

Buckeye Bullet Constitution

Article I - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.

Section 1 - Name: The Buckeye Bullet at The Ohio State University

Section 2 - Purpose: To design, improve and race a streamline electric vehicle under the rules of the BNI, SCTA, and the FIA consortiums.

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy: This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, sex, age, handicap, or Vietnam-era veteran status.

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.

Voting membership is limited to enrolled Ohio State students; there are no major or GPA qualifications. Exceptions will be made under the discretion of the Team Leader.

Article III - Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.

The Buckeye Bullet team is completely student organized and led. There will be at least one Team Leader that will hold their position until their resignation or removal by the remaining team in unanimous vote. Their replacements will be chosen democratically by the team. The choice will be based on leadership qualifications, engineering knowledge and experience on the team.

Article IV – Adviser(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.

The advisor shall be a Faculty member or Administrative & Professional staff member. The professor/advisor will have no authority over design, merely administrative responsibilities for the team and its financial situation. If the advisorship is to ever change control, the students will lead themselves as best they can during the brief transition period. As soon as one advisor has left, the students must seek a replacement immediately.

Article V – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.

The Buckeye Bullet Team will hold weekly meetings in the Conference Room at:

The Center for Automotive Research
930 Kinnear Road
Columbus OH 43212

at 7:00 pm on Thursday nights during the school year and during Summer Quarter. Meeting time can change, but only for extenuating circumstances. Attendance at meetings is not required by members, regular participation is required for permanent membership.

Article VI – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.

Proposed amendments must be in writing, and will not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, be read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and will either require three-quarter majority of attending voting members. The constitution will not be amended easily or frequently.

Article VII – Method of Dissolution of Organization

The Buckeye Bullet Team cannot be disbanded by either the students or advisor acting alone. There are two ways for the team to no longer exist: if the Team Leader and Advisor agree that there is no longer sufficient interest to continue the team for the following year. Any assets of the team must first be sold off to other teams or interested parties to settle any debts. Any remaining assets are to be distributed among the other currently active automotive student project teams as decided upon by the Advisor and Team Leader. If the assets cannot cover the debts, the Department of Mechanical Engineering, where our accounts are stored, will assume the remainder.

By-Laws

Article I – Parliamentary Authority

The Buckeye Bullet Team does not abide by any set form of Parliamentary Procedure. The nature of our team, as any race team, requires the Team Captain to have final say in any major team decision. However, most concerns are dealt with by their respective Team Leaders.

Article II- Membership

Membership is based solely on involvement in the project. Those whose involvement becomes detrimental to the advancement and completion of the project, are subject to termination from the team as decided upon by the Advisor and Team Captain

Article III - Adviser/Advisory Board Responsibilities

The Advisor is expected to attend weekly meetings and be present at our annual competition per competition rules. He/she is also responsible for communicating the budget information released monthly with the Team Leader. Also, the Advisor will be the main liaison between the team and the College of Engineering and the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Finally, the Advisor will be willing to meet with the Team Leader(s) as issues arise.

Article IV - Meeting Requirements

There are no requirements for meetings. Those who attend can vote, those who do not attend, forfeit their vote, unless prior arrangements have been made.

Article V - Method of Amending By-Laws

Proposed amendments must be in writing, and will not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, be read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and will require a two-third majority of voting members or a two-thirds of the attending voting membership of the organization. The by-laws will be more easily amended than the constitution.