

The Competitive Programming Club

Student Organization Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

This organization shall be called The Competitive Programming Club, or CPC for short.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

The Competitive Programming Club is organized and will be operated exclusively for educational and scientific purposes to promote the following:

- a. An increased knowledge of and greater interest in the science, design, development, construction, languages, management and applications of modern computing.
- b. Greater interest in computing and its applications.
- c. A means of communication between persons having an interest in computing.

The Competitive Programming Club will serve students at the Ohio State University and other interested persons in the Columbus community.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

Competitive Programming 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 the Student Organization Registration Guidelines.

Section B. Hazing

Competitive Programming 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

Competitive Programming 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 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

Any person may be a member of the club. The only requirement is that they attend at least three meetings each year.

Section B. Member Selection

In order to become a member, prospective members must attend at least three meetings and fill out the attendance form provided at the beginning of each meeting.

Section C. Membership Timeline

Membership is open on a rolling basis. As soon as a student attends their third meeting of the year, they are considered a member of the club.

Section D. Member Removal

Any member can willingly remove themselves from the club over email by notifying the president that they wish to leave the organization.

If a member is consistently disruptive or interferes with the functions of the meetings, any member of the executive board may call a meeting to vote to remove the member from the club. The executive board must unanimously vote for the action in order to remove the member.

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

The advisor of the Competitive Programming Club will:

- Approve any changes made to the Constitution and Goals,
- Ensure the current executive board abides by the current legislature, and
- Provide support and resources to the executive board.

Section B. Advisor Term

An advisor will hold their term for one year, and must be newly appointed or reappointed every year.

Section C. Advisor Selection

In order for a prospective advisor to be eligible, they must be a full-time member of the University faculty or Administrative and Professional staff willing and capable of performing the duties listed in Section A. In order for a prospective co-advisor to be eligible, they must satisfy one of the previously mentioned requirements or be a classified civil service employee, a graduate administrative associate, or an emeritus or retired faculty/staff member. Any any time, any current officer may nominate a candidate advisor or co-advisor satisfying the requirements. After this, the current executive board meets to vote on whether this candidate will become an advisor. If the executive board unanimously votes on this candidate, they will become an advisor.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

Advisor replacement takes place whenever the current primary advisor resigns or the executive board decides that the current primary advisor should be removed and replaced. Any current officer may nominate a candidate advisor satisfying the requirements listed in Section C. After this, the current executive board meets to vote on whether this candidate will replace the current primary advisor. If the executive board unanimously votes on this candidate, they will become the organization's new primary advisor.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

There are three primary positions: president, vice president, and treasurer.

The president is responsible for representing the club; overseeing basic functioning of the club, including deciding meeting times and topics; generally organizing the executive board, including delegating tasks and scheduling officer meetings; and handling general administrative tasks, like updating and maintaining the club legislature.

The vice president is responsible for assisting the president, by providing secondary opinions and contributing to the overseeing of the club's functioning and the handling of general administrative tasks, as described in the previous paragraph.

The treasurer is responsible for managing and overseeing all financial accounts; making, overseeing, and approving spending decisions; maintaining detailed financial records; and maintaining the organization's digital assets.

Other positions may be opened by the primary officers for any organizational needs they choose. They will be given the same powers of input on decisions, but are likely to be specialized in a specific function.

Each officer holds a term of one year, after which another round of elections take place.

Section B. Officer Eligibility

In order to be eligible to be an officer, one must be a member of the club.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

In the beginning of the spring semester, the executive board will hold its annual election during one of the usual meeting times. Prior to the election, an officer interest form will be distributed, in which candidates will describe themselves and their plans as future officers. During the election, members of the club (as defined in Article IV) will vote on each position, and the candidate with the most number of votes will move into that position.

Section D. Officer Removal

Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. The executive board may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization's advisor.

ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

The organization should be dissolved if, at the time of elections during the Spring semester, there are fewer than 3 members of the club willing and able to fill the three primary positions of the executive board.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

Dissolution of the organization will be communicated to Student Life and any active advisors of the organization. Should there be any outstanding debts in the organization, current assets will be used immediately to address them. In the case that debt remains after, physical and digital assets are to be liquidated immediately where possible to address them. In the case that debt remains thereafter, it becomes the responsibility of the individual holding the current President position to address them.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section A. Amendment Process

Amendments may be made by the existing officers at any time. A proposed change must have a simple (50%) majority to implement. A simple majority vote can also be used to remove an existing amendment.