



Triangle Fraternity - Gamma Chapter
Student Organization Constitution

2026

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization is “Triangle Fraternity”, referred to hereafter as “Triangle.”

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization is to foster a brotherhood of male undergraduate students in engineering, architecture, and the sciences that embodies and adheres to the principles and values set forth in the Ritual. Triangle Fraternity will strive to promote a Code of Ethics, preserve traditions, and better the lives and characters of the men initiated.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

Triangle 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

Triangle 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

Triangle 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

To be considered for membership in Triangle, an individual must be a male, full-time undergraduate student at The Ohio State University majoring or minoring in a STEM discipline. They must be in good standing with the university and meet the provisions set forth by the National Constitution and Ohio State IFC.

Section B. Member Selection

To become a member, a potential new member must receive and accept a bid from the active chapter. They then must complete New Member Education orientation, the content of which they will be tested on prior to initiation. Successful completion of initiation as outlined by the Ritual will then qualify them as an active member of Triangle.

Section C. Membership Timeline

Membership opens twice a year in accordance with IFC rush guidelines: once in the fall and once in the spring. The new member process takes around 8-10 weeks, with initiation occurring in the final few weeks of the semester.

Section D. Member Removal

A brother found in severe violation of chapter, national, or university policy and/or local, state, or federal law can have their active status removed by a 3/4ths vote of the total active chapter. A motion to remove a brother's active status can only be made after the chapter President has discussed the issue with the alumni President, the National Executive Director, and the brother in question.

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

The advisor is welcome to attend as many fraternity activities and meetings as they wish, excluding active-only meetings. They are also welcome to assist with anything the Executive Board deems beneficial to the fraternity. These duties are, however, not required. The advisor of the organization is mandated to meet with the chapter President at least once a year. They must also assist in all requirements related to retaining active status, including attending training(s) and approving

organizational goals. The organization may have multiple advisors concurrently, in which case they will be referred to as “co-advisors.”

The university will provide an ambassador of the SFL community, known as the “SFL liaison” that will meet with the president on a monthly basis and attend roster days. The SFL liaison ensures that Triangle Fraternity is up to university standard.

Section B. Advisor Term

Advisors will serve in their roles for one year, and may be re-elected by the executive board. The SFL liaison will have term limits deemed by the university.

Section C. Advisor Selection

Advisor selection shall take place during the spring semester of each year. The advisors shall be nominated and selected by the Executive Board. A co-advisor may be nominated by the Executive Board but must be approved by the existing advisor. The SFL liaison will be appointed to Triangle by The Ohio State University.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

An advisor may be replaced if deemed necessary by the Executive Board. Advisors may be removed for causes including but not limited to: behavioral or conduct issues, acting in a manner detrimental to Triangle’s interests, or failing to support the executive board. A simple majority vote is required for removal. If removal of the SFL liaison is deemed necessary, the president will appoint a new liaison in collaboration with the SFL and university affiliated offices.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

The organization will be led by an Executive Board. The Executive Board will consist of the President, Internal Vice President, External Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Social chair, E–Council Representative, Recruitment chair, Service chair, Philanthropy chair, Housing manager, New Member Educators, and Brotherhood chair.

During active chapter, President's time, and Executive Board meetings the President may only vote in the event of a tie.

All officers must seek to accomplish the roles described by The Ohio State Center for Student Leadership and Service.

- President:
 - The President shall chair the meetings of the active chapter and shall enforce Robert's New Rules of Order. The active chapter shall meet once a week. The President reserves the right to cancel meetings due to appropriate circumstances.
 - The President shall serve as the main liaison between the Fraternity and its advisor(s) (and other university staff). They shall also serve as the public representative of the

chapter and shall be responsible for issuing any statements on behalf of the local chapter.

- The President shall reserve the authority to structure the chapter (outside the confines of this constitution) in order to best serve the needs of the brotherhood.
- The President shall attend all required trainings and maintain the Fraternity's entry in the Student Organization Database.
- The President shall be elected by the chapter during the twelfth week of the Fall semester.
- Internal Vice President
 - The Internal President shall be the Ritual Chair, keeper of the Ritual, and leader of Ritual discussions and setup.
 - The Internal Vice President shall be the Academic Chair, responsible for the general academic welfare of the Fraternity.
 - The Internal Vice President shall be responsible for overlooking the Brotherhood, New Member Education, Risk, Housing, and Treasurer Chairs.
- External Vice President
 - The External Vice President shall be responsible for overlooking the Recruitment, Social, and Philanthropy Chairs.
 - The External Vice President shall also help coordinate E-Council activities and representatives.
 - The External Vice President shall be responsible for maintaining relationships with other student organizations and facilitating lines of communication when necessary.
 - The External Vice President shall be the Alumni Chair, responsible for publishing regular newsletters and promoting Alumni involvement.
- Treasurer
 - The Treasurer shall be responsible for the chapter finances and shall maintain and propose a chapter budget each semester.
 - The Treasurer shall manage and approve TEF Committee requests upon approval by the chapter.
- Secretary
 - The Secretary shall be responsible for organizing meeting minutes and sending these to the active brothers.
 - In conjunction with the President, the Secretary shall help manage national and local chapter requirements, such as forms and Standards of Excellence.
 - As Communications Chair, the Secretary shall oversee social media, website, and other communications regarding the Fraternity as seen fit.
- Social Chair
 - The Social Chair shall be responsible for the organization and planning of chapter social events.
 - The Social Chair shall be the acting Risk Manager should the latter position be left vacant.
- Service Chair
 - The Service Chair will be responsible for facilitating opportunities that allow members to fulfill their service hour requirement.
 - The Service Chair will manage internal reporting documents for service hours.

- **Philanthropy Chair**
 - The Philanthropy Chair is responsible for hosting and managing philanthropic events and communicating with other Greek and non-Greek philanthropic opportunities.
- **New Member Educators**
 - The position of New Member Educator shall be co-chaired by two members concurrently, each serving a term of one semester. Usually, one position is filled by a recent initiate, and the other a more senior member; however this is not required.
 - The New Member Educators shall guide new members into initiation and through the new member process, and in doing so instruct them in the history and functionality of the chapter.
- **Brotherhood Chair**
 - The Brotherhood Chair shall be responsible for the promotion of brotherhood through activities and events.
- **Housing manager**
 - The Housing Manager shall be responsible for all affairs relating to the upkeep of the chapter home, including but not limited to: overseeing rent payments, procuring cleaning supplies, and delegating maintenance tasks.
- **Risk Management Chair**
 - The Risk Management Chair shall be responsible for the general health and safety of chapter members and their guests, during any chapter sponsored event.
 - The Risk Management Chair shall be tasked with ensuring that all proper University, IFC, SFL, Nationals, and Chapter safety protocols are followed.
 - The Risk Management Chair shall register all social events with the University.
- **Recruitment Chair**
 - The Recruitment Chair shall be responsible for all affairs relating to the rush and recruitment process. These include, but are not limited to, tabling (at the Involvement Fair(s) or elsewhere), advertising, and establishing lines of communication with potential candidates.
 - The Recruitment Chair shall, in accordance with SFL regulations, host rush events during the Fall and Spring windows.

Section B. Officer Eligibility

To run for President, an individual must have been a member for at least one semester, as defined in this Constitution. This restriction does not apply for all other positions.

In accordance with the rules of the Office of Student Affairs, all chairs must be enrolled for at least three quarters or semester equivalent within the current academic year, meet the minimum GPA requirements as determined by the Office of Student Affairs, and not be on academic or disciplinary probation or suspension.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

The election process shall occur over four weeks in the Fall semester. All nominations and elections will occur during meetings of the Active Chapter. All active members (as defined in Article IV) are eligible to vote, and candidates for membership shall be given temporary voting rights so that they may participate in the proceedings. The first week shall consist of the nomination of presidential

candidates. The second shall consist of presidential elections and nominations for Internal Vice President, External Vice President, and Treasurer. The third shall consist of elections for the aforementioned positions, and nominations for all other chairs (excluding Housing Manager). The fourth week shall consist of elections for all remaining positions. In the event of a position vacancy, emergency elections can be held at any time of the year.

The Housing Manager will serve a term aligning with the Academic year, rather than the Calendar year as is the case with other positions. As a result, elections for this office shall be held in the Spring along with New Member Educators.

Each candidate for President, Internal Vice President, External Vice President, and Treasurer will be given 5 minutes to speak followed by 7 minutes of questioning by the chapter. For all other roles, candidates will be given 3 minutes of speaking time, followed by 5 minutes of questioning. The order of candidates shall be determined by seniority. During the speech and questions, no other candidate for the same position may be present. When all candidates have spoken and been questioned, the chapter will deliberate for at least 5 minutes before holding a vote. No candidate may be present during the deliberation.

For an individual to be elected to a position, he must receive a majority vote from the brothers present at the chapter meeting but with no less than one-third (1/3) of the active chapter's vote. In the event that no individual meets the number of votes required, the individual with the lowest number of votes is removed from consideration and another round of voting will ensue. In a two-candidate race, any vote to abstain will count towards the individual with the highest vote total if there is no tie vote. In the event of a tie in a two-candidate race, a re-vote will be held following a 3 minute discussion period.

Chairs will serve for one year, excluding the New Member Educators, who serve for 1 semester. There is no term limit for chairs so long as the student remains enrolled at The Ohio State University. In the case of an early graduation, medical emergency, or any other reason that results in any Executive Board position except the Presidency being left vacant, an emergency election will be held to fill the office. If time does not permit for an emergency election, then a temporary office holder will be appointed by the remaining Executive Board members. If the President is unable to perform their duties, the order of succession is as follows:

- I. Internal Vice President
- II. External Vice President
- III. Risk Manager
- IV. Descending seniority (by pin order) through the Executive Board
- V. Descending seniority (by pin order) through the active chapter

Section D. Officer Removal

The chapter, by a 2/3rds vote, may approve the removal of any member of the Executive Board via a vote of no confidence. Officers may be removed for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to: violating the chapter Standards policies or Code of Ethics, taking actions detrimental to the best interests of the chapter, and failing to perform duties as stated in this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

The Fraternity may be dissolved by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board. If a unanimous vote is unobtainable due to extraordinary circumstances, dissolution can be initiated by a majority vote of the Executive Board with the approval of all active advisors. All appropriate National regulations and procedures regarding dissolution must be followed.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

In the event that Triangle Fraternity ceases to be an active student organization, all remaining operating and programming funds will be returned to the CSA. All remaining organization assets will be used to cover any debts; if this is insufficient, chairs must cover debts using personal funds. Upon dissolution, the president and treasurer will take actions to manage assets and/or debts. Remaining assets may be given to the National Chapter.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section A. Proposal of Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any member, provided the proposal is brought to a meeting of the active chapter. The chapter shall motion to think on the amendments for one week, after which time a vote may be held to ratify or reject the proposal. Members must be given ample opportunity to review the changes.

Section B. Ratification by General Body

Ratification shall take place during a general body meeting. A quorum, defined as at least one-third of active members, must be present for a vote to occur. Ratification requires a two-thirds vote of members present.

Section D. Implementation

Amendments shall take effect immediately upon ratification, unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

The Secretary shall be responsible for updating the official Constitution and distributing the revised version to all members within fourteen (14) days.