

# Stylez Dance Group

## Student Organization Constitution

### ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Stylez Dance Group (Sdg)

### ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

Stylez Dance Group is an innovative group of students at the Ohio State University with varying backgrounds and degrees of training in dance. By combining hip-hop with alternate dance genres, SDG seeks to express its unique style through original music mixes, concepts, costumes, and choreography.

### ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

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

Stylez Dance Group *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**

Stylez Dance Group *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**

Stylez Dance Group *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**

All members of Stylez must be an enrolled undergraduate student at the Ohio State University.

## **Section B. Member Selection**

Members will be selected by the members of the executive committee through audition only. Dancers maintain membership for the term of one academic year. Members are required to attend all rehearsals, performances, and fundraising efforts.

## **Section C. Membership Timeline**

Auditions will be held at the beginning of each autumn semester, and additional auditions may be held in the spring semester if deemed necessary by the executive committee.

## **Section D. Member Removal**

Members will be removed from the group by a simple majority vote of the executive board if the member has missed three or more practices per semester.

## **ARTICLE V. ADVISOR**

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

The advisor of SDG must be a full-time member of the OSU faculty or Administrative & Professional Staff. They must complete the necessary advisor training, be available for guidance when the executive committee finds it necessary, and they may attend SDG rehearsals or performances at their liking/discretion.

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

The advisor must serve for one full academic year. There is no limit to how many terms an advisor can serve.

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

Advisors will be selected by the executive board based on their commitment to SDG's values and goals. Advisors will be selected by a simple majority vote of the executive board.

### **Section D. Advisor Replacement**

Advisors will be replaced if they are not following the Advisor Duties and Responsibilities. The executive board will first discuss with the current advisor area for improvement, and if no changes are made, the executive board can choose to replace the advisor by a simple majority vote.

## **ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP**

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

The executive committee consists of five members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Choreography Chair/Performance Coordinator, and Social Media Manager. The Treasurer position responsibility will be shared between the President and Vice President.

**President:** The President shall be appointed by election. The president must have one year of Stylez Dance Group experience. The president shall remain president for a one year term. The president shall attend all necessary training and be responsible for room reservations. The president shall be responsible for outreach and membership growth. The president will be responsible for coordinating group meeting days, times, and locations. The president will also be responsible for receiving performance requests/opportunities and consulting with all members on all performance requests/opportunities. The president will be responsible for communicating important information to club members. The current president, along with the rest of the current executive board, shall make all additional club rules and policies, using the constitutional rules as a guide.

**Vice President:** The Vice President shall be appointed by election. The vice president must have one year of previous Stylez Dance Group experience. The vice president shall remain vice president until graduation or upon challenge from an organization member. The vice president will be the second form of contact when the president is unavailable. The vice president is responsible for informing club members about general performance information and supporting the president's duties and responsibilities.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall be appointed by election. The secretary shall remain secretary until graduation or upon challenge from an organization member. The secretary is responsible for recording attendance of all meetings and practices as well as recording the location, date, and times of any meetings that occur off-campus for annual Clery reporting. The secretary is responsible for controlling the club calendar. The secretary is also responsible for organizing community events.

**Choreography Chair/Performance Coordinator:** The Choreography Chair/Performance Coordinator shall be appointed by election. The Choreography Chair/Performance Coordinator shall remain Choreography Chair/Performance Coordinator until graduation or upon challenge from an organization member. The Choreography Chair/Performance Coordinator is responsible for creating choreography for performance opportunities and teaching it to the members of Stylez Dance Group.

**Social Media Manager:** The Social Media Manager shall be appointed by election. The social media manager shall remain social chair until graduation or upon challenge from an organization member. The social media manager is responsible for creating club logos and developing apparel as an organization. The social media manager will plan social events for our members, both on and off campus. The social media manager will lead each practice with icebreakers, and help promote the organization around campus overall. Additionally, the social media manager will be responsible for maintaining Stylez Dance Group presence on social media, including the creation of flyers and promotional videos.

## **Section B. Officer Eligibility**

Any member of the team is eligible to run for office. The President must have been a member of the executive committee during the previous year to be elected. Members wishing to run for office must be in good standing in terms of attendance at practices, general attitude and respectfulness towards club members, participation in events, and ability to lead successfully.

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

Members of the executive committee will be elected to office by vote of current executive members and general members of the team at the end of the previous academic year. The voting process will take place in the form of an election. Each candidate must have a simple majority vote to be granted an executive board position.

## **Section D. Officer Removal**

If an officer conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, is delinquent in performing their officer duties, or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the voting membership or unanimous vote of the other officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

# **ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION**

## **Section A. Dissolution Requirements**

The organization will be disposed when: a) there are no qualified executive committee members to preside over the organizational, administrative, and artistic duties and/or when b) an overall lack of interest in the group and its goals arises among its members. Organization is disbanded through a majority vote of all current members. Disbanding the organization is conducted by the executive board.

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

The organization will split assets amongst all of the members at the time when the organization is dissolved. The organization will resolve debts through fundraising efforts. No debts or outstanding charges will be left to The Ohio State University.

## **ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

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

If a member has concerns with any of the ideas presented within the Constitution, she/he may present those concerns to the executive committee who will together decide whether it warrants a redrafting of the Constitution. If the executive committee decides that the constitution requires amending/updating, they may redraft it before the beginning of each year.