

Constitution of Gaming Club at Indiana University

Preamble

The name of this group is the Gaming Club at Indiana University, based in Bloomington, IN. The purpose and aim of this group is to bring entertainment, community, and philanthropy through competition, and to increase gaming awareness to potential members. Our medium is that of electronic games and through them we seek to promote a sense of communal friendship, good sportsmanship, and fun for all. The group is founded upon a common interest of electronic sports. The Gaming Club at Indiana University is active year-round.

Article I: Membership

Participation in the proposed organization must be 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. (See section I.D.3(c) on page 6 of the Code.)

Membership consists of Officers, singularly known as the Executive Council, and regular members. Anyone with an interest in video gaming is able to join, but there may be membership dues that are used to pay for the various activities that will be decided by the Executive Council at the beginning of each academic school year. Members are fully capable of attending any event hosted by the Executive Council, except Officer meetings. The Executive Council must be elected, and they have the ability to revoke or add memberships as they see fit. Members are added using online mediums such as our home website, by the Officers directly, or through Gaming Club events. Membership may be revoked at the discretion of the majority of the Executive Council.

Article II: University Compliance

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws. All members must also follow event rules during those events, which will be notified aptly before any event hosted by the organization.

Article III: Executive Officers

The main Officers of this club are the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Chairs for specific areas; however, in the event that there is more interest in the organization, there is a possibility for the creation of more official positions. Should any vacancies occur within the Executive Council, Club Founders serve special advisory roles. They are members of the Executive Council regardless of elections.

The role and responsibility of the Executive Council is to maintain and attempt to increase the membership size of the club. They must follow all By-laws, the Constitution, and must specifically maintain the vision of the preamble. The Executive Council will also be in charge of running events of the organization and maintaining any of the resources for which the club

is responsible, such as computer servers, etc. Officers may be elected and serve in their positions as many times as they wish, while complying with the requirement that the President and the Treasurer must be full-time students of Indiana University. Specifically the President and Vice President will work together to make sure that the organization qualifies with any Indiana University student club standards, including filing University paperwork. They may also call meetings and any gatherings that may be important for the organization. The need for a meeting held in person, as opposed to online meetings, must respect the notation that not all club members are enrolled in the University and live on the University campus; however, there may be the possibility of mandatory meetings in this manner. The Treasurer, with the help of the rest of the Executive Council, will be responsible for maintaining records on the organization and maintaining the organizational budget.

The voting process will be done in the following manner: The Executive Council will be weighted to count for half of the total vote, and the other half consist of regular members' vote. All positions are open to anyone interested in the organization (following the requirements above).

Article IV: Advisor

The Gaming Club advisor, or Staff Sponsor, should serve as a mentor for the Executive Council. Staff Sponsor is a role not eligible for election. Club Founders and the standing President are responsible for replacing a vacant Staff Sponsor and maintaining the relationship with the existing Sponsor. This relationship may be terminated by the Club or Sponsor at any time.

Article V: Meetings

Regular meetings will not be held. Meetings may be in person or using online mediums. Meetings are for Officers; however, members can sit in, listen, and provide feedback with the permission of the Executive Council. The President and Vice President along with any Club Founders are the only Officers that may call mandatory meetings--the rest of the Executive Council may call meetings that are not mandatory. The agenda will be set by the person creating the meeting. Attendance will be recorded but will not be crucially considered. Repercussions for missing mandatory meetings will be addressed by the Founders, President, and Vice President.

Article VI: Elections

Officers for the academic year shall be elected between the last month of the previous academic year and the end of the second week of the coming fall semester if there is a need for an election. Any member applying for a position on the Executive Council must follow the parameters required by the Student Activities Office.

Candidates can run for elections by filling out the appropriate forms, whether it would be through an online medium or in person.

Voting will be done in the form of a secret ballot. The nominee with the most votes will take the position. In the event of a tie, all other nominees will be dropped and the nominees will be voted on once again by the Executive Council only. In the event that there are membership dues, the election is only open to those who paid the dues.

The Executive Council is required to let members know about upcoming elections two weeks in advance.

Article VII: 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 VIII: Dues & Budgets

Members may be asked to pay dues at the beginning of each academic school year. This amount is determined by historical costs of running organizational events and any considerations that the Executive Council may have. These considerations may include adding additional events, maintaining club resources, and paying for anything that may be owed by the organization. While some events will be members-only, certain events will be available to nonmembers; nonmember events may or may not require a fee for participation. Dues are collected by the Executive Council or via online means. The budget will be maintained primarily by the Treasurer and Founders, but with help and approval from the Executive Council. The Executive Council will plan and assess where to allocate the organization's funds.

The Executive Council will try to spend only the funds gathered in the current academic year. Additional funds from the SOA, past academic years, or other accounts may only be accessed with the authorization of the Club Founders or a unanimous vote of the Executive Council.

Article IX: Finances

Financial affairs are primarily the responsibility of the Treasurer and Founders. The Executive Council does have the ability to overrule the Treasurer's decision with a majority vote, or a Founders decision with a 3/4 majority vote. The organization will continue to maintain a Student Organization account and in accordance with the Student Activities Office's policies and procedures. The group may also have external financial accounts. If the group dissolves, the finances will be donated to a charity of the Founder's choice.

Article X: Personal Gain Clause

This organization, 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.

Article XI: Statement of Non-Discrimination

The Gaming Club at Indiana University 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. *

* Under 20 U.S.C. 1681(a)(6)(A), social fraternities and sororities are exempt from Title IX discrimination prohibitions on the basis of sex with respect to their membership practices. The law recognizes that differentiated treatment based on sex for purposes of membership in a social fraternity or sorority is not arbitrary or unlawful. Organizations in this category may remove "gender" from the non-discrimination statement in their constitution.

Article XII: Amendments

Amendment to any of these Articles or Bylaws may be made by the Club Founders, or the majority vote of the Executive Council.

Article XIV: Programs Involving Children

This organization, when working with children, will be aware of and abide by the University's Programs Involving Children (PIC) Policy.

By-Laws

1. Members may be expelled if a vote to expel, suggested by a member, should pass by majority vote of the Executive Council. Membership may also be revoked at the discretion of the entire Executive Council. A majority vote to expel will cause the member in question to be stripped of his or her membership and barred from attending any club activities.
2. Officers for the School Year shall be elected before the end of the second week of the fall semester. Any member applying for a position on the Executive Council must follow the parameters required by the Student Activities Office.

External Resources:

A complete copy of the Student Code of Conduct is available online at <http://www.iu.edu/~code>

For more information about University Policies, visit

<http://policies.iu.edu/policies/categories/index.shtml>

Student Ethics Board: <http://studentaffairs.indiana.edu/student-life-learning/student-organizations/ethicsboard.shtml>

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