



FGCU eSports Constitution

INTRODUCTION:

Electronic Sports (*E-Sports*) are a growing phenomenon. It takes Video Games with competitive capabilities and allows people from all around the world to compete in all sorts of events. It is a growing industry that has a lot to offer and we are here to bring it to FGCU as well as to educate those interested in knowing more about it.

Article I **Name and Purpose**

Section A.

The name of this organization shall be [FGCU eSports].

Section B.

The mission of FGCU eSports is to provide a safe and hospitable environment for students to further their competitive edge in the world of electronic sports as well as to educate the student body in the inner workings of a brand new competitive medium.

Section C.

The specific goals of FGCU eSports are to:

- Develop a safe and competitive environment for students.
- Further FGCU's footing in a brand new competitive medium.
- To educate the student body about this new competitive medium.
- Involve a large group of the student body who are interested in turning their hobbies into something bigger.

Section D.

FGCU eSports shall comply with all local, state and federal laws, as well as all Florida Gulf Coast University regulations, policies and procedures. Such compliance includes the Student Code of Conduct and the Student Organization Handbook.

Article II **Membership**

Section A.

Membership in [FGCU eSports] is limited to any Florida Gulf Coast University student enrolled in a degree-seeking program as an *undergraduate, graduate, or postgraduate* student.

Section B.

[FGCU eSports] shall not haze any prospective member for the purpose of admission into or affiliation with the organization. Members of [FGCU eSports] are free to leave or dissociate without fear of retribution or harassment.

Section C.

[FGCU eSports], in order to comply with the University's commitment to non-discrimination, no discrimination will be made on the basis of gender, race, color, creed, age, religion, disability, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, parental status or veteran status.

Section D.

[FGCU eSports], shall have *monthly* scheduled officer meetings (*unless otherwise specified*). At least one week's advance notice of all meetings will be made via email to the officer membership by the group's secretary via Eagle Link, with a time poll attached. There will also be an all team meeting every *six months* with a date to be determined by the Officers of the group. The President of the club, or the groups Advisor(s), may call special meetings. Any member of the team may petition the President of the group to convene for a special meeting, then to be approved by the Advisor(s).

Article III **Officers**

Section A. The officers of FGCU eSports shall be at minimum *President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer*.

Section B. Officers will hold office from the beginning of the fall semester until the end of the spring semester. Terms will not exceed *1-year*. Officers may be re-elected.

Section C. In order to comply with the University's Student Activities Eligibility Regulation, (FGCU-PR4.005), effective Fall 2010, FGCU eSports, undergraduate student leaders will be registered for at least nine (9) credits each regular semester, and enrolled in a credit bearing course in either summer term A, B or C, and maintain a minimum 2.25 cumulative FGCU GPA. Graduate and professional students must be registered for six (6) credits per semester, and maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative FGCU GPA in order to hold an Executive Officer Position.

Article IV

Core Officer & Advisers Responsibilities

The **President** will:

- Preside over all FGCU eSports member/officer meetings via Webex, or in –person.
- Appoint appropriate committees, and committee chairpersons.
- Be the main point of contact for any promotional, or marketing of the club.
- Perform other duties for the development of the club.
- Be the primary signer on the clubs off-campus bank account.

The **Vice President** will:

- Assist the president in the promotion and development of FGCU eSports.
- Assist in planning club meetings with the clubs secretary when needed.
- Preside over club meetings and officer meetings should the president be unavailable.
- Take over responsibilities of the clubs president in a presidential absence.
- Be the secondary signer of the clubs off-campus bank account

The **Treasurer** will:

- Assist in keeping an accurate record of all club expenditures.
- Take mandatory Treasurer training provided by the Office of Student Involvement.
- Maintain a record of all fundraising/sponsorship money raised.
- Prepare, and present a financial report at the end of each assigned semester.
- Assist with obtaining, and maintaining all vendor sponsorships.
- Creating an annual budget as well as any necessary semester senate bills.
- Be the third signer on the clubs off-campus bank account.

The **Secretary** will:

- Present time polling of all club and officer meetings to best-fit member/officer schedules.
- Promptly supply a copy of the minutes to the president and vice president if the meeting was not held online, and recorded.
- Keep all members/documents/events up to date via Eagle Link.
- Take a training course on Eagle-Link via the Office of Student Involvement.
- Assist with other duties assigned by the president of the club.

The **Advisors** will:

- Provide administrative assistance to the President/Vice President *if requested*.
- Provide assistance with budget preparation by the Treasurer *if requested*.
- Provide assistance with equipment, inventory and storage paperwork *if requested*.
- Provide assistance with travel arrangements *if requested*.
- Provide guidance with Club Sports Council governance and University policies.
- In an event of student conduct, provide mediation between all parties involved.
- Sign-off on all club expenditures and banking payouts via the clubs PayPal and Banking accounts.
- Assist with planning events, and maintaining vendor/sponsorship relations.
- Travel with the competitive team if enough monetary funding is approved either through A&S funds, or from the off-campus bank account as a representation of our University, and assist with travel related assignments as needed.

Article V

Officer Elections

Section A. Elections of new officers will take place at the beginning of the fall semester via Eagle Link ONLY, or whenever an officer position is open during a given semester.

Section B. Members of at least one semester are eligible for election, unless approved by the clubs President and the groups Advisor(s) on an emergency basis.

Section C. Members who are running for office must submit a declaration of Intent, and prepare a speech to recite to electing members if they are not running *Un-Contested*.

Section D. Officers must be elected by a simple majority by secret ballot, unless approved by the clubs president and the groups Adviser(s) based on emergency need.

Article VI

Removal of Officers and Vacancies

Section A. Cause for removal shall be defined as a disregard for university policies and or negligence of ones duties for their held position.

Section B. Should an officer need to be removed from office; their removal shall be discussed at an officer meeting overseen by the club adviser(s).

Section C. A vacancy shall be declared when an officer resigns, or is removed from office.

Section D. Vacancies will be open to eligible members but selected by the current club officers, to be overseen by the clubs Adviser(s).

Article VII
Funding

Section A. The [FGCU eSports] team can obtain money to support the goals of the club may be raised through either fundraising, or through public donations, however that funding must be approved by the president and the groups Advisor(s) prior to starting the event/fundraiser. This is to make sure that the group is abiding by all University policies and regulations.

Section B. *Annual Budgeting:* Allocations for the upcoming academic year are to be drafted by the last officers meeting of the current academic year.

Section C. *Fundraising:* All fundraising and sponsorship needs to be approved by the groups President and Advisor(s). All monies brought in through fundraising, sponsorship, dues, donations etc. must be deposited into the club's off-campus bank account, OR the clubs PayPal account within **48** hours after being collected.

Article VIII
Committees

Section A. No committees present at this time, but may be assigned during the academic year on a needed basis.

Article IX
Ratification

Section A. The Constitution will be approved at a regularly scheduled Annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the membership. The Constitution must be presented in writing to each member at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting. The Official place for members to find these documents will be on **EAGLE LINK ONLY**.

Article X
Dissolution

Section A. FGCU eSports may be dissolved at the request of the Office of Student Involvement or by a two-thirds vote from its members provided that it has been discussed two months in advance.

Section B. Any debts acquired by FGCU eSports club will be the responsibility of the officers.

Section C. Any of FGCU eSports remaining funds will be kept in the off-campus bank account, or in a case of disablement, will be donated to FGCU.

Article XI **Amendments**

Section A. All amendments to the Constitution shall be by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the membership. The amendments shall be proposed at a regularly scheduled meeting and debated and voted upon if required.

Article XII **Member Conduct and Violations**

Section A. The "*Three Strike Policy*" will be enforced by the team's president and with the advice and counsel of the teams Advisor(s). Upon having an incident, the first will be a general verbal warning that will be administered by the team's president, and then documented using the proper form to be logged by the team's secretary. The second strike will be in the form of a written violation with the possibility of suspension from the team to be decided by the team's president and approved by the team's primary Advisor. The proper form will be filed out and kept on file with the SCC committee and the team's primary Advisor. The third strike will be a meeting with the Sports Council with the determination of the dismissal from the team to be decided by the Office of Student Involvement.

Article XIII
Signature Page

Section A. Any member of this organization may suggest amendments to this Constitution. Suggestions for amendments shall be submitted to the officers for review, and will be voted on by the members by majority vote.

Date of Adoption

Date of Recognition

Club President Signature

Primary Advisor Signature

Office of Student Involvement