

Competitive Cheer Club at the Ohio State University

Student Organization Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Competitive Cheer Club at The Ohio State University hereinafter referred to as the "Team."

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

The purpose of the Competitive Cheer Club is to practice, travel, and compete at a collegiate level in the Columbus area and nationally. Outside of the Team's competitive responsibilities the Team intends to play a positive role in the lives of girls of all ages and in the community, regardless of where the Team travels.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

The Competitive Cheer Club 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

The Competitive Cheer Club 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

The Competitive Cheer Club 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

Team membership is open to men or women with cheerleading experience who are enrolled full time as Ohio State undergraduate, graduate, or professional students, attending either the main campus

or a branch campus, in either Autumn or Spring semester of the current competitive season, and have at least a 2.3 GPA.

Section B. Member Selection

Membership is achieved with a passing tryout score, an invitation by the coaches, first due payment, and signing the Competitive Cheer Club contract. An invitation to join the team is decided unanimously by the coaches based on the spots available on the team following a two day tryout. The tryout process includes tumbling, jumping, stunting, and the performance of our “Hang-on-Sloopy” dance. Skills are scored based on technique and execution.

Section C. Membership Timeline

After receiving an invitation to join the team, to achieve official membership, members must pay first months dues and sign the team contract. Membership will begin the the beginning of fall semester and end at the end of spring semester.

Members are required to pay club dues each month. Members are also required to adhere to rules concerning practice attendance policies, contract policies, fundraiser participation, and appropriate behavioral conduct.

Section D. Member Removal

Members of the Competitive Cheer Club are expected to uphold a positive image on and off campus, but especially if they are wearing any apparel or accessories that obtain any writing, logo, or picture relating to the organization or University. Voluntary membership termination from the team or an officer position is permitted at any time; as well as involuntary termination is possible at any time upon severe or repeated violations of University, Department, or team policies. Removal of a member is determined by a meeting with the executive board and coaching staff with a unanimous vote during. Involuntary removal from an officer position is a decision reviewed by the governing officers in congruence with the coaching staff. Upon the information stated in Article III, University Regulations, Section A, a member will not be removed upon *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.*

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

Faculty members of Ohio State act as advisors to the team through Sports Clubs and SOURCE. The advisor must be a University faculty member and abide by requirements, including: attending an advisor training meeting, completing online activation, etc. The advisor’s role with the team includes being a positive voice for the team among University faculty and within the community. The advisor helps promote events, helps with problem solving, as well as helps gather and explain information and forms needed to comply with University policies. The advisor also helps find fundraisers and community service events for the team to be involved in. The advisor keeps an open line of communication with the officers and his/her role is not limited to what is outlined here.

The Sports Club advisor is a staff member assigned to the team by the staff of Sports Club. Their role is to help the team with any requirements that need to be completed to comply with Sports Club guidelines. The advisor also helps find fundraisers and community service events for the team. The advisor is able to be an advocate for the team within the other Sports Clubs, the staff, and the University. He/she keeps an open line of communication with the officers and his/her role is not limited to what is outlined here.

Section B. Advisor Term

Staffing for this program and procedures are held within a contract that is signed at the beginning of each season. Voluntary removal would be a breach of contract and lead to immediate termination of payment and obligations. Involuntary removal of coaching staff is a decision reviewed by the governing officers and with Sports Club Advisor.

Section C. Advisor Selection

Alumni and professionals in the area of cheerleading, gymnastics, or fitness are encouraged to coach, mentor, and aid the team in the training process throughout the season, both on and off campus. The organization does not hold a limit on personnel involved with the team including membership, coaching staff, or advisors.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

Involuntary removal of an advisor is a decision reviewed by the governing officers and with Sports Club Advisor. The exiting advisor must forfeit all information pertaining to the club. A new advisor is added through an interview process, and is then required to sign a contract drafted by the treasurer that outlines their expectations.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

The Executive Board (Officers) will consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Officers will have the power to make all final decisions via a vote regarding the Competitive Cheer Club after receiving input from active members. In addition, there may be up to two Social Chairs and a Safety Manager who serve as committee chairs. All members of the Competitive Cheer Club will elect the Executive Board for one-year terms annually at a designated practice. Elections will take place at the end of the spring semester, unless otherwise stated. The Executive Board will hold their positions beginning on the last day of classes and ending on the last day of classes the following year. Executive meetings will be held monthly, as planned by the President. Additional meetings will take place if the President deems them necessary.

Duties and Responsibilities:

President:

Including but not limited to the following: attend all Sports Club Presidents meetings; gather and complete the forms and information to qualify the team as a student organization and sport club through Ohio State; facilitate the fall and spring student organization fairs; keep track of practice and event attendance; collect athletes' schedules and grades; submit registration for all competitions including nationals; submit facility request forms; help the team plan home events; help organize

fundraisers and community service events; assist treasurer with ordering and fundraising decisions; take a leadership role in helping athletes with struggles and problems outside of their lives at cheer and on the mat; keep an open line of communication with the team's advisors, the other officers, the coaching staff, and the members of the team; lead the team by example.

Vice President:

Including but not limited to the following: serve as the club representative in the absence of the president; work with the president to gather and complete the forms and information to qualify the team as a student organization and sport club through Ohio State; help the team plan home events; keep an open line of communication with the team's advisors, the other officers, the coaching staff, and the members of the team; help the president organize fundraisers and community service events; help lead the team by example; act as a voting member of the board during the spring semester for any called votes due to group disagreement or athlete disciplinary issue.

Treasurer:

Including but not limited to the following: attend one Treasurer meeting for the Ohio State Sport Club; gather and complete the forms and information needed to take care of the team's finances; work with the other officers to prepare a yearly budget; collect and deposit each member's monthly dues; manage the team bank account including all incoming and outgoing payments, apply for allocations through Ohio State Sport Club; keep an open line of communication with the team's advisors, the other officers, the coaching staff, and the members of the team; help the president organize fundraisers and community service events; help lead the team by example; act as a voting member of the board for any called votes due to group disagreement or athlete disciplinary issue.

Vice Treasurer:

Including but not limited to the following: serve as a direct assistant to the treasurer to help maintain her duties; train under the treasurer to learn their obligations; aid in budget and fundraising management; help the president and vice president complete the forms and information if needed; keep an open line of communication with the team's advisors, the other officers, the coaching staff, and the members of the team; help lead the team by example; act as a voting member of the board for any called votes due to group disagreement or athlete disciplinary issue.

Social Chair members:

Including but not limited to the following: plan and gather information needed to have monthly team socials/dinners; collect money needed for social activities; manage all team social media accounts*; post at least once a week on social media; keep an open line of communication with the other officers, the coaching staff, and the members of the team; help lead the team by example.

*The social media chair is only responsible for public posting to the account and may not reply to private messages or correspondence unless directed to. Additionally, the content of any messages or communication to our social media accounts may not be shared with anybody on or outside our team with the exception of the board. The social media manager may be privy to private or personal information and must respect these boundaries.

Safety Officer:

Including but not limited to the following: required to be certified in CPR; gather and turn in medical and other forms to Ohio State Sport Club; make sure the home and away medical kit is stocked with needed supplies; keep an open line of communication with the other officers, the coaching staff, and the members of the team; help lead the team by example

Section B. Officer Eligibility

Any member who has participated or is participating in their second year is eligible to run for any position.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

Elections are held at the first practice after tryouts. Candidates can be self-nominated or nominated by a fellow Competitive Cheer Club member prior to the designated election meeting at the end of the spring semester. Nominations can also be taken from the floor. All returning members are able to vote. Votes will be counted by the coaching staff and officers will be announced immediately after the count. A simple majority vote wins. In the event of a tie, there will be a second vote for the candidates.

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ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

The requirement for dissolution of the Competitive Cheer Club organization is if, after warning, the members fail, in a serious way, to abide by the policies of the University, Department, and all that govern the organization.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

Should any assets and debt exist, the members are required to dispose of the assets and debts by their personal means until settled. Any debts will be settled by remaining assets. If assets do not cover the remaining debts, the liability will fall on last members to pay it off, as well as the club's remaining entities.

To conduct any business, a quorum of 50% + 1 of total organization members is required.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section A. Amendment Process

Proposed amendments or revisions to The Competitive Cheer Club's constitution must be presented to the President in writing before consideration. The proposal must then pass consideration at two consecutive regularly scheduled business meetings. A majority of the membership present at the first consideration must agree before the proposal may pass to the next meeting. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the voting members present is required after the second consideration before the proposal may be enacted. No alterations to the proposal are permitted after the first consideration.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY: I am the duly elected, qualified, and acting President of the Competitive Cheer Club at The Ohio State University, and the foregoing Constitution was adopted as the Constitution by the Board and members of the Team and include all amendments if any.

Amended: November 14, 2025

Katie Stitt

Name: Katie Stitt

Title: President

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