

Constitution of Sports Analytics and Statistics

Preamble:

The purpose of the Sports Analytics and Statistics Club is to provide individuals with the ability to analyze statistics to make quality inferences about sporting events. This organization emphasizes strategy, analytical skills, and risk-taking. In addition to these qualities, the Sports Analytics and Statistics Club is meant to create and provide a social environment for students to foster their knowledge and skills when it comes to speculating the outcomes of games and events. This organization is welcoming to all who are interested in actively participating in organizational activities. The Sports Analytics and Statistics Club is not meant for individuals to merely talk about sports, but rather to educate those and grant them the ability to make well-informed predictions and inferences regarding sports for the purpose of personal financial benefit. This organization encourages students to share their abilities, knowledge and ideas to further benefit the entirety of the organization. All ideas discussed by the organization are only for educational purposes and no exchange of currency will occur in regards to sports outcomes. We are not responsible for any personal financial gain or loss that may be experienced by our members.

Article I: Membership

The Sports Analytics and Statistics Club allows any interested student to participate in, become a member of, and seek leadership positions in the organization without regard to arbitrary consideration of characteristics such as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. We acknowledge membership within our organization if the individual is registered with the organization on belInvolved.indiana.edu, and has paid the due amount set by the executive officers. Standing officers in the organization will have membership by default. Our outstanding member list will be recorded through belInvolved.indiana.edu, as well as recorded on an outside document held by the secretary. Members are expected to actively engage at meetings and remain courteous and professional to other members. We will revoke membership of an individual if he or she is negatively impacting the learning environment within our organization, fails to meet the standards of the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, & Conduct, or fails to attend more than half of the meetings in an academic semester -- unless a dire reason for absence is specified to and accepted by an executive officer. Membership is contingent on the payment of dues -- the due amount will be set by the executive officers and will remain universal for all members of the organization.

Article II: University Compliance

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

Article III: Executive Officers

President(s):

There must be two presidential positions held, each by a unique member, and sustained for more than year. The presidents are responsible for making high level decisions for the organization through collaboration and cooperation with each other, and if they cannot agree, then decisions must be polled between other executive officers of the organization. To sustain presidentship, presidents must remain active in the organization. Presidential duties include helping to coordinate other leadership positions within the organization, creating opportunities for membership growth, and finding opportunities to educate members. Presidents reserve the right to remove a member or executive officer from the organization if they are not fulfilling their duties within the club if the presidents are in agreement with each other that said member should be removed.

A member can become a president if he or she is elected by the previous executive board members through voting power. Appointments are necessary for the club's fragile, young state, and is recommended to be amended in the club's future as it becomes more sustainable. Presidents are able to maintain their positions indefinitely, given they are able to effectively sustain the organization and carry out the organization's purpose. If one president decides to leave the organization during an active period, he or she is required to find new candidates fulfill his or her position through a standing executive board election.

Vice President:

The vice-president will serve as an advisor for the presidential positions. The vice-president will provide innovative ideas for the rest of the club that will promote the organization's well-being. The vice-president is required to contribute as needed by the presidents yet encouraged to contribute more often. This position suites one with desire to enlighten other members with his or her knowledge of sporting statistics and contribute more effectively towards the organization. In the absence of both presidents, whether being off-campus or not in attendance of an active meeting, the vice president will take over the president's responsibilities while the president is away. The vice-president is appointed in agreement by both of the presidents.

Treasurer:

The treasurer is responsible for handling the financial assets and liabilities of the club. The role of the treasurer includes maintaining records of all financial transactions made by the organization. The treasurer is also responsible for creating and maintaining the budget for the organization. In the event this organization decides to collect member dues, this budget includes the allocation of membership dues for organizational and meeting purposes. The treasurer will be responsible for all matters relating to member dues. The treasurer will also advise the presidents about any financial opportunities or risks for the organization. This organization will not invest any capital outside of providing members with resources necessary for conducting group meetings.

Secretary:

The secretary is responsible for keeping records and accounts of all things needed by the presidents of the organization. This could include things such as taking minutes, carrying out

small tasks asked of them by the presidents, etc. The secretary must also maintain an accurate list of all active members and executive officers of the organization. When needed, the secretary must complete all paperwork required by the university. The secretary will work in cooperation with other officers to ensure the organization is re-registered every year. The secretary is appointed by the presidents. Secretaries are allowed to have assistants as needed, but the secretary is responsible for all actions made by his/her assistants.

Director of Education:

By using previous knowledge, new educational materials, and meticulous research the Director Education will lead group meetings. This position will require an extensive knowledge of sports outcomes and how to predict them. The educator will keep personal opinions aside and only provide factual information that will allow members to make well-informed decisions. This position will be appointed by the presidents.

Officer:

Officers of the club are part of the club's executive board. Thus, officers having voting power as described in Voting Power(Article XIII). Officers serve as mentors in the club and are knowledgeable about the inner workings.

Article IV: Advisor

The faculty advisor has nothing required of him or her. The faculty advisor can provide his or her wisdom to all of those who lead or participate in the organization. When the faculty advisor provides a suggestion or makes a request to enhance the well-being of the organization, then the leaders of the organization must take the suggestion under serious consideration and fully respond to the faculty advisor's satisfaction. The faculty advisor is intended to promote the organization. The faculty advisor should maintain a reasonable amount of communication with the officers of the organization. In the event an advisor must be removed for whatever reason, the officers will vote on removing the advisor and vote on selecting a new advisor. Anyone is able to suggest an advisor recommendation.

Article V: Meetings

Attending meetings held by the organization are not required, but are strongly encouraged if the member aspires to learn more about what the club offers. Attendance is mandatory only when notified by one of the organization's presidents. To become a recognized member of the organization, one must attend half the meetings in a semester. Members must check in with the secretary if they want attendance to be recorded.

Article VI: Elections

Elections are held during the spring semester of an academic year. These elections will begin with presidential appointments, if needed, for the next academic year (refer to Article III: Executive Officers, President). Following presidential appointments, all members are allowed and encouraged to apply for an open officer position. The standing executive officers will discuss the potential of opening or closing new position titles as needed by the organization. If

an officer, other than a president, would like to stay in his or her position for another year, then the presidents will discuss whether that standing officer is fit to participate another year in the organization. After discussion, the standing presidents will decide whether or not the position will be sustained by that individual or offered to another member in the organization. To be elected into an open officer position, standing presidents will create a uniform process that will judge all individuals who yearn to be in an officer position the following year. Presidents must make the process as similar as possible for all individuals who will undergo the process, whether it be an interview or providing a short pitch to the organization. Standing officers will then vote on individuals to fulfill the following year's open officer positions after discussion through Voting Power.

Article VII: Non-Hazing

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

- a) All members are required to pay the necessary dues. This amount is determined by the executive officers.
- b) Dues are collected every semester. Members who do not pay dues by the deadline, which will be set by the executive officers, are not considered members.
- c) The treasurer collect dues.
- d) The treasurer and presidents will create an organizational budget for each semester. The budget will be maintained on a consistent basis throughout the year.

Article IX: Finances

The treasurer is in charge of financial affairs. Sports Analytics and Statistics will not apply or maintain a Student Organization Account, unless needed in the future to maintain the well-being of the organization. If funds are needed to maintain the well-being of the organization, the treasurer can call for a fundraiser, in which the funds raised will used for the organization's benefit.

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 from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

Article XI: Amendments

Members will be notified of proposed amendments through announcements at meetings. Votes required to ratify an amendment will be based on Voting Power.

Article XII: Ratification

This constitution has the ability to be ratified based on critical suggestions proposed by members, officers, and faculty advisors of this organization at any point during this organization's duration.

Article XIII: Voting Power

Voting Power is crucial when the two presidents cannot agree on a decision and in elections. When a decision must be made within the club that will cause considerable changes or additions to the future plans and well-being of the organization, then Voting Power will dictate whether the decision will be accepted or rejected by the organization. The two presidents each carry 40% voting power. The other 20% of voting power will be evenly distributed among all other executive board members. In order for a decision to be enacted, more than 50% of voting power must be in favor the decision being polled.

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