

Running Club at The Ohio State University

Student Organization Constitution

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Article I: Name of Organization

Running Club at The Ohio State University (hereinafter "Running Club")

Article II: Organization Purpose

For those students who ran cross country or track in high school, or just enjoy the sport of running, the Running Club is an organization that will unite students on campus who enjoy the sport of running for the physical and social benefits. The Running Club meets during the week for group runs and will have the opportunity to register for races as a group.

Article III: University Regulations

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

Running 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 these guidelines.

Section B. Hazing

Running 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

Running 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 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

The Running Club is open to all enrolled Ohio State students, faculty, alumni, and staff interested in joining. All abilities are welcome.

Amendment XV: Individuals who previously have held membership within the Running Club may continue their participation within the membership type of a social member (either semester or full year) and receive the full benefits of social or competitive membership for up to two full years after their graduation date.

Section B. Member Selection

General membership requires no payment. Any general member may attend the club's practices. All members should fill out the club's registration form to provide contact information and an emergency contact. By doing so, they will be added to the club's roster.

Amendment XIV: Running Club will offer two distinct types of paid membership - Social and Racing. A social membership shall provide the basic benefits of running with a group, as well as other opportunities to benefit socially within the club. This form of membership can last for either the duration of a semester or a full academic year. A competitive membership shall consist of the benefits or a social benefit in addition to registration for ALL* of Running Club's competitive scheduled meets. This form of membership can last for either the duration of a semester or a full academic year.

There will be two hybrid membership options, Trackster and Kilomaster, that will be offered. Trackster will include an autumn semester social membership and a spring semester competitive membership. Kilomaster will include an autumn semester competitive membership and a spring semester social membership.

* An additional field-events-only track meet may be added to the racing schedule to provide extra practice for those who wish to participate in those events. Field event members traditionally have not had access to practice facilities/equipment in the way that runners do.

All forms of membership may be modified on a year to year basis, and additional forms of membership can be added by the officers of the Running Club. Pricing of membership shall be finalized by the Treasurer of the club with the approval of the President by the first meeting of the Running Club in the current academic year. Members may choose to upgrade their

membership from social to competitive at any point; in this case, they will pay the difference between the membership options.

Refunds: Members may request a refund for membership dues from the club at any point. Members paying for a social membership will not be refunded for the current semester after the initial dues-payment deadline, but if they request the refund in the first semester and have paid for the full year, then they will be refunded the difference between full year social and semester social membership dues. Those who paid for a competitive membership will be refunded if they have not yet signed up for a meet. Those who signed up but dropped the meet after the registration deadline and/or didn't attend the meet are not eligible for a refund. A member may submit an appeal to the Treasurer, and the Executive Committee (President, Vice President, and Treasurer) will make the ultimate decision on whether or not to grant the refund and if granted, its amount.

Section C. Membership Timeline

Members can join any time throughout the school year. Access to events is restricted to only paying members within a few weeks of each semester beginning. This timing is up to the discretion of the club officers.

Section D. Membership Removal

Removal of members from the club will occur once their membership dues expire, i.e., at the end of the semester or year, depending on the membership. Returning members are re-added upon submission of the next year's dues. Member removal may also occur as a result of the formal complaint process.

Amendment IX: Members and officers are allowed to make complaints against members of the Running Club. Cases will be brought forth to any Officer, and a meeting between the Officers and parties concerned will be made. Members can be indefinitely suspended by a 3/4 majority vote by all present officers.

Amendment XVI: The default punishment for a complaint cannot be set forth by the complainee and will be decided by a discussion and then a majority vote amongst all current officers (excluding the accused).

This includes but is not limited to: impeachment, suspension from meets, written apologies, suspension from officer duties, removal from the club, and probation.

The terms of probation may also be set during this meeting by the President.

Amendment XXXI: If a member files a complaint which the officer group finds cannot be investigated by the club due to seriousness (legal situations, crimes, etc.) or lack of grounds, the officers can vote to not run an investigation - 3/4 in favor - & submit the complaint rejection for approval from our advisor.

This will be done by the president meeting with our advisor and showing the submitted complaint, as well as a justification for any lack of investigation and any reasoning officers who want an investigation may have had.

Upon approval, the club's president will reach out to the individual(s) who submitted the complaint with an explanation of why the complaint cannot be investigated by the club, followed by the next steps through university conduct resources if their complaint is serious in nature.

Article V: Advisor

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

The advisor of the Running Club is a full-time member of the University faculty. The role of the advisor is simply to watch over the club and help out in times of need. The advisor is not expected to run with the club, but is more than welcome to join group runs. Advisors are required to attend a training session every two years at the request of Student Activities and the Ohio Union.

Section B. Advisor Term

Advisors will serve for one year and are up for review every April when the club is renewing its status.

Section C. Advisor Selection

In the event that the club must select an advisor, the first action to take is to gather potential candidates from the previous advisor if on good terms. Otherwise, candidates should be selected based on the connections that the club officers have. From the list of candidates, the executive committee will select the person it deems most suited for the role. The club's advisor must be a member of the faculty or administrative and professional staff at Ohio State. They preferably should be someone interested in running or track and field. The advisor will be selected by the executive committee of the club, and a 3/4 majority is needed to be voted in.

Advisors may be on extended leave for up to a semester if they are still able to communicate electronically.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

In the event that the current club advisor is unable to serve anymore, the executive committee of the club will select a new one. Possible reasons for replacement include retirement from the university, resignation from the position, repeated failures to communicate with the club officers, or failure to complete the advisor training. A 3/4 vote from the executive committee is needed to remove the current advisor.

Article VI: Organization Leadership

Section A. Officer Positions

Amendment XXIII: Each officer will be elected by dues-paying members to help facilitate the proper function of the club through all practices and events. Elected Officers are expected to assist the President in every aspect possible to make the Running Club function properly.

There will be four executive officer positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Each executive member (bolded) will lead a subcommittee in the following manner:

Executive Subcommittee

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Competitive Subcommittee

Vice President

Long Distance Captains

Mid Distance Captain

Sprint Captains

Social Subcommittee

Treasurer

Apparel Chair

Social Chairs

Media Subcommittee

Secretary

Social Media Manager

The purpose of these groupings is to expedite decision-making and communication. For example, since the Vice President handles all competition-related tasks, they will directly oversee all captains to coordinate training and meet schedules. The leader of each subcommittee may organize committee-specific meetings whenever deemed necessary.

The following leadership positions will be instituted at the start of the 2026-2027 academic year:

President: The President's main duties revolve around facilitating the daily runs, making announcements, and ensuring that the officers are coherent in their direction and vision for the club. They will facilitate the transition from the old administration to the new administration and act as the secondary financial point of contact for the club after the

treasurer. They will act as the primary representative of the organization to The Ohio State University (registering for involvement fairs, student org trainings, on campus events, etc.). The President is required to attend the President training session through the Ohio Union. They are responsible for generating an overall timeline, structure, and vision for the year ahead and executing it through actions and delegation. The President will directly oversee the Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, ensuring the creation of a social calendar and racing schedule. They will make weekly newsletters and club updates, as well as maintain and manage the email account. They may organize Executive Committee meetings, but primarily will lead meetings involving all officers of the club. They will serve as the final decision-maker for the club.

Treasurer: The Treasurer must maintain an updated list of all paid members and collect important information from those members, including phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contacts, medical conditions, etc. They will also collect dues from members for both fall and spring semesters and be responsible for acquiring access to the US Bank account, following a change of leadership for the position. They shall review internet statements and transactions, verifying transactions within Venmo, too. They shall apply for and collect both programming and operating funds by their due dates. The Treasurer must provide mid- and end-of-semester updates to all officers on the financial status of the Running Club. They will be expected to create and maintain budgets for both racing and social committee events, and an income statement of all monetary transactions within the club. The Treasurer is required to attend the Treasurer training session through the Ohio Union. They will also complete audits throughout the year. The Treasurer is responsible for all communication with the Ohio State Athletic Department, including track rental schedules & payments, and volunteering. The Treasurer will directly oversee the Apparel Chair and Social Chairs. Any sponsorship opportunities (e.g., apparel) should be organized by the Treasurer and their subcommittee.

Vice President: The Vice President (VP) will be the primary point of contact for the racing committee. They will oversee all training plans, NIRCA documentation, and travel arrangements for the club. They will ensure that all NIRCA membership requirements are met (roster, racer profiles, etc). They will be directly responsible for race sign-ups, determining potential meets, and all team travel to and from events. This includes carpool sheets, lodging, and hotel room assignments for both track and cross-country seasons. The VP is to create and distribute meet schedules/information sheets. They are responsible for contacting coaches and exploring new racing opportunities. They are the primary representative at meets (e.g., coaches' meetings). The VP is responsible for managing and maintaining all running accounts associated with the Running Club. (Strava, DirectAthletics, NIRCA, etc.) The VP will directly oversee all captains. In the case that a captain is unable to attend a workout, the VP will be responsible for explaining and/or leading the workout as needed. The VP is in charge, accountable, and responsible for all training equipment.

Secretary: The Secretary will manage important club documents and serve as a club historian. The Secretary is in charge of tracking registration trends, attendance counts, and top times throughout the year. They must keep the Running Club website updated. Included on the site shall be race announcements, pictures, a listing of officers, and other items deemed necessary. The Secretary will be in charge of taking notes at officer meetings, or in their absence, delegating this responsibility. They will organize and manage the club's Google Drive, and they will manage the club's GroupMe, including the purge of non-dues-paying members near the beginning of each semester. They will update the Weekly and Monthly Schedules in the Google Drive. The Secretary will lead the selection of member awards (e.g., Member of the Month, Athlete of the Meet). The Secretary will directly oversee the Social Media Manager. This includes making a schedule for posts and assisting the Social Media Manager if needed in order to stick to the schedule. They may also assist the Social Media Manager with photo/video documentation of Run Club social/competitive events whenever this position isn't sufficiently filled by volunteers, or they may delegate this responsibility to a well-equipped club member. Any photo documentation must include consent from all parties involved. It is recommended that the Secretary have experience with coding and photo editing.

Social Media Manager: The Social Media Manager will be required to update the Running Club social media (Instagram, Facebook, etc.) at the discretion of the Secretary. This involves regular production of promotional content and creative documentation, i.e. social media posts, videos, etc. The Social Media Manager should utilize social media as a further means of communication. The Social Media Manager shall also be responsible for the social media accounts associated with Running Club and will share that responsibility with other officers as they see fit. It is recommended that the Social Media Manager have experience with photo and video editing.

Social Events Chairs (1 male and 1 female): The Social Chairs will be in charge of planning and executing all social events and corporate fundraising (through bars and restaurants) throughout the year. They will work directly with the Executive Committee to create an event schedule before each semester and with the Treasurer to facilitate the events. The goal of fundraising should be to earn money to subsidize events and items for the whole club. They should try to engage outside sources for fundraising. Social chairs will share responsibilities for planning volunteering events, fundraising events, and social events. There must be at least one event of either kind per week unless there are extenuating circumstances. Once a month, they will dedicate a week to distance-specific social events in coordination with captains.

Apparel Chair: The Apparel Chair will be in charge of all ordered apparel during the elected term, including spiritwear, T-shirts, and jerseys. They will work directly with the Treasurer to organize and execute orders and the delivery of all apparel and jerseys.

They are expected to be present at club events throughout the year to hand out apparel to members, especially at the beginning of each semester and the days leading up to meets. They will be the main point of contact for outside suppliers of merchandise for the club. They are encouraged to look for sponsorships (e.g., putting a company's logo on the club apparel in exchange for a discount). They are also encouraged to provide members with an opportunity to purchase spiritwear once in the fall semester and once in the spring semester through online storefronts.

Long Distance Captain (1 male and 1 female): 2 Captains of the Long Distance team of opposite genders will serve as the training organizers during the XC season and for the long distance squad during track season. They will write and facilitate a workout plan for each season, including running, lifting, and cross-training. They are expected to be present at every long-distance practice (runs from the Union, track workouts, scheduled lifts, etc.) unless they face valid conflicts (e.g., class). They must make efforts to get to know current competitive members in the manner that they deem best. This includes organizing distance-specific social events once a month, in conjunction with the Social Chairs.

Middle Distance Captain: The Captain of the Middle Distance team will serve as the training organizer for the middle distance squads during the Track season. During the XC season, he or she is expected to work with the Long Distance Captain in whatever matters are deemed necessary by the Vice President. They are expected to be present at every mid-distance practice (track workouts, lifts, hill workouts, etc.) unless they face valid conflicts (e.g., class). They must make an effort to host at least one lift session a week. They must make efforts to get to know current competitive members in the manner that they deem best. This includes organizing distance-specific social events once a month, in conjunction with the Social Chairs.

Sprint Captains (1 male and 1 female): 2 Captains of the Sprint team of opposite genders will serve as the training organizers for the sprint squads during the fall and spring seasons. They will create a workout plan including lifting and cross-training in the fall, as well as sprint training during the winter and spring seasons. They will also serve as the primary recruiters for the sprint and jump disciplines. One of the captains will serve as a *Sprint and Field Events Captain*. Once the two captains are elected, they will choose between themselves who will have the emphasis on field events. This could entail delegating the organization of field event groups to other members of the club. It is expected to have at least one key contact for every field event. Sprint Captains are expected to be present at every sprint practice (track workouts, lifts, etc.) unless they face valid conflicts (e.g., class). They must make efforts to get to know current competitive members in the manner that they deem best. This includes organizing distance-specific social events once a month, in conjunction with the Social Chairs.

If all officers are voting on a matter and the votes are split and they are stuck in a gridlock, the decision shall be voted on by the Executive Committee, and the decision of the Executive Committee will stand.

Section B. Officer Eligibility

Voter Eligibility

A voter must be a non-graduating, active (dues-paying) member of the Running Club and present at the time of vote collection in order to attend and vote. A voter must be present at the beginning of the speeches for a position in order to vote for that position. A video conferencing option may be available for elections. In this case, participants must be actively paying attention to the speeches and must have their videos on, barring any major technological limitations. An election marshal will monitor the video conference and will have the power to kick disrespectful or distracted participants from the call, and will bar them from voting for the current position. Other than in the case of participants on the video conferencing call, no voting outside of the election room may take place.

Candidate Eligibility

A candidate need not be present to run. They must be a non-graduating, active (dues-paying) member of the Running Club.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

Elections of The Running Club at The Ohio State University will occur with the following procedure.

An in-person election event will be held on a Friday or Saturday evening during the spring semester. The event will consist of nominations for the various offices, speeches made by the candidates, a question and answer session, a period for discussion, and a call to vote. Each of the elected positions (see Article VI, Section A) will be elected in this manner.

The Elections will be moderated and facilitated by a group of Election Marshals. Election Marshals consist of graduating officers. If there are fewer than 2 Election Marshals, the help of other graduating members or of officers of non-graduating status may be requested, provided that the substitute is not running for any positions. These are chosen at the discretion of the President.

Order of Elections

- 1) President
- 2) Treasurer
- 3) Vice President
- 4) Secretary
- 5) Male Long Distance Captain

- 6) Female Long Distance Captain
- 7) Middle Distance Captain
- 8) Male Sprint Captain
- 9) Female Sprint Captain
- 10) Apparel Chair
- 11) Male Social Chair
- 12) Female Social Chair
- 13) Social Media Manager

Procedure of Elections

The President will choose a time and location for Election Night. A nomination form will be sent to the club electronically for members to nominate both themselves and other members for officer positions. This will open three weeks before Election Night. Nominations can be accepted and denied, and are able to be made up until the speeches for a position begin on Election Night (see Candidate Eligibility paragraph).

As voters enter the voting room, an Election Marshal will use a roster in order to check that each voter is eligible to vote. (see previous Voter Eligibility paragraph)

The election will run in the order described above. A person may accept/run for a maximum of 3 positions. There are no restrictions on which position(s) a person may run for.

Before each position's speeches begin, the Election Marshals will read out the position's duties as defined by the Constitution.

Each position election will consist of the following:

- **A final call for nominations** will be held, and the final nominees will be listed and will exit the voting room.
- **Speeches:** The candidates will be brought into the voting room individually in alphabetical order. Each candidate is allowed a 2-minute speech regardless of the position, as long as the speech is the candidate's first of the event. Subsequent speeches for the 2nd and/or 3rd positions being run for are limited to 1 minute each. If a candidate cannot be present at the event, he or she may choose another member of the club to read his or her speech within the allotted speech time. Alternatively, a non-present candidate may submit to the election marshals a video speech (not exceeding the in-person speech time limits) no later than 2 days prior to elections. Candidates may not call in. If a candidate is attending the election, they may submit to the election marshals no later than 2 days prior to elections a 1-slide PowerPoint to be displayed during the candidate's speech.

- Candidates are not allowed to hear other candidates' speeches.
- **Questions:**
 - The questions from the audience are selected by an Election Marshal by raised hands. Care should be taken to ensure the same audience members aren't asking all of the questions.
 - Candidates are limited to a total of 3 minutes to answer questions. There is no limit to the number of questions asked during the time allotted; however, any questions deemed by the election marshals as disrespectful toward the candidate will be halted. Once this time limit is reached, no more questions may be asked, regardless of how many the candidate has answered.
 - If a candidate is having a proxy read his or her speech in their place, no questions may be asked or answered.
 - If 3 minutes of questions is unnecessary for a candidate, a voter may motion to end questions, and a majority vote will be held by a raise of hands to end questions.
 - If a candidate is running unopposed, no question period is allowed.
- Following the questions, the candidate will exit the voting room.
- After all the candidates have submitted their speeches and answered questions, a discussion will begin. The candidates may not be in the room for this discussion.
- **Moderated Discussion:** a 3-minute speakers' list will be maintained by the Election Marshals.
 - When a voter raises their hand, they will be added to the end of the speakers' list. The speakers are allowed to speak in descending order for no more than 30 seconds each.
 - Voters may motion to end the discussion at any point. A majority vote by a raise of hands will end the discussion.
 - At the end of the 3-minute discussion period, voters may motion to extend the discussion in 3-minute increments. A majority vote by a raise of hands will extend the discussion.
 - Election Marshals are not allowed to participate in the discussion.
 - If a candidate is running unopposed, no discussion period is allowed.
- **Voting:** Votes will be submitted either via paper and counted by no fewer than two Election Marshals separately or digitally through a secure electronic vote. A simple majority is needed to win.
 - If an electronic vote is being held, there will be a time limit of 1 minute and 30 seconds to vote.

- Voting for Executive Committee members occurs directly after each of the four positions has undergone their speech, question, and discussion periods. The result will be announced directly after each voting period ends.
- Voting for the remaining nine positions will occur directly after each of the nine positions has undergone its speech, question, and discussion periods. Results will not be announced until all nine positions have been voted on.
 - Tiebreaker: If one person wins multiple positions, any candidate for those positions will be asked to leave the room. The remaining members will have a 3-minute discussion period to decide which position the winning candidate is best suited for. Voting will then occur. The remaining positions will fall to the second-place candidate.

Unacceptable Behavior During Elections

- If at any point during the election event a candidate or voter is disrespectful toward another or displays an open alcohol container, the election marshals have the right to remove the person from the event and disqualify them from voting or running for any remaining positions.

Section D. Officer Removal

Amendment XXII: Similar to the way in which members are indefinitely suspended, members and officers are allowed to make complaints against officers of the Running Club. Cases will be brought forth to any Officer, and a meeting with a quorum of officers will be held to decide the fate of the accused officer. The accused officer in this case will have a chance to present their case. A $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote by all present officers (excluding the accused) will result in the accused officer being suspended indefinitely.

(affects Amendment XXI as well, see above)

In the event that an officer resigns from their position, the remaining officers will elect a new officer to that position by a simple majority. All Running Club members may run for an open or resigned position and fill it for the rest of its tenure. All Officers will be voted on during the next voting cycle in normal fashion, as stated in Article VI, Section C.

Article VII: Method of Dissolution of Organization

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

If Running Club membership falls to fewer than ten people and there is not enough interest to fill at least five officer positions, the club will be dissolved. In this case, membership is defined as someone who pays dues.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

If the Running Club were to disband, the assets and debts would be the responsibility of the President. At their discretion, any assets would be split between active paying members of the club. Debts are highly unlikely to be incurred, but the president would organize fundraising to pay them off.

Article VIII: Method of Amending Constitution

The constitution will be amended by the President as changes and needs are presented to the club. Amendments can be proposed by any member of the Running Club.

Amendment XIII: Amendments to the Constitution must be approved by a 3/4 vote of all active officers to go into effect.

Article IX: Meetings of the Organization

Amendment XVII: The Running Club sets group runs or other group functions with the hope of making them available to the majority of students with regard to schedule. Each semester, the times and locations of runs will be determined by the President, with help from the Vice President. The Running Club will attempt to meet 5 times a week during the weekdays at 5:30 pm on the West Ohio Union Patio. This time and location can be adjusted to due to normal circumstances such as Daylight Saving Time and indoor/outdoor track practices by the President. Pending bad weather conditions, officers will cancel runs at their best discretion and communicate this effectively to the rest of the Running Club.

Amendment XVIII: Meetings of the Officers of the Ohio State Running Club will be arranged by the President at his/her discretion. A meeting must have a quorum of 75% elected officers in order for any business to be conducted.

Amendment XXVIII: Officers of the Running Club at OSU shall meet at least once a calendar month with the exception of the months of May, June, July, and December. The Vice President and President can call their respective committees to meet with whatever frequency they see fit.

Amendment XXIX (Varsity Selection Amendment):

Varsity Selection Amendment:

Certain Meets and Events require the Running Club at OSU to select a varsity team or relay from its active members to compete in team-based competitions. This process, in chronological order, is formalized as such:

1. The number of members needed for the team is established at least 2 weeks before the event is scheduled to start. This includes how many members are guaranteed a spot on the varsity team, as well as how many members are needed as alternates.
2. From the roster of active members, the number of members specified in the process above will be placed on the varsity team or on the alternate list. Members will be selected based on these specific criteria, which are listed in order of priority:

- Event Performance - The most important criterion is having one of the top times for the year in the event being raced. A “top time” is defined as a time that falls within the top set of times from the current season for the number of spots available on the varsity team. Extra emphasis will be placed on Regionals performances for cross country and outdoor performances for Track. Each time logged by an athlete will be compared to times logged by their teammates at the same race, so performances can be adjusted to reflect race conditions. For example, a PR set on a course where conditions were not ideal due to weather would be adjusted to reflect those conditions based on the performance of their teammates. In addition, an athlete who has shown consistency with their racing across the entire season and high race attendance may be considered for a spot over an athlete that has a faster PR, but has not raced consistently well or has low race attendance.
- Workout Performance - A member’s workout performance is the second most important criterion. Workout performance is measured based on fitness displayed during the Official Cross-Country or Track program workouts. An athlete wishing to have their workout performance considered during the selection process must provide an accurate record of performance, such as a GPS readout or eyewitness confirmation from another member of the workout they think proves their worthiness.
- Practice Attendance - The third most important criterion is practice attendance. While attendance does not indicate someone’s fitness, it is important that a member that wishing to be on the varsity team attends practice with relative frequency so that racing committee members and others on the varsity team can confirm an athlete’s fitness. However, due to college’s nature, it may be impossible for certain members to attend any practices or workouts, so no member shall be kept from a varsity spot due to attendance alone.

3. The selection meeting will take place at least 10 days before the event. The racing committee will select and vote on a ranked order of participants for the championship event, along with 2 alternates. Club members will be informed of who is on the varsity teams promptly after the meeting concludes. If a member is not selected to be a part of the varsity team for a specific event and that member feels that they should be a part of the varsity team, the aforementioned member can write a formal petition to the racing committee for a time trial. To challenge, one

must have finished in the top 7 in any race at any point in the season (cross country only). The participants that must participate in the time trial are those participants from the ranked order descending the number of challengers. The petition for a time trial must be submitted within 24 hours of the official teams being announced. The time trial will be a distance and course mutually agreed on by the runoff parties. If there is no mutual agreement, they will default to a 5K on grass (men) or 2 mile on grass (women) (cross country only). During track season, the time trial will be the race distance of the event in question. The time trial will be held before the NIRCA Nationals registration window closes. Any member involved in the time trial that cannot make the time trial must provide evidence of the extreme circumstances that prevented them from attending.

Amendment XXX (Top Times Records):

Wind Measurements:

The Top Times Records should consist of only wind-legal marks for the following events: 100m, 100m Hurdles, 110m Hurdles, 200m, Long Jump, and Triple Jump. If wind is not measured at a meet, all records will be counted as wind legal.

Season Length:

Records from the entire track or cross country season will count for the Top Times list, regardless of whether it was an official meet on the club schedule or not, as long as the athlete is a competitive member.

Amendment XXXII:

Competitive Records:

Competitive records in this context include records relating to the cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track seasons. The following standards are required for a competitive record to qualify for the top times list found within the Running Club Google Drive:

- The member in question has run a time that is faster than or equal to a top ten time of the event for which the time was run. Times equal to the previous time are considered above that previous time on the record board

AND

- The member in question has run at least one race under the Ohio State Running Club name within the past calendar year

AND

- One of the following:
 - The member in question has paid dues according to the competitive membership outlined in the constitution and dues structure for the given Ohio State academic semester in which the record was broken

OR

- The member in question has run at a meet separate from the club, but has run under the Ohio State Running Club name for this record

Road Racing Records:

Road racing records in this context include records relating to the half marathon and full marathon. The following standards are required for a road racing record to qualify for the top times list found within the Run Club Google Drive:

- The member in question has run a time that is faster than or equal to the top time of the event for which the time was run. Times equal to the previous time are considered above that previous time on the record board

AND

- The member in question has paid dues according to any membership outlined in the constitution and dues structure for the given Ohio State academic semester. Social memberships count under this rule

Article X: National Affiliation

As of Spring of 2006, The Running Club at The Ohio State University is a member of the National Intercollegiate Running Club Association. Annual dues must be paid by the Treasurer to this organization. Additional information can be found at www.clubrunning.org for races and other participating member schools.

Amendment VII: As of Fall 2010, The Running Club at The Ohio State University will again maintain active membership to the National Intercollegiate Running Club Association (NIRCA).