent and collected; shares bank account with President and Advisor; applies for funding and meets funding deadlines; completes audits and paperwork; handles membership fees if implemented; collaborates with Vice President on fundraising.

**Director of Public Relations:** Develops recruitment strategy; plans bonding and retention events with Vice President; manages advertising, marketing, and social media accounts; responds to and pitches to media outlets.

### **Section B. Officer Eligibility**

Only current members of the Jump Rope Club at The Ohio State University who have paid membership fees (if required) and have been active members for at least two semesters are eligible to run for officer positions. Officers must be Ohio State students (undergraduate, graduate, or professional) physically present during both the Fall and Spring semesters.

### **Section C. Officer Selection Process**

Officers are elected by majority vote at the annual election held in March. Nominations are taken in March, and nominees must submit a one-paragraph campaign statement for the ballot. At least 50% of the membership must participate in voting for the election to be valid. If an election is uncontested, the Executive Committee may approve candidates without a formal vote. The months of April, May, and the following

Summer Semester serve as a transition period before new officers officially begin their terms in Autumn Semester.

#### **Section D. Officer Removal**

Officers may be removed for failing to meet expectations, violating the constitution, or violating Ohio State policies. Removal requires a vote of the Executive Committee (excluding the violator) and the Founder Emeritus if present: a two-thirds (2/3) vote places an officer on probation or removes one already on probation, and a unanimous vote allows immediate removal. Officers may also resign midterm, with vacancies filled through an emergency election.

### **ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION**

#### **Section A. Dissolution Requirements**

The constitution may be dissolved if unforeseen circumstances arise that cannot be addressed by the Executive Committee or within the boundaries of the constitution. Dissolution requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Committee and the Founder Emeritus.

#### **Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts**

If dissolution occurs, the constitution will be rewritten following the vote. Outstanding debts of the Jump Rope Club at The Ohio State University must be paid in full before dissolution is finalized. Any remaining assets will be transferred to The Ohio State University or a designated university-affiliated entity, as determined by the Executive Committee.

### **ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

#### **Section A. Amendment Process**

Amendments must be proposed in writing at a meeting or team practice. General Members will be given one month to discuss and consider the proposal. At the next meeting or practice, the proposal will be read again, followed by discussion. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Membership is required to approve an amendment. The Founder Emeritus has an equal vote in all amendment decisions and may also propose amendments.