

Fishbowl Improvisational Comedy Group

Student Organization Bylaws

ARTICLE I. PRACTICES, SHOWS, AND MEETINGS

Section A. Practice

Regular practices will be held twice a week, as scheduled by the Executive Board.

If a member is consistently more than 10 minutes late to practice, it constitutes a discussion among the Executive Board.

By joining the group, members acknowledge their commitment practice and avow to avoid misconduct. Misconduct can include, but is not limited to; being under the influence of drugs and alcohol during practice, deliberately sabotaging the group, and disruptive behavior. Failure to act accordingly may result in a punishment as determined by the Executive Board.

Regular attendance at practices is expected and mandatory during a member's first two semesters within the group. Regular or irregular conflicts due to illness or academic/familial commitments may be excused, as determined by the Executive Board. To detail these conflicts, members should directly communicate with both the President and Vice President as soon as possible.

Members may elect to adopt Flex Status at any time, meaning they remain a part of the group, but are not "active" (do not participate in shows or practices).

In order to perform in a show or festival, members are required to attend both practices during the preceding week. In the case of conflicts, they must attend a Bonus Practice. In extenuating circumstances, it is expected for the member to initiate a conversation with the Executive Board regarding their ability to perform.

Bonus Practices, or "Bonusprov", may be announced by any member of the group at any time. Attendance is not mandatory, but encouraged.

Section B. Open Practices

Open practices for the general public to experience and learn improv with the group may be held as determined by the Executive Board. These may be cancelled at the group's discretion. At minimum, there must be one open practice a semester, with the expressed goal to orchestrate additional sessions.

Section C. Show Protocol

All members are expected to show up and be ready to perform on the call day. If a member is not able to attend a performance, they must notify the Executive Board of this 3 days in advance. If a member is unable to perform for a show unexpectedly, another member will fill their spot in the line-up. Failure to attend a show without previously informing the Executive Board may result in a punishment as determined by the Executive Board.

Section D. Executive Board Meetings

Executive Board meetings will be held regularly throughout each semester to discuss group matters. All members are invited to attend open meetings but only officers are required to attend. The Executive Board reserves the right to schedule closed meetings due to sensitive subject matter.

ARTICLE II. PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS

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ARTICLE III. ORIGINAL CONSTITUTION

Constitution

Article I:

Section I: Name

Fishbowl Improvisational Comedy Group

Section II: Mission Statement

Fishbowl Improvisational Comedy Group is here to bring together un-noticed creative-minded students, and explore their unique talents through improvisational comedy that tickles the mind of the OSU student body.

Section III:

Discrimination against any individual based upon protected status, which is defined as age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status, is prohibited in our group.

Article II:

Section I: Performance Season

Our group will perform throughout the year starting in the Autumn Quarter extending until the end of Spring

Quarter.

Section II: Additional members

All members must be current students at The Ohio State University. Members that are active will audition interested students. Auditions will be scheduled by the Officers of the group and will occur in the Autumn Quarter and the Spring Quarter.

Section III: Auditions

Auditions will occur in two sections: A preliminary audition and a Callback. The interested student will attend the preliminary audition. If the student appeals to the current members of the group, the group will then vote on whether or not the student will come to callbacks. The Student will be notified the evening of their audition if they have made it into the next round. The same process takes place for Callbacks to decide who is in the group.

Article III:

Section I: Board of Directors

There will be four officers in Fishbowl Improvisational Comedy Group. These members will be known as "Executive Board". The board officers will hold their title for the term of one year. The Executive Board will nominate officers for the next creative season at the end of the year. The active members of the group will then take a majority vote on who should be elected to each position. Elected Officers should be able to attend Executive meetings throughout the year.

Section II: President

The Head officer will be called the President. He or She must be able to attend the Ohio State University Primary Leader training sessions as they occur throughout the year. The President will serve as the head representative of the group to the University. The President will help the other executive members in their responsibilities and oversee the functions of the group.

Section III: Vice President

He or She will be the direct aide to the President. The main responsibilities of the Vice President are to generate all types of advertising needed to promote the group. The Vice President will help other Executive Board members and oversee functions of the group. The Vice President will take responsibility of all presidential duties in the event that the President cannot fulfill his or her duties.

Section IV: Treasurer

The treasurer's main responsibilities will be attending The Ohio State University Treasurer Training, monitoring the financial transactions of the group including tickets sales, taxes, purchases, and all expenditures.

Section V: Organizational Chair

The Organizational chair's main responsibilities will be coordinating meetings, scheduling and reserving spaces for events, recording the minutes of meetings and rehearsals, and running the Executive Board meetings throughout the year.

Article IV:

Section I: Impeachment of Single Executive Board Member

If there is a problem with a Board member a petition must be submitted to the Executive Board containing the specific grievance and at least fifty one percent of the group members' signatures. The Board member in question will get a warning from the remaining Board members. At the beginning of the next meeting the person in question must announce their knowledge of their warning and the problem that was brought to their attention. In two weeks (Six Meetings), a vote will be held in regards to them keeping their position. The majority vote rules with the Executive Board making the final decision based on the vote.

Section II: Disbandment Executive Board

The same impeachment system as stated in Section I of Article IV applies to the disbandment of the entire Executive Board. This containing the warning petition, the meeting after two weeks, and the vote. The entire non-board group of members must have a unanimous vote. If a disbandment of the Executive Board takes place nominations and elections of the new Executive Board will be held immediately after at the same meeting.

Section III: Dismissal From the group

The Executive Board has the power of dismissing non-board members from the group. There will be a warning issued in written form from the Executive Board. After one week there will be a meeting held by the Executive Board with the member in question and an advocate of their choice from the group.

Article V:

Section I: Advisor

The advisor will oversee activities when requested by the group. They will be there as a support system, but mostly to guarantee the existence of the group.

Article VI:

Section I: Practice

Regular practices will be held three times a week, twice at a minimum. There will be consequences for tardiness, truancy, and misconduct during meetings/practice. If a member is more than 20 minutes late to a practice, it constitutes tardiness. Misconduct can include, but is not limited to; being under the influence of drugs and alcohol during practice, deliberately sabotaging the group, and disruptive behavior. Consequences will appropriately be decided by the Executive Board using a three strike system.

Section II: Workshop Dates

A workshop date open up to the general public will be held at least once a month to experience and learn improv with the group. This may be cancelled at the group's discretion.

Section III: Practice Protocol

For practice, all members are expected to be on time and ready to fully participate in all games and practice activities throughout. Tardiness will be dealt with as mentioned in Section II.

Section IV: Show Protocol

Call and performance line-up will be determined 3 practices ahead of time before the call. All members are expected to show up and be ready to perform on the call day. If a member is not able to attend a performance, they must notify the Executive Board of this 3 practices ahead of time. If a member is unable to perform for a show unexpectedly, another member will fill his spot in the line-up. Failure to attend a show without an unjustified excuse, will result in suspension from the next show.

Section V: Business Meetings

Business meetings will be held at the beginning of each quarter/semester to discuss group matters for that

quarter/semester. All members are invited to attend but only officers are required to attend.

Article VII: Constitution Amendments

This will be a living document that is open to amendments at all times. In order to amend, a motion with a second must be submitted to the Executive Board and be given a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote by the Board. If a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote is acquired then a majority vote from the group will enact the amendment. If a motion fails to receive a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote by the board, it then opens up to a vote by everyone and needs a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote by them for the amendment to pass.

Article VIII: Disbandment of the Group

Disbandment of the group requires a unanimous vote of all members of the group.