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Butler Club Esports Constitution

Article 0: Effect of Document

- This constitution shall go into effect on the Monday following its date of ratification.

Article 1: Organization Name

- This organization shall be called “Butler Club Esports.”

Article 2: Purpose

- The purpose of this organization is to represent Butler University in intercollegiate competition in a variety of esports titles. Butler Club Esports will bring together students with interests in competitive and casual play, team management, broadcasting, and more in order to develop a program that fosters a sense of community and pride in its teams and in the university as a whole.

Article 3: Precedence

- The rules and regulation of the Butler University Student Handbook (<https://www.butler.edu/student-handbook>) shall take precedence over this constitution.

Article 4: Membership Requirements

- Membership shall be open to all currently enrolled Butler University students.
- No hazing or discrimination will be used as a condition of membership in Butler Club Esports.
 - Butler Club Esports will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, marital status, religion, creed, national origin, disability, age, military or veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression or any other protected characteristic.
- To become a member, a student must:
 - Complete a Butler Club Esports membership form.
 - Complete the Butler Club Sports Waiver on Engage.
 - Complete the Butler Club Sports Member Agreement on Engage.
 - To compete on a team a player must be a member
 - Pay dues, set annually by the officer board (\$25 per semester for 2022-23).
 - Club dues are used for things like league registration fees, club meeting activities, giveaways, and more.
 - There is no club meeting attendance requirement or minimum for Butler Club Esports members (with the exception of officers).
- Means for Revocation of Membership:
 - If a member creates an unwelcoming atmosphere for current or future members.
 - Anything against the Butler University handbook.

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- o Membership will be revoked by a majority vote (4) of the officer board, with approval from the faculty advisor.
- In order to compete in a collegiate esports event as a Butler student, students must be a member of Butler Club Esports.

Article 5: Officers

- This organization shall have 6 officers. These positions are: President, Vice President of Operations, Vice President of Content, Vice President of Public Relations, Treasurer, and Secretary.
 - o Officers work together as a team, assisting each other as necessary to ensure the success of Butler Club Esports.
- Eligibility
 - o A candidate for office must be a current or previous member of Butler Club Esports.
- Term Length
 - o One academic year. Elections will be held every spring for the following year.
- Officer Duties
 - o Officers will attend mandatory officer trainings/meetings as required by Club Sports.
 - o President
 - Run meetings (body meetings and officer meetings).
 - Serve as primary contact of student leadership with the university and with Club Sports.
 - Oversee and coordinate club actions, meetings, and projects.
 - Ensure a friendly and inviting atmosphere.
 - Plan the macro level allocation of the officers' time & club funds.
 - o Vice President of Operations
 - Serve as club President if the President is temporarily unable to serve.
 - Appoint team Managers.
 - Coordinate with Managers to ensure esports teams are operating effectively.
 - Monitor, update, and verify membership roles and records, including completion of Engage requirements for club members.
 - o Vice President of Content
 - Organize and coordinate Twitch streaming schedule.
 - Maintain and produce interesting and varied Twitch and YouTube content.
 - Appoint and manage Casters for esports matches and streams.
 - Coordinate with VP of PR to ensure distribution and engagement of content.
 - o Vice President of Public Relations

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- Publicize information about meetings, activities, events, and matches through the club's social media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Discord, email listserv, Butler channels, Google calendar, club sports website, etc).
- Organize distribution of flyers and posters across campus as necessary.
- Message members about upcoming club body business and events, such as elections.
- Treasurer
 - Maintain a complete and accurate record of all club receipts and disbursements.
 - Oversee club fundraising efforts.
 - Supervise the preparation and maintenance of the club budget.
 - Responsible for updating club Budget Sheet for Club Sports.
- Secretary
 - Call officer meetings.
 - Maintain accurate notes from all meetings.
 - Keep an attendance record from all meetings and events.
 - Facilitate and verify elections.
 - Every two months, prepare and distribute a newsletter of club and officer business and informational updates regarding the state of esports on campus.
- Officers must attend every meeting, except in cases of a valid excuse (illness, class, etc).
- If an officer misses 2 meetings with invalid excuses they will forfeit their officer position.
- Vacant officer positions will be filled by a voting process at the next meeting.
 - If there are no candidates running for the position, the secretary will take over the duties until the next election or a new candidate decides to run.
 - The voting process will be a plurality system if more than one candidate runs or will require a majority approval by the club members if only one candidate runs.

Article 6: Other Leadership Positions

- Non-officer positions that may be filled during the course of club operations include, but are not limited to: Safety Officer, Managers, Captains, Casters.
- The Safety Officer is a position required by Club Sports, will be elected yearly, and may be an officer or a club member. Responsibilities include:
 - Must be certified in FA/CPR/AED
 - Must take the Club Sports Required Concussion Education Training
 - Responsible for documenting incidents with Club Sports
 - Other requirements as set in place by Club Sports.
- Managers will be appointed by the VP of Operations. Responsibilities include:
 - Selection of team rosters at the beginning of the fall semester (and spring, if applicable).
 - Working with club officers as necessary to ensure teams are registered for leagues and competitions.

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- Scheduling practices, scrimmages, and matches to fit their team.
 - Updating Engage forms about practices, scrimmages, and matches as they occur.
 - These responsibilities, with the exception of team formation, may also be shared with, or delegated to, team Captains with the agreement of both parties. Managers may also be Captains, but only if they are chosen to fill that position by their team.
- Captains will be selected from among the players on a team once it is formed by a Manager. Responsibilities include:
 - Facilitating a beneficial environment for the growth and development of their teams.
 - Serving as ingame leaders and representatives of their team to their Manager and officer board.
 - Other responsibilities as shared or delegated from the team's Manager.
 - Captains may be removed and replaced if team members are dissatisfied with their performance. The team may collectively present a case to the VP of Operations or the club President, if necessary, outlining the problem and suggesting a solution. All parties will be involved in reaching a resolution.
- Casters will be appointed by the VP of Content. Responsibilities include:
 - Maintaining a relatively high-level knowledge of the workings of the game they will be covering.
 - Working with VP of PR and VP of Content for stream resources and style.
 - Following and staying up-to-date with the teams they cover to ensure quality knowledge and content.

Article 7: Advisor

- Dr. Lee Farquhar - Associate Professor, CCOM
- The Faculty Advisor will:
 - assist in any large events or esports competitions.
 - represent Butler Club Esports with Butler University.
- Occasional meetings with the officers to discuss goals and plans are encouraged.

Article 8: Elections

- Elections will take place each spring for the following academic year.
 - Elections will be held for the six officer positions, as well as Safety Officer, and academic advisor will be re-approved with a majority vote.
- Any current member of Butler Club Esports may vote in the election.
- Members must cast their votes in the given election period for them to be counted.
- Voting will be based on a simple plurality voting system (whoever receives the most votes wins).

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- o If only one candidate runs for a position, they must be approved by a majority vote.
 - o The case of a candidate who does not pass a majority approval vote will be considered individually by the previous officer board.
 - o In case of a tie, a runoff election will be held with a new announced election period.
- Candidates may not vote for the officer position they are campaigning for.

Article 9: Esports Team Compositions

- Each esports team size and number of teams will depend on how many students are interested.
- All students who play on a club esports team MUST be a member of Butler Club Esports, as described in Article 4.
- Not all students are guaranteed playing time; however, effort will be made to place as many interested students as possible on a team.
- Every team with an overflow of interested students will hold tryouts in a manner appropriate for the title before finals in the fall semester to gauge the composition of the roster.
- Team composition will depend on both previous ranking and individual performance in tryouts.
- The VP of Operations will assign team Manager(s) for each game, who will make roster determinations based on tryouts and skill rankings.
- All team-related matters can be put to a majority vote of the players (with ties broken by the captain as necessary).
- Once teams are established, a Captain will be selected by team members from among themselves (one Captain per team).

Article 10: Meetings

- Butler Club Esports body meetings will be held approximately monthly as determined by the officers.
- Officers will meet at least twice per month, either physically or via Discord, to conduct business and keep each other updated. Officer meetings will be determined at least one week in advance where at all possible, and will be officially called by the Secretary.
- At least a majority of officers (4) must be present at either a body meeting or officer meeting to conduct official club business.
- Any decisions regarding club business will be decided by a simple majority vote (of officers (4) at officer meetings, and of the body at body meetings), unless described elsewhere in this document. Ties will be broken as necessary by the Faculty Advisor.

Article 11: Amendments

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- This document will be amended if the club members feel that it no longer suits the needs of the club or its purpose.
- Amendments may be proposed in writing to the secretary.
- An amendment requires a majority approval (4) by the officers to be heard at the next meeting.
- An amendment requires a 2/3 approval by all members present at the time of voting to pass.
- The secretary will initiate the creation and distribution of the updated constitution.

Article 12: Director of Esports & BIG EAST Conference Program Relations

- The President of Butler Club Esports will be the main point of contact with the Butler University-appointed Director of Esports.
- The Vice President of Public Relations will provide approved Club Materials (spreadsheets, surveys, and member information from our Google Drive) and manage back-end relations (email listserv, website data) with the Director of Esports and the BIG EAST programs.
- The Vice President of Content will field social media post requests & media asset creation inquiries from the Director of Esports.
- Butler Club Esports officers will maintain a bilateral working relationship with Butler's Director of Esports as students first; officers and members are not employees of or directly beholden to the University.
- The Director of Esports will host meetings that range on a bi-weekly to monthly schedule with Butler Club Esports Officers. The goal of these meetings is to inform the Officer board of upcoming projects, university initiatives, and status updates on current projects.
- The Director of Esports is in charge of all matters related to the BIG EAST Esports teams and the Section-127-branded Bulldog logo.
- For each BIG EAST Conference title, there will be an appointed representative (likely a team Captain or Manager) who will work with the Director of Esports and the League that team participates in to create the best league possible for Butler teams, athletes, and fans.
- When considerations are happening to elevate new titles to BIG EAST Conference competition status, the Director of Esports will address and inquire with the entire Club Esports board to receive feedback that best represents the entire club's interests.