

# Organization Name

## Student Organization Constitution

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

Applied Sports Psychology and Performance Club

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

The Applied Sports Psychology & Performance Club exists to create a network of students passionate about sports psychology, coaching, and performance. Our organization provides opportunities for members to explore the mental and physical aspects of sport, connect with like-minded peers, and engage in meaningful discussions. Through hosting guest speakers, fostering collaboration, and offering professional development experiences, we aim to enhance understanding of applied sports psychology while supporting Ohio State's mission of cultivating personal growth, leadership, and community engagement.

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

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

Applied Sports Psychology and Performance 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**

Applied Sports Psychology and Performance 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**

Applied Sports Psychology and Performance 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**

Membership in the Applied Sports Psychology and Performance Club is open to all currently enrolled students at The Ohio State University. While the organization seeks to provide particular support and opportunities for students pursuing psychology, coaching, and related fields, membership is not restricted by academic major. Student-athletes, non-athletes, and individuals with an interest in sports psychology, performance, or coaching are all welcome to join. All members shall be afforded equal rights, privileges, and opportunities within the organization, consistent with the policies of The Ohio State University.

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

1. Interested students may gain membership by attending a meeting or event, completing the membership interest form, and providing contact information to be included on the club roster.
2. To remain an active member, students are encouraged to participate in meetings, events, and activities of the club.
3. Membership selection will be conducted in a nondiscriminatory manner and in accordance with the policies of The Ohio State University.

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

- Membership is open year-round; students may apply to join at any time during the academic year.
- New members are encouraged to join at the beginning of each semester to maximize participation and involvement in club activities, though late applications will be accepted.
- Membership is valid for the duration of the student's enrollment at The Ohio State University, provided they remain in good standing with the club and the university.
- Members will be asked to confirm their active status at the beginning of each academic year to maintain an accurate roster.

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

**A member may be removed from the Applied Sports Psychology and Performance Club if they:**

- Violate The Ohio State University's Code of Student Conduct.
- Engage in behavior that disrupts the mission, activities, or operations of the club. Examples include, but are not limited to, persistent disrespect toward other members or advisors, misuse of club resources, harassment or bullying, and failure to uphold club values during events or meetings.
- Demonstrate repeated failure to meet the expectations of membership, including lack of participation, failure to communicate with leadership when absent, or repeated disregard for club responsibilities or policies.

## **Removal Process:**

1. Any active member may bring forth a written request for removal to the Executive Board.
2. The Executive Board will review the request and provide the member in question with written notice of the allegations.
3. The member will be given an opportunity to respond and/or present their case at a scheduled meeting.
4. A two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board will be required for removal.
5. The decision will be communicated in writing to the member, and they may appeal in accordance with university policies.

## **ARTICLE V. ADVISOR**

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

Dr. Lisa Miller

Provides guidance for club relations and presence, helps offer platforms to recruit members, provides relevant connections, helps resolve issues that may arise at any point, brings experience and knowledge through background as a licensed Sports Psychologist

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

Fall 2025-Fall 2027 (two-year term); has the option to renew for another term after completing bi-annual advisor training and talking with new board

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

A relevant mentor within the field of Sports Psychology who shows interest in assisting the club may be nominated by any member of the Executive Board. The nomination will be reviewed and discussed by the Executive Board, followed by a vote. Approval of an advisor requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Board members present. Once approved, the advisor will serve for the term specified in Section B.

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

If advisor chooses not to renew their training or declines advisor renewal, the board will discuss and choose a new advisor

## **ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP**

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

The Applied Sports Psychology and Performance Club will maintain a minimum of three core officers: President, Vice President, and Treasurer, with additional optional officer positions as needed.

- President: Serves as the primary leader and official representative of the organization. Responsible for coordinating meetings, overseeing operations, ensuring the club's mission is upheld, and maintaining communication with the advisor and university offices.

- Vice President: Assists the President in all duties, assumes leadership in the President's absence, and helps manage events, collaborations, and recruitment efforts.
- Treasurer: Manages all financial matters, including budgeting, record-keeping, fundraising, and financial reporting in accordance with university policies.
- Recruitment Chair: Leads recruitment initiatives and promotes membership growth through social media and outreach.
- Events Chair: Organizes events, guest speakers, and workshops related to sports psychology and performance.

The President, Vice President, and Treasurer collectively form the Executive Board, which oversees all operations of the club.

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

Must be an active member of the club (attends most meetings), expresses heavy interest in the position they desire, ideally but is not required to be a Psychology major, and has ideas for how they can further improve the club

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

Officer nominations will open during the final general meeting of each spring semester. Any active member in good standing may nominate themselves or another member for an officer position. Elections will occur through an anonymous ballot vote of active members.

- A simple majority (more than 50%) of votes cast is required to win each position.
- In the event of a tie, a runoff vote will be conducted immediately between the top candidates.
- Newly elected officers will assume their positions at the start of the following academic term.
- Vacant positions may be filled mid-year by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

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

Officers may be removed if exhibiting any behavior deemed unethical, disrespectful, or insubordinate. Similar to the selection process, if meetings need to be held to discuss potential officer removal, a majority vote must be conducted by the officers and executive board to determine further actions.

## **ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION**

### **Section A. Dissolution Requirements**

The Applied Sports Psychology and Performance Club may be dissolved if:

- Membership falls below five active members for two consecutive semesters.

- The organization fails to comply with The Ohio State University's student organization policies, resulting in loss of active status.
- A two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board and the advisor determines that the organization can no longer fulfill its stated mission or purpose.

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

- Upon dissolution, all financial obligations and debts must be settled in accordance with university guidelines.
- Any remaining assets or funds will be transferred to The Ohio State University Department of Psychology or another university-affiliated fund that supports student development in sports psychology or performance, as approved by the advisor and Executive Board.
- All records, including membership lists, meeting minutes, and financial documents, shall be archived or disposed of in accordance with Ohio State University policy.
- The advisor will ensure that the dissolution process is properly documented and that the Ohio Union and Student Activities department is notified in writing.

## **ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

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

Amendments may be made by officers of the club; a meeting must be held to discuss with all board members present; majority required to implement an amendment