

HooSher Bhangra at Indiana University: Constitution

Objective:

HooSher Bhangra is to be created to expose the rich culture, traditions, and colors of Punjab through this unique dance form called Bhangra.

Purpose:

This club will spread the Punjabi culture at Indiana University through Bhangra performance and will compete at regional, state, and national levels. The mission of HooSher Bhangra is to teach, perform and promote awareness of all aspects of the Bhangra folk art by holding classes and organizing performances for competitions throughout Indiana University and the Bloomington community.

Statement of University Compliance: HooSher Bhangra shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state, and federal laws.

Personal Gain Clause: HooSher Bhangra, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation directly from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

Statement of Non-Discrimination: HooSher Bhangra allows any interested student to participate in, become a member of, and seek leadership positions in the organization without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Anti-Hazing Policy: Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

Article I: Name

The name of the organization shall be HooSher Bhangra.

Article II: Construction

This club will exist in two partitions, the team and the club. The team shall exist for the purposes of competing and for spreading the culture of Punjab through dance performances while the club shall exist to serve the interests of the students who are interested in Bhangra, the dance, and Punjabi culture. The members of the team will not necessarily have to be members of the club.

Article III: Membership

Membership in both the team and the club shall be open to all interested students currently enrolled in Indiana University. If high volumes of people show interest in the team, tryouts for the team might be held. HooSher Bhangra allows any interested student to participate in, become a member of, and seek leadership positions in the organization without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. However, if any member's actions are contrary to HooSher Bhangra expectations, violation of student code of conduct, putting members at risk, etc they will be removed from the organization. The removal process will start with a hearing, in which the member at trial will put forth his case. Majority of the officers have to be present for a voting to occur. The removal of the member will be decided on a majority vote by the officers and members present at the trial. If a member is voted off HooSher Bhangra they are no longer a member of the organization.

Article IV: Executive Committee

1. This club shall exist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, and Secretary.
2. The President shall preside over meetings, keep the vice president up to date with all the ongoing issues, and act as a link between IU and the club. Also, the president will be responsible for re-registering the organization annually. If, the President graduates or for any reason is not a student at IU the responsibility will fall to the Vice-President.
3. The Vice President shall assist the President in his duties and take over in the absence of the President.
4. The Treasurer shall organize fund raising events, manage vouchers, and maintain the budget.
5. The Public Relations Officer shall publicize the club and its related events.
6. The Secretary shall send out emails, add new members to the list serve, collecting/maintaining the liability waivers, member emergency contact information and maintain the list serve.
7. Any officer or member can apply for the CPR/First Aid certification.
8. All e-board members have a tenure of one academic year. The term will end at the end of the spring semester.
9. Any member voted, with two-thirds majority vote, as unable to perform his or her duties shall be removed and the position would be considered vacant.
10. The removal process will start with a hearing, in which the officer at trial will put forth his case. Majority of the officers have to be present for a voting to occur. The removal of the member will be decided on a majority vote by the officers and members present at the trial. If a Officer is voted off HooSher Bhangra they are no longer a member of the organization.

Article V: Election

After sending a letter of intent to the current executive committee, a majority vote by all members at a scheduled meeting shall determine the officer for the vacant position.

1. Elections of officers shall occur at the last general meeting each year.

2. Any student member of this organization is eligible to run for office.
3. Quorum for elections is two thirds of the voting membership.
4. Any member is elected if he or she wins a majority of the voting members.
5. If more than two people are running and no one wins a majority, then the person with the fewest votes is dropped from the ballot and votes are recast.
6. The term of office runs from the day of election in last meeting until the last meeting the following year.
7. Elections will be advertised through email, social media, and the general meetings following Election Day.

Article VI: Resignation

A two-week notice is required to be given by an e-board member prior to resignation. Once resigned, the position is considered vacant and a special e-mail shall be sent to all members to send letters of intent as soon as possible and the new officer shall be elected at the next group meeting with majority vote.

Article VII: Meetings

1. Meetings (rehearsals or classes) shall be held at least every two weeks, but usually every week.
2. Meetings shall be presided over by the president, unless he or she is absent, and in that case the Vice-President shall preside.
3. All decisions shall be made by a majority vote of all members present.
4. Quorum for a meeting shall be one quarter of the members of the organization.
5. The president can hold more meetings (rehearsals or classes) if needed. However, there needs to be majority consent of members to allow such actions.
6. Members will be notified about the meetings through email.

Article VIII: Amendment

If the members feel that the constitution needs to be amended, anyone may submit a request to the executive committee. With the majority vote of the e-board members, the proposal shall be put forth to the members of the club. The amendment shall then be passed with two-thirds vote of all the members of the team.

Article IX: Ratification

The constitution may be ratified with majority vote of the members of the team.