The Boxing Club at OSU

The Official Constitution

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Article II – Purpose

Mission Statement

The Boxing Club at OSU’s mission is based on the mind, body, and spirit. In their pursuit to physical excellence, OSU boxers cannot afford to take part in substance abuse and other activities that would inhibit them physically. Those who are involved in college are proven to have higher grades and leave their college with a positive view of their college years. Lastly, those involved in boxing have a greater respect of themselves and others which promotes the OSU ideology of respect and diversity.

Purpose

Why does OSU need a Boxing Club?

As mentioned in the mission statement, The Boxing Club at OSU will promote academics, respect of oneself and others, and physical excellence. The club would be open to all and would allow people to try boxing for physical fitness or competition. The goal of the boxing club would be to put together a boxing team to compete in state and national competitions. Plus, Michigan has a boxing team and it will be another arena for OSU to dominate them in.

Article III – Membership

Non-discrimination Policy

The Boxing Club at OSU is committed to building a diverse group of members to ensure the highest quality club, to reflect human diversity, and to improve opportunities for minorities and women. The university, as does The Boxing Club at OSU, embraces human diversity and is committed to equal opportunities, affirmative action, and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as a matter of law.

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. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination. Title I and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 provide equal employment opportunities and reasonable accommodation, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in education programs and activities. Equal access to employment opportunities, admission, educational programs, and all other university activities is extended to all persons.
Qualifications

To be recognized as a full member, a prospective member must follow all of the following. Be consistent with attendance, with the exception of probation because of grades. Members must attend practice two days per week, at a minimum. Members must attend majority of meetings. (See by-laws Membership)

Rights and Privileges

Each member has the right and privilege to attend meeting, participate in fundraising and outside-the-gym activities, and vote. Also, a member can choose their level of involvement. Not all members must be competitive, meaning members can choose if they wish to spar or not. The Boxing Club at OSU goal is to provide boxing to members, allowing students to boxing for the purpose of exercise or competition.

Article IV – Meeting

Officer’s and General meetings

Meetings will be held regularly during each quarter. There will be two types of meetings. The first type called an Officers meeting will be on the first Tuesday of October in the autumn quarter and it is the president’s responsibility to notify others. This meeting must be before the general meeting. Officers, the advisor and coaches (not mandatory for coaches) will be at this meeting, and will coordinate and find the best day and hour to hold these meetings throughout the year. At this meeting, issues concerning the General meeting will be addressed. The Officers meeting should be looked at as gathering information, raising concerns and coming to conclusions to be brought up to the General meetings.

The general meeting includes all of the members. It will be held after the Officers’ meeting and the date and time will be established by the Officers’ meeting. (See by-laws for Meetings)

Special/Emergency meetings

Special/Emergency meetings will be called upon by the president. The meetings will not include all members, only the coaches, advisor, and officers. A Special/Emergency meeting cannot be called upon for a frivolous reason. The date and hour to meet will be agreed upon by the advisor, coaches, and officers. (See by-laws for Meetings)

Article V – Officers

The Two Aspects of Officers

The officers for The Boxing Club at OSU will be made up of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Each position will have two different types of jobs. The first and most obvious are indicated by their names. The President will oversee, guide, initiate, and ensure the well being of the club and its members. The Vice President will be the right hand of the President and will fill in for the President if absent or disposed of. The Treasurer will deal with the club’s funds while the Secretary will deal with information.

The other aspect that officers will have is leadership within the club. Officers will set an example of how to become a great boxer. (See by-laws Officers)
Committees

Committees will be put together in the Officers meetings. When presented in the General meetings by the President or Secretary, volunteers will be asked for. These committees will consist of fundraising, out-side-the-gym activities (ie pizza party, etc), and recruiting. (See by-laws Committee)

Article VI – Elections

Nominating Procedure

Ballots of potential officers will be put together by the current officers, the advisor, and coaches in the Officers meeting. These ballots will be presented to the General meeting and all members will vote. The nominating process will occur whenever an officer needs to be replaced because they have been removed, quit, or graduated. (See by-laws on Elections)

Removal of Officers

Officers can be removed for the following reasons: irresponsibility, lack of attendance, lack of leadership, embezzlement of funds or equipment, incompatible with fellow officers, members, advisors or coaches. (See by-laws on Elections)

Article VII – Funds

Allocation of Funds

There are two main resources for funds: dues and fundraising. Concerns for allocations of funds and payments of expenditures will be dealt with by the Treasurer and committees. To attend an off campus activity, such as competitions, members must pay their dues and be deemed ready for competition by their coaches. For out-of-the-gym activities, members must pay their dues and show up regularly to the gym. Refunds will be made to members if they decide to quite the gym before the month’s end. After the month’s end, members cannot receive a refund because they have already “used up” their due. (See by-laws Finance)

Article VIII – Advisor

A club advisor is someone who is well versed in the procedures of OSU’s sports clubs and is either knowledgeable of boxing or sincerely interest in getting involved in the club. The first club advisor will be selected by the President. The successive advisors will be voted on in the Officers meetings.

The functions and duties of a club advisor vary. The advisor may act as a mentor, friend, policy enforcer, trouble-shooter, a resource, an idea generator, listener, counselor, mediator, facilitator, referral person and sometimes as just another member of the group. Initially the advisor will act as a teacher, in the sense of introducing the newly formed club to OSU’s policies and procedures. Later the advisor will act as a historian and listener to new ideas.

The "ideal" adviser is aware that she/he is often seen as a role model, mentor and advocate for the group. Although the adviser's influence is likely to carry more weight than that of most members of the group, the adviser is not a real authority figure. Being an adviser is a delicate balancing act; it requires that all those involved meet one another with respect and openness.

See the attached document “Advisor’s Cliff Notes” for a more information concerning the roles and responsibilities of an advisor.
Article IX – Coach

The coach’s duties are broad. It not only includes training boxers, but spending time on open days catching gloves and overseeing sparring matches, providing advice and guidance for the club and individual members, and working the corner at competitions.

The responsibility of finding a qualified coach goes to the Officers and Advisor. A coach can be reprimanded in the same way as an officer. Coaches can be removed for the following reasons: irresponsibility, lack of attendance, lack of leadership, embezzlement of funds or equipment, not traveling with the team, incompatible with club officers, members, advisors or other coaches. (See by-laws Coach)

Article X – Travel

Travel arrangements will be made by the President, Treasurer and coaches. Traveling will be done in order to reach a destination such as a competition or a sparring match at another gym. The funds will come from the revenue generated by the club from dues and fundraising. If need be, the members going on the trip will be asked to make up the difference in price. The Treasurer will be involved in allocating the funds and helping determine if the expense is well worth the trip. The coaches will help in determining location of the destination. The President, with the help of the Treasurer, will find a fair priced traveling service and/or hotel if it is an overnight stay. In regards to refunds, those members who paid for the trip and then do not go on it will not receive a full refund. Members who wish for a refund will only get a prorated amount after the event, if there is any left over.

Article XI – Emergency Policies

Note: Though boxing is viewed as a brutal and unsafe sport, injuries and bleeding do not occur as often as people would like to believe. Richie Woodhall, former WBC super-middleweight champion is quoted "Boxing has taken a battering, it gets bad publicity... But if you are talking about statistics, boxing is not as dangerous as other sports. Compare it to motorsports, rugby union or rugby league and it's way down the list."

Blood Policy

In case bleeding takes place the following measures will be taken. The officer or coach present will take charge of the situation in the following way. Members will be asked to clear the area of the blood spill. The officer or coach will clean the area with a blood cleaning solution. Those who are bleeding or covered in the blood will be assisted by the coaches or officers to stop the bleeding and clean up. Equipment and clothing will also be clean with the solution. This cleaning solution will always be present in the gym when physical contact among members is present (such as sparring or catching gloves).

Injury Policy

All members will be required to take the first aid course. If no officers or coaches are present in case of an injury, members will be expected to take charge of the situation and apply their first aid skills. The following measures will be taken if an injury takes place. The officer or coach present will take charge of the situation. Members will be
asked to clear the area. The coach or officer will assess the injury deciding how critical it is. If the injury is serious the coach or officer will call 911. If the injury is minor then the proper first aid precautions will be taken. In the permanent boxing gym, records will be keep of each member's emergency information (such as who to contact in an emergency and their USA boxing passport).

Risk Policy
All members will be asked to read and sign the Boxing Club at OSU’s release and consent form. The release and consent form is mandatory for all members regardless of their involvement in the club.

Article XII – Amendments
Amendments will be ratified in the following procedure. The start of an amendment can come from any resource within the club, such as members, coaches, officers or advisors. The one to bring up an amendment will be the President, with the Advisor’s consent, at the Officers meeting. The amendment will then be voted on if it should be brought to the General meeting. In this vote, the amendment must receive a unanimous vote. In the following General meeting the proposed amendment will be presented, but not voted upon until the next General meeting. At any time, the President, with the consent of the Advisor, can repeal the amendment before it makes it to the General meeting to be voted upon. When brought to the General meeting to be voted on, the amendment must receive a 3/5 majority vote to pass.
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The By-Laws

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Membership
Concerning qualifications members must participate in fundraising (minimum of once per quarter) and outside-the-gym activities (no minimum set). Members must maintain a 2.0 GPA. Those who fall below a 2.0 will be put on probation for a period of one quarter. After that quarter and if grades are not brought back up, the member will not be allowed back into the club, and their spot will be lost.

Elections/Appointment of Officers/Advisor/Coaches

Elections
Concerning elections, any ties will be broken by the President’s vote. All members will vote including officers. The President’s vote will count as two if a tie happens.

Removal of Officers
The procedure for removal will be initiated by the President. The President will suspend the officer, meaning that the officer will not take part in the club until notified. At the Officers meeting a vote will be taken among the current officers, coaches, and advisor concerning the officer in question. Either a new ballot will be drawn up for the General meeting or the officer will be taken off of suspension and re-instated.

Officers
The Vice President will be expected to head committees put together for the purpose of out-side-the-gym activities and lead with the Treasurer on fundraising groups. The Treasurer will keep trace of the club’s finances. This entails finding specific prices of needed items, purchasing, collecting and keeping track of dues and profits, and putting together the financial aspect of fundraising (ie finding a t-shirt supplier and logo printer). Finally the Secretary will be in charge of taking account of what material will be presented and covered in the General meetings. The Secretary will be expected to speak at the General meetings, along with the President, presenting information.

The other aspect that the officers will have is leadership within each small group that they are assigned to. As mentioned in the Practice Schedule, through each successive phase, groups will be formed to do each different routine. Within these groups the officers will act as leaders, instructing their small group in their given activity.

Advisor
Concerning electing an advisor, three potential advisors should be on the ballot. The President, Vice President, and Secretary are expected to each find one potential advisor. Each officer named will plead their case why their potential advisor will be the best. Then the officers and coaches will vote. A tie will be broke by the Treasurer’s vote.

**Coaches**

The responsibility of finding a qualified coach goes to the Officers and Advisor. Both will look for coaches, finding information regarding the coach’s experience and talent. The final decision on choosing a coach will be left up to the Officers and Advisor. A coach’s pay will be determined by the President and Advisor along with the help of the Treasurer. A decision made by both the President and Advisor will decide if the coach needs to be fired.

**Committees**

The Vice President will head out-side-the-gym activities, and the Vice President and Treasurer will both head fundraising activities. Recruiting committees will be headed by the President. The amount of volunteers will be determined by the committee head. The ideas for each committee (ie what type of fundraising) will not be restricted. With in both the Officers and General meetings, the issue of ideas will be raised and all members and officers will be allowed to speak.

**Meetings**

Both, the Officer’s and General meetings, will be held bi-quarterly.

**Officer’s meeting**

Officer’s meetings will deal with issues such as putting together ballots for elections, fundraising activities, outside-the-gym activities, what day and time the General meetings occur, and general concerns will be handled at this meeting. At the officers meeting any new officers, coaches or advisors will be briefed upon what their job entails concerning in and out of the gym.

During the Officer’s meeting Coaches will work with officers in putting together a list of boxers who will spar with each other. This list will be carefully put together and attention will be made to ensure that sparring partners are of equivalent or relative size (with in a foot of height), weight (within ten or twenty pounds), condition (time spend at the gym), and skill level (number of fights and years as a boxer). This responsibility rests with the coaches with the approval and guidance of the officers. These lists will be drawn up and revised every officer’s meeting to ensure that the right people are sparring with each other. NOTE: The lists are made to help guide and control the activity of sparring. **It is not a democracy, the lists are final, no other matches will be made outside the lists.** But of course, a potential sparring member can decline the offer of sparring with no questions asked at anytime.
General meeting

At the General meetings officers, coaches, and the president will present information and run the meeting. In these meetings member will vote on issues (ie officers and amendments), raise concerns, sign-up for fundraising activities, and be notified of out-side-the-gym activities.

Special/Emergency meeting

Concerning Special/Emergency meetings, members, officers, coaches, and advisors can raise awareness of a need for a special meeting, but cannot call them themselves.

Finance

Dues

The amount of what dues will cost per month will be determined by the Treasurer and will be approved by the President and Advisor. Dues will be collected by the Treasurer. Dues will go to paying for phase two, then later it will be put to paying coaching staff and fundraising.

Fundraising

Fundraising will be done to raise money for the other equipment in the latter phases. Also fundraising revenue will go to out-of-the-gym activities and fees for transportation and entering competitions.

Fundraising will be conducted by the Treasure and Vice President. Ideas for fundraising will be open to the floor of each meeting. A final idea will be drawn up by the Secretary and brought to the General meeting. Members will volunteer for fundraising in the General meetings.

See the attached document “Financial Estimation” for in-depth information concerning the club’s finance.

Method of Amending By-Laws

By-laws will be ratified in the following procedure. The start of a by-law can come from any resource within the club, such as members, coaches, officers or advisors. The one to bring up a by-law will be the President, with the Advisor’s consent, at the Officers meeting. The by-law will then be voted on if it should be brought to the General meeting. In this vote, the by-law must receive a unanimous vote. In the following General meeting the proposed by-laws will be presented and voted on. At any time, the President, with the consent of the Advisor, can repeal the by-law before it makes it to the General meeting to be voted upon. When brought to the General meeting to be voted on, the by-law must receive a 3/5 majority vote to pass.