

Constitution of Quiz Bowl Club at UC San Diego

Article I: Name of Student Organization

The organization shall be called Quiz Bowl Club at UC San Diego.

Article II: Statement of Purpose

The purpose of Quiz Bowl Club shall be:

To promote and participate in quiz bowl competitions throughout the United States.

Article III: Nonprofit Statement

Quiz Bowl Club at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

Article IV: Requirements for Membership

Section 1.

Membership in Quiz Bowl Club is open to any interested person for the purposes of attending such practices and events as may be hosted by Quiz Bowl Club. Various competitions attended by Quiz Bowl Club will have their own eligibility rules, which typically limit participation to registered UC San Diego undergraduate students, and occasionally graduate students. For the purposes of attending competitions whose eligibility rules may allow non-students, members of Quiz Bowl Club may attend at the discretion of Quiz Bowl Club.

Section 2.

There are no minimum requirements for a person to be a member of Quiz Bowl Club. Operations of the club including tournaments, practices, and other events may be attended on an individual, voluntary basis. The club may require members to pay fees as a condition of attending certain events, which will be announced in advance of the event and determined by nature of the event. The extent and existence of such fees shall be determined by the board.

Section 3.

Quiz Bowl Club will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, disability or veteran's status. Quiz Bowl Club maintains the right to determine which members may attend events with Quiz Bowl Club and prevent a member from attending an event with Quiz Bowl Club for any reason, except listed above, typically involving previous quiz bowl experience or performance. Practices shall remain open to all members.

Section 4.

Any member may be barred from activities for serious infractions of university policies and government laws; a ban may be imposed by a two-thirds vote of the membership. Members will be given at least a one-week notice prior to a vote-taking place; they will be given a chance to defend themselves prior to the vote.

Section 5.

A quorum of members exist when there are one more than half of all voting members present. Voting members are members who are registered UC San Diego students.

No vote may take place without the presence of a quorum.

Article V: Frequency of Organization Meetings

Section 1.

Quiz Bowl Club shall hold biweekly practices, open to all members. Practice attendance is voluntary, and failure to attend practice regularly shall not be grounds for removal from Quiz Bowl Club.

Section 2.

Other meetings shall be called by the President or delegated Officer as he sees fit and such meetings may only be open to certain members, to be determined by the President or delegating Officer.

Section 3.

The official form of communication among members will be the Internet and may include: e-mail, Facebook Messenger, and/or Facebook Groups. Accommodation in the form of additional forms of communication may be available by member request and at the discretion of Quiz Bowl Club.

Article VI: Qualifications for Holding Office and Methods of Selecting and Replacing Officers

Section 1.

The officers of Quiz Bowl Club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer (hereby referred to as “the Officers”). Under most circumstances, the Officers shall be responsible for all administrative duties of Quiz Bowl Club and retain broad discretion over the management of Quiz Bowl Club and its activities.

Section 2.

The President shall have the power to establish and maintain operation procedures of the club, call meetings, and is ultimately responsible for the actions of the other Officers. The President shall be the ultimate authority in disputes between Officers.

Section 3.

The Vice President shall perform most administrative functions of the club. The Vice President is responsible for securing a meeting place and other resources for the club.

Section 4.

The Treasurer shall manage the club’s funds and perform necessary financial actions including making expense reports and seeking reimbursement.

Section 5.

The Secretary shall take notes as needed during meetings and shall be responsible for communication between the club and other people or organizations as required for the operations of the club.

Section 6.

The order of rank among the Officers in order of decreasing seniority shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary. In the event an Officer is incapable of performing his duties to the club, that Officer’s duties shall fall to the immediately lower Officer until a replacement Officer can be elected. If the Secretary is

incapable, the President shall appoint a member to perform the Secretary's duties.

Section 7.

Only registered UC San Diego students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UC San Diego students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers.

Section 8.

Officers shall be elected to a one year term by a simple majority of the voting quorum. The term shall begin on the first day of Fall Quarter and end on the first day of the next Fall Quarter. There shall be no restrictions on the number of times a member may hold the same office or another office.

Section 9.

Any member eligible to vote is also eligible to run for office.

Section 10.

Voting shall take place after all candidates have declared their intention to run and have been given ample opportunity to make their case. There must be a notice period of at least two weeks given to all voting members as to when the voting shall take place. A person may run for multiple offices in a single election but shall only be awarded the highest office to which they have been elected. An Officer may hold multiple offices concurrently at the discretion of the President.

Section 11.

Voting shall take place via a closed ballot counted by the sitting Officers. If the number of candidates for any position is greater than two, then the two candidates earning the most votes will face each other in a run-off election.

Section 12.

Vacancies occurring in the middle of a term shall be filled at the first meeting after a two-weeks notice period is delivered to all voting members.

Section 13.

Any Officer may be removed from his office for failure to perform his duties by a two-thirds vote of no confidence delivered by the quorum. There shall be a one-week notice period prior to such a vote taking place. The Officer shall have a chance to defend himself before the membership of the club.

Article VII: Risk Management

Quiz Bowl Club at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Quiz Bowl Club at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

Section 1. In Case of Interaction with Minors and/or the Elderly

Quiz Bowl Club at UC San Diego is aware that all registered student organizations that serve minors or the elderly have access to training on child and elder abuse prevention for its member via the Center for Student Involvement, online or in person (in person by request only). Quiz Bowl Club will develop plan(s) for

activities and events where members will be interacting with minors or the elderly such that members will receive education and/or training on Child Abuse Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA), common sense measures to both avoid child or elder abuse allegations (i.e. avoiding one-on-one situations; working with minors in plain view of others; limiting calls/texts/social media posts or other communications with minors), and how to properly report potential harm or neglect to minors or the elderly with whom they are working.

Article VIII: Amendments to the Constitution

Any voting member may propose an amendment, which if approved by three-fourths of all voting members, shall be added to the Constitution. There must be a two-weeks notice period before a vote may take place on a proposed amendment.