

The Wrestling Club at Ohio State University Constitution

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ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name affiliated with this student organization shall be The Wrestling Club at Ohio State University (WCOSU). WCOSU competes in the National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA) as a Division II team, and in all divisions of NCAA tournaments that are dubbed “open” to the public, or those dubbed “invitational” via invite only. The club is able to have both men and women compete in the NCWA, as the association has both a men’s and women’s league.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

The Wrestling Club at Ohio State’s mission statement is to promote a sense of community, physical fitness, mental wellness, and a support system on and off the mat. This is accomplished through the teaching of rigorous wrestling techniques and grappling skills and allowing for growth to competitive matches with the NCWA. Those involved with the sport of wrestling gain defensive skills that can be utilized for personal protection, or the protection of others if need be. It is a sport that allows the participants to develop a deep founded respect for themselves for making it through the workouts, and for others through team practices and activities. The club is open to everyone from previous division 1 wrestlers, to people who have never stepped on the mat before with an interest or curiosity for the sport, thus promoting Ohio States call to diversity and respect for everyone. Training sessions are setup to ensure those with more experience than others do not cause harm, and the overall atmosphere in the room is one that promotes safety and minimizes risks/injuries.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

The Wrestling Club at 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 B. Hazing

The Wrestling Club at 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

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The Wrestling Club at 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 these constitutional 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 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

Membership in The Ohio State University Wrestling Club is open to all currently enrolled students at The Ohio State University Columbus campus who have an interest in wrestling , physical fitness, or the promotion of the sport. No person shall be denied membership on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other class protected by Article III, Section A of this constitution.

Section B. Member Selection

In order to be recognized as an official member of The Ohio State University Wrestling Club, one must pay their dues by their 4th practice appearance and fill out the health insurance form. Members who intend to compete in the NCWA must create a profile and register on the NCWA website, fill out an official NCWA form, submit a copy of their advising report to NCWA in order to prove their academic eligibility. In order to compete in the NCWA, a member must be a student at The Ohio State University and enrolled in at least 6 credit hours.

Section C. Membership Timeline

Membership for The Ohio State University Wrestling Club can be acquired at any time between the beginning of fall semester and the end of spring semester.

Section D. Member Removal

In the event that a member engages in behavior that is deemed to be in violation of the organizations constitution, by-laws, extremely harmful to the organization as a whole, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university police, federal, or local law, the member may be removed through a majority vote of the executive board and consultation with the organizations advisor.

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

The advisor will act as a mentor to the club and offer guidance on the university's policies and procedures. The advisor will also be responsible for completing any necessary training for the position such as biannual training and anti-hazing training. They must also submit online

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approval for the organization's registration, goals, any Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Operating or Programming funds requests initiated by the organization's treasurer. Lastly, they must follow applicable laws, regulations, university rules, policies, guidelines, and complete relevant reporting obligations.

Section B. Advisor Term

The advisor serves a one-year term with the opportunity to be reappointed.

Section C. Advisor Selection

The Primary Advisor must be a member of the faculty or administrative and professional staff selected by the executive board. Classified civil service employees, graduate administrative associates, and emeritus and retired faculty/staff may serve as co-advisors, but the primary faculty/staff advisor must complete the certification process for the organization to be registered. Advisors should not be on extended leave without mutually agreed upon contingency plans to provide for the organization's needs during their absence. This can come in the form of regular communication during the leave or bringing on a co-advisor.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

In the case of resignation or removal, the executive board will appoint a new advisor by way of majority vote.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

The following leadership positions will be apart of the executive board of the organization:

i. President

- Acts as a liaison to the University
- Prepares an agenda for executive board and general body meetings
- Schedules executive board and general body meetings
- Coordinates the fundraising pages in collaboration with any acting fundraising committees
- Contacts coaches, schools, and other wrestling clubs in order to put together a final competition schedule
- Collaborates with coaches on putting together a practice schedule and conditioning circuit
- Runs practice if coaches are not present
- Completes and turns in all necessary paperwork punctually
- Maintains, keeps track of, and distributes club warmups and other competition gear

ii. Vice President

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- Assumes duties of the president when needed
 - Assists the president with all acting duties when needed
 - Designs Logo for the club uniforms that year
 - Collaborates with treasurer on ordering club uniforms
- iii. Treasurer
- Responsibility of handling club funds in accordance with the organizations mission statement
 - Maintains accurate and current accounts of organizational funds
 - Serve as a liaison to the University in regard to organizational funding
 - Collaborates with president to coordinate travel to and from tournaments based off current club funding
 - In charge of collecting club dues
- iv. Social Media Chair
- Maintain club presence on social media platforms: Twitter, Instagram
 - Update and maintain club website including roster, team photo, club information, club competition, and links to donations
 - Track and post statistical information based on competing members matches
 - Assist officers with duties as needed and called upon
- v. Advisor
- Share university information with club members
 - Interpret university policies
 - Assist executive board in club issues

Section B. Officer Eligibility

Each of these positions, except the advisor position, are available for current members of the club to run for and hold throughout the duration of the school year. Each position will hold a term length of one academic calendar year, with the transition period taking place over the Summer term. The position of advisor is reserved for an Ohio State University Faculty member. Officers will be tasked with running practice and setting an example of how practice should flow.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

At the end of the designated competition season, Spring semester, an online ballot of potential officers will be put together by the current executive board. The ballot will be made available to the club as a whole, and current club members will have the course of a week to vote for officer roles. Club members may submit their name for a role or nominate another member of the club for a role. If a member is nominated, they may accept or decline said nomination.

Each officer position shall be filled by the candidate who receives a simple majority (greater than 50%) of the votes cast for that position. In the event that a simple majority does not occur for a single candidate, a runoff election will take place between the top two candidates. The results of the ballot will be counted by a member of the executive board who is graduating or not running for a position the following year in order to ensure a fair and impartial process.

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Section D. Officer Removal

Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for just 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. Three warnings will be issued to the elected officer not performing duties before the vote for removal is taken. Upon the fourth violation of performing duties the officer may be removed from their position upon the majority vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization's advisor.

ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

The club may be dissolved if it is determined that the organization is no longer able to fulfill its mission, maintain active membership, or comply with university policies and regulations.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

Upon the event that The Wrestling Club at Ohio State is in need of the dissolution of the organization, the executive board should meet and vote on the issue with a unanimous vote in order to for the dissolution to pass. The President and treasurer will be in charge of handling any existing debts and ensuring they are taken care of. The president and vice president will be in charge of handling any club assets, and ensuring they are properly dealt with. The president will be in charge of getting in contact with Student Activities staff. The social media chair will be in charge of handling the closure of all social media accounts of the club.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

An amendment to the club constitution can come from an acting member, a coach, or an advisor. Amendments will be given to the president who will then present it to the rest of the executive board at an executive board meeting, where the board will vote on the amendment. If the amendment receives a unanimous vote, a general body meeting will be called to present the proposed amendment at. A follow-up general body meeting will then take place a week later where the entire club will vote on the amendment. If the amendment receives 3/5 vote, it shall pass. Over the week period between the amendment being brought to the general body and voting, the executive board with the consent of the advisor may repeal the amendment before it makes it to the vote.