

Turning Point Usa At The Ohio State University

Student Organization Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Turning Point Usa At The Ohio State University

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

Turning Point USA at The Ohio State University is to educate and engage students in the principles of freedom, free markets, and limited government through respectful dialogue, events, and programming. Our organization aims to provide opportunities for students to think critically about civic issues, develop leadership skills, and engage in constructive discourse that prepares them to be active citizens. In doing so, Turning Point USA at Ohio State supports the University's mission to advance and share knowledge, foster engaged citizenship, and contribute to the betterment of society through education and service.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

Turning Point USA 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

Turning Point USA 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

Turning Point USA 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

Membership in Turning Point USA at The Ohio State University is open to all student-aged individuals who support the organization's mission and abide by its constitution and bylaws. At least 90% of the voting membership must be currently enrolled Ohio State students. Non-student community members may participate as associate members but may not vote or hold office. Membership is granted regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or protected veteran status.

Section B. Member Selection

Membership in Turning Point USA at The Ohio State University is voluntary and open to anyone who wishes to join. To become a member, individuals must join the organization's GroupMe and attend at least one meeting per month to remain active. All members are free to join or leave the organization at any time without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment.

Section C. Membership Timeline

Membership in Turning Point USA at The Ohio State University is open on a rolling basis throughout the academic year. Students and community members may join at any time by expressing interest and participating in organization activities. Active membership status is maintained by attending at least one meeting per month.

Section D. Member Removal

Members may be removed from Turning Point USA at The Ohio State University for behavior that is detrimental to the organization's purpose, violations of this constitution or bylaws, or violations of the Code of Student Conduct, University policy, or federal, state, or local law. To begin the removal process, evidence or reasoning for removal must be presented to the executive board and the organization's advisor. The member will then be informed in writing of the concerns or charges and given an opportunity to respond or defend themselves. Following this, the executive board will hold a meeting to review the matter in consultation with the advisor. A two-thirds majority vote of the executive board is required to remove a member. All decisions regarding removal will be made with fairness, confidentiality, and in accordance with University policy and the organization's mission.

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

The advisor of Turning Point USA at The Ohio State University shall serve as a resource and support to the organization's officers and members. The advisor will provide guidance, ensure continuity between academic years, and assist the organization in complying with University policies and procedures. Advisors may not vote or hold office within the organization. The primary advisor must complete required University trainings, including advisor and anti-hazing training, every two years, and must annually approve the organization's registration, goals, and any Council on Student Affairs (CSA) funding requests. The advisor is expected to attend meetings or events when possible, assist with leadership transitions, provide mentorship to officers, and offer guidance on organizational operations and University processes. Advisors are not authorized to make statements or decisions on behalf of The Ohio State University or to act independently on behalf of the organization.

Section B. Advisor Term

The advisor of Turning Point USA at The Ohio State University shall serve a one-year term, with the opportunity to be reappointed annually by mutual agreement between the advisor and the organization's executive board. The advisor's term will begin at the start of each academic year and may be renewed based on continued interest and availability.

Section C. Advisor Selection

The primary advisor of Turning Point USA at The Ohio State University shall be a full-time faculty member or administrative and professional staff member of the University, selected by the organization's executive board. Advisors are chosen based on their interest in supporting the organization's mission and their ability to provide guidance consistent with University policies. Classified civil service employees, graduate administrative associates, and emeritus or retired faculty and staff may serve as co-advisors but may not act as the primary advisor. If an advisor is unable to fulfill their duties or will be on extended leave, a co-advisor may be appointed or contingency plans established to ensure ongoing organizational support.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

In the event that the advisor resigns, is removed, or becomes unable to fulfill their duties, the organization's executive board will nominate a new eligible faculty or staff member to serve as advisor. The nomination must be confirmed by a majority vote of the executive board and approved by the new advisor. The transition will be communicated to the Ohio Union and Student Activities staff to ensure the organization's registration remains current.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

President (Primary Leader)

The President oversees all operations of Turning Point USA at The Ohio State University. They preside over chapter and executive board meetings, coordinate activities, serve as the primary liaison with the national organization and University offices, and ensure the organization remains compliant with University policies.

The President also represents the organization at official functions and appoints interim officers when vacancies occur.

Vice President (Secondary Leader)

The Vice President assists the President in all chapter functions and assumes their duties when the President is unavailable. The Vice President helps plan and execute events, maintains order during meetings, and supports other officers in their roles to ensure effective coordination of chapter activities.

Treasurer

The Treasurer manages all financial matters, maintains accurate and transparent financial records, oversees the chapter's budget, and ensures timely payment of expenses. The Treasurer collaborates with other officers on fundraising efforts, reimbursement processes, and funding requests to both the University and the national organization.

Secretary

The Secretary records attendance and minutes for all meetings, maintains the organization's records, and communicates updates to members. The Secretary is also responsible for correspondence, managing member communication channels, and assisting with social media and documentation when necessary.

Social Media Director

The Social Media Director is responsible for managing and overseeing all official social media accounts of Turning Point USA at The Ohio State University. This officer promotes upcoming events, shares chapter updates, and documents activities in a manner that reflects the organization's mission and values. The Social Media Director ensures that all posts maintain professionalism, accuracy, and alignment with University guidelines. They also collaborate with the executive board to coordinate event marketing, digital outreach, and consistent branding across all platforms.

Section B. Officer Eligibility

All officers of Turning Point USA at The Ohio State University must be currently enrolled students in good standing with the University and supportive of the organization's mission. The President and Treasurer must be full-time students, while other officers must maintain active membership and good academic and disciplinary standing. Officer eligibility shall not be restricted on the basis of any protected class or characteristic as outlined in Article III.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

Officers of Turning Point USA at The Ohio State University shall be elected through a fair and transparent process conducted by the executive board. Nominations for officer positions will be accepted from active members during the final month of each academic year. Elections will take place at a designated chapter meeting, where candidates may briefly present their goals for the position. Voting will be conducted by secret ballot, and a simple majority of active members present will determine the outcome. In the event of a tie, a runoff vote will be held immediately between the tied candidates. Vacancies that occur mid-term may be filled by presidential appointment with approval from a majority of the executive board.

Section D. Officer Removal

An officer of Turning Point USA at The Ohio State University may be removed from their position for failure to fulfill their duties, violation of this constitution or bylaws, behavior inconsistent with the organization's mission, or violation of the Code of Student Conduct, University policy, or any federal, state, or local law. The removal process shall begin when concerns are brought to the attention of the executive board and the organization's advisor. The officer in question will be notified in writing of the concerns and given an opportunity to respond. A meeting will then be held with the executive board and advisor to review the matter, after which a two-thirds majority vote of the executive board is required for removal. In the event of resignation, removal, or ineligibility, the President may appoint an interim officer to serve the remainder of the term with approval from a majority of the executive board.

ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

Turning Point USA at The Ohio State University may be dissolved if deemed necessary by a two-thirds majority vote of the executive board and approval from the organization's advisor. Upon dissolution, all remaining assets and records shall be transferred to the national Turning Point USA organization or managed in accordance with University policies regarding student organization property and funds. The decision to dissolve must be communicated to the Ohio Union and Student Activities staff to complete the official deregistration process.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

In the event that Turning Point USA at The Ohio State University is dissolved, all organizational assets shall first be used to satisfy any outstanding debts or financial obligations. Under no circumstances may the organization leave debts to The Ohio State University or its affiliated entities. Any remaining funds or property after debts are settled shall be transferred to the national Turning Point USA organization or handled in accordance with University policy governing student organization funds and assets.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section A. Amendment Process

Amendments to the constitution of Turning Point USA at The Ohio State University may be proposed by any active member of the organization. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the executive board for review and discussion. A two-thirds majority vote of active members present at a scheduled meeting is required for adoption. Once approved by the organization, the amended constitution must be submitted to the Ohio Union and Student Activities Department within 30 days for review and official approval. Until such approval is granted, the existing constitution shall remain in effect.