Constitution of the Sports Analytics Club at NC State

Article I - Name and Purpose of the Organization

Section 1: Name
Sports Analytics Club at NC State

Section 2: Purpose
The Sports Analytics Club at NC State is a student-run organization committed to the quantitative analysis of sports strategy and management. This club is open to all students and faculty members of NCSU. The club encourages and enables students to share ideas and complete research projects on any topic related to sports statistics.

Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy
Discrimination based upon race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation is in violation of federal and state law and North Carolina State University policy, and will not be tolerated.

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and Categories of Membership

Section 1: Definition of Membership
Voting membership is restricted to currently enrolled NC State students. Faculty, staff, and alumni are welcome and encouraged to be involved with the club as non-voting members. To be considered an official member for the purpose of a quorum, a person must attend at least half of the general club meetings in a given semester.

Section 2: Procedures for Becoming a Member
There is no formal process to become a member, and there are no dues required for the club. Members are encouraged, but not required, to work on projects and attend club trips.

Article III - Organization Leadership: Titles, Terms, and Duties of the Leaders

Section 1: Titles and Terms of Club Leaders
The Sports Analytics Club at NC State will have an Executive Board consisting of four active voting members who will consult with a Faculty Advisor. The Executive Board positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. With the approval of the Faculty Advisor, the President may remain in the position for the duration of their undergraduate career at NC State. Terms for the other three positions are one academic year (fall semester and the following spring semester). However, the Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary may serve consecutive terms (if re-appointed) for the duration of their undergraduate career at NC State.

Section 2: Duties of Executive Board Members
The responsibilities and duties of the Executive Board Members shall be as follows:
- President: The President shall oversee all club functions as well as the other Executive Board Members. The President shall provide the main direction and vision for the club, and shall be responsible for doing what is necessary to accomplish the goals of the club.
- Vice President: The Vice President shall support and assist the President in whatever ways the President asks. The Vice President shall help with pursuing the club’s goals.
- Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have access to the club’s bank account and finances, and shall ensure that club resources are used wisely. The Treasurer shall lead efforts to obtain funding for the club from sources including but not limited to Student Government and the College of Sciences Council.
- Secretary: The Secretary shall take notes at club meetings and maintain records of meeting minutes and member attendance. The Secretary shall also assist in the overall organizational tasks for the club.

Article IV – Executive Committee

Section 1: Structure of Executive Committee
The Executive Committee will be the same as the Executive Board. In this constitution, “Executive Committee” and “Executive Board” are interchangeable.

Section 2: Qualifications for Club Leaders
A student is eligible to serve on the Executive Board if they have been an active voting member of the club for at least one semester prior to the beginning of their time on the board. However, a student must have been an active voting member for at least two semesters to be eligible for the position of President.

Section 3: Appointment of New Club Leaders
If the current President will be graduating at the end of a given semester, the Executive Board and the Faculty Advisor shall appoint a new President before the end of that semester. If a non-President board member graduates before the end of their term, or if any board member is impeached before the end of their term, then the Executive Board and the Faculty Advisor shall appoint another student to fill that position through the end of the term. In the case of a graduating board member, that board member may be involved in the appointment process. In the case of an impeached board member, that board member is not allowed to be involved in the appointment process.

Before the beginning of each fall semester, the President shall appoint a student to fill each of the other three Executive Board positions for the upcoming academic year. The Faculty Advisor may reject these appointments, but only when there is a clear and serious reason why the person(s) in question are not fit for the position(s).

Article V - Method of Removing Officers and Members

Section 1: Expectations of Members
All members of the Sports Analytics Club at NC State are held to a high level of conduct at all times. There are three critical aspects of this expected conduct: (1) All members must represent themselves, the club, and the university in an honorable and respectable manner. (2) All members must refrain from acting in a manner that is detrimental to the club, its members, and its purpose. (3) All members must adhere to the Non-Discrimination Policy as set forth in Article I, Section 3.

Section 2: Procedures for Removal
If a voting member believes that any member of the club (including Executive Board members and non-voting members) has violated the expected conduct guidelines for club members as set forth in Article V, Section 1, then the member may move to impeach and remove that member. If another voting member seconds the motion, then the accused member is considered to be impeached, and the removal request must be considered by the Faculty Advisor.

The Faculty Advisor will only approve the request if a clear and significant violation of the conduct guidelines has occurred. If the Faculty Advisor approves the removal request, then the matter will be brought before the active voting members of the club. The accused party and the accusing party will have the chance to argue their case before the club. A quorum of 50% + 1 of official members of the club must be present for this meeting to occur.

After both sides state their case, a secret vote by ballot will be held. If the removal request is approved by a clear majority of the voting members present (excluding the impeached member), then the member will be removed from the club and asked not to return to any club meetings or activities.

If no clear majority votes to remove the impeached member, then the member will be allowed to remain a voting member of the club. They will be issued a warning by the Executive Board. If an Executive Board member is impeached but not removed from club membership, then they will be removed from their position on the board but will be allowed to continue as a regular voting member of the club.

The Non-Discrimination Policy set forth in Article I, Section 3 protects members from being removed from the club or from any leadership positions in the club due to any of the statuses listed in the policy.

Article VI – Meetings of the Organization: Required Meetings and Frequency

There will be at least two general club meetings per semester. However, most of the time meetings will be held approximately every two weeks.

Article VII – Standing Committees

There will be no standing committees. However, the Executive Board may create ad hoc
committees at their discretion.

**Article VIII – Duties of Advisor**

The Faculty Advisor shall be a resource for all club members. The Faculty Advisor shall attend as many club meetings as possible in order to be engaged with the ongoing activities of the club. The Faculty Advisor shall provide guidance to the Executive Board, as well as perform other responsibilities as set forth in this constitution. These duties include considering impeachment and removal requests, and approving the appointment of board members.

**Article IX – Method of Amending the Constitution: Proposals, Notice, and Voting Requirement**

Proposed amendments to the constitution must be presented in writing at a general club meeting. They shall be read in that meeting, but shall not be acted upon until at least the next general club meeting. At least two-thirds of the voting members present at the ratification meeting must approve the amendment for it to become official. In order to conduct such a meeting, a quorum of at least 50% + 1 of the official club members must be present.

**Article X - Method of Dissolution of Organization**

If there are no members present for the first ten meetings of a given academic year, then the Sports Analytics Club at NC State shall be dissolved. Upon dissolution, any debts accrued by the club will fall to the President at the time of dissolution. If any assets remain, they will either be donated to charity (if physical property) or returned to Student Government (if financial assets). As part of this process, any remaining funds in the club bank account shall be emptied from the account, and the President shall officially close the club bank account.

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