

# Board to Death

## Student Organization Constitution

### **ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

Board to Death, abbreviated BtD or B2D.

### **ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE**

To provide students and faculty at The Ohio State University with a high-quality gaming experience for social and competitive purposes.

### **ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS**

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

Board to Death *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**

Board to Death *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**

Board to Death *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 is open to all, so long as they have not been explicitly removed from membership through the process described in Section D and would not cause the proportion of members who are not enrolled Columbus campus Ohio State students to exceed 10%.

#### **Section B. Member Selection**

Membership can be purchased for five dollars from the Treasurer.

#### **Section C. Membership Timeline**

Non-members become members immediately upon purchasing a membership, which can be done at any time of the year, and maintain membership for a full 365 days thereafter.

#### **Section D. Member Removal**

Members can be removed for being in violation of the organization's constitution or acting against the well-being of other members or attendees.

General members or attendees may be removed as follows: First a discussion among the officers will take place. It is encouraged that the officers meet with those involved in the complaint to make an informed decision. Afterwards a two-thirds blind vote will take place among the officers to remove the nominee.

In extreme cases concerning safety, health, or dignity, a member may request a meeting with the Council to seek the temporary suspension of another member or attendee. Suspensions are inherently temporary and may be followed up by a formal removal process. The Council may conduct a blind vote to suspend a member.

If the Council is unable to meet promptly (defined as no longer than the period between the complaint and the next club meeting or affiliated event), the Faculty Advisor, Co-Advisor, President, or Vice President may suspend a member's attendance privileges for up to three club meetings or affiliated events pending a formal suspension or removal process.

### **ARTICLE V. ADVISOR**

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

The Primary Advisor is a tie breaking vote for the council and is responsible in conjunction with the Treasurer for management of the club finances. The Primary Advisor is also responsible for advising the Council on the prudence and particulars of the events and courses of action that the club has planned. They must complete and comply with the requirements provided by The Ohio State University.

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

The Primary Advisor maintains the position for one year and may be reappointed until they retire or are removed from the position.

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

Whoever should volunteer to function as the organization's supervisor may be selected as the advisor by a majority vote of the Council, provided they can complete and comply with the requirements provided by The Ohio State University.

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

Advisors may be replaced by a two-thirds vote of Council should they be found to not be performing their duties or otherwise acting against the well-being of the club.

## **ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP**

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

#### *Section A.1. – President*

Acts as the guiding head of the organization. They represent Board to Death at official Ohio State University functions as well as off-campus functions at which Board to Death wishes to have a representative. The president puts ideas into motion in order to lead the club.

The President must complete President training as offered by The Ohio State University and is responsible for the training of prospective officers once per academic year according to university deadlines. They are responsible for booking spaces for events, including meetings, registering the club in any Involvement Fairs hosted by The Ohio State University, and applying for office and/or locker space through the Union every Spring Semester or delegating these same duties to other officers.

#### *Section A.2. – Vice President*

Second in command, the Vice President is there to step in when the President is unable to perform their duties. This person also acts as counsel to the President and helps to complete or delegate tasks to other members of the officer council. The Vice President is responsible for sending out email newsletters once a week.

#### *Section A.3. – Treasurer*

The Treasurer oversees the finances of Board to Death and must approve all purchases. They are responsible for all financial transactions. Any purchases from the club account must be approved by the Treasurer, either in writing or via a majority vote of the officers in which the Treasurer is present. They are responsible for ensuring that members are reimbursed properly and that the other officers have up to date information on club finances.

In addition, the Treasurer must keep a record of all members who have paid their dues and update the records and mailing lists accordingly. The Treasurer must complete Treasurer training as offered by The Ohio State University.

#### *Section A.4. – Membership Coordinator*

This officer shall be one of the most social faces of the club. It is their responsibility to make the club environment a welcoming and fun environment for everyone. It is the Membership Coordinator's job to welcome new attendees and to teach games when possible and necessary, as well as post updates on the Instagram account.

#### *Section A.5. – Event Coordinator*

There may be up to two event coordinator positions on the officer council, and they can divide the event coordinator responsibilities as they see fit. The responsibilities of the Event Coordinator are to plan and implement megagames, tournaments, and other events that the club wishes to have. They are responsible for balancing gameplay, coordinating control guidelines for these events, creating and editing rulebooks, as well as planning schedules.

### **Section B. Officer Eligibility**

Anyone running for a position must be a full member and must maintain full undergraduate student status in the current semester and in the following autumn and spring semesters in which they will be serving on the council.

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

The current officers will select a Board to Death meeting during Spring semester, within the month of March or April, in which to hold elections and will inform the membership of the election meeting no less than two weeks in advance. During the election meeting only full members of Board to Death can vote for the people running for positions.

Each elected member begins their term of office with the beginning of summer semester ending at the end of the following Spring semester. Each elected position is determined by a plurality voting system. The Council consists of the officers listed here and any additional officers appointed, together with the Advisor.

Elections shall be run by an appointed elections commissioner. They shall be appointed by a majority vote of the officers. The selected commissioner may be any current member of the club. However, the commissioner may not run for an officer position. The commissioner will be the current president by default unless they are running again or if the other officers vote against this. The details of how an election will be run as well as the final counting of the votes will be the responsibility of this commissioner.

### **Section D. Officer Removal**

Officers can be nominated for removal for being in violation of the organization's constitution or acting against the well-being of other members or attendees. Any member may nominate an officer for removal and present their evidence to the Council. A discussion among the officers will take place. It is encouraged that the officers meet with those involved in the complaint to make an informed decision. Afterwards a two-thirds blind vote will take place among the officers to permanently remove the nominee. If that vote fails, the nominating party may request a majority vote to take place among the membership to permanently remove the nominee. If a motion for removal is successful, there may be a successor chosen by a following two-thirds vote of the officers or majority vote of the members. Any officer may voluntarily resign by notifying the Council.

## **ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION**

**Section A. Dissolution Requirements**

A proposal to dissolve Board to Death must be submitted to the Council by a member of the Council at least one week prior to a special or voting meeting, and in electronic format. The amendment's text, along with notice of the forthcoming vote by active members, will be promptly communicated to all members via email. The vote must be unanimous.

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

Any proposal to dissolve Board to Death must provide a procedure to transfer Board to Death's assets and/or debts to members of the organization.

**ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

**Section A. Amendment Process**

All proposed amendments to this constitution must be submitted to the Council by a member of the Council at least one week prior to a special or voting meeting, and in electronic format. The amendment's text, along with notice of the forthcoming majority vote by active members, will be promptly communicated to all members via email.