

DA REAL PUNJABIZ AT UC SAN DIEGO CONSTITUTION FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

ARTICLE I. NAME OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The organization shall be called Da Real Punjabiz at UC San Diego.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE*

In the 20 years since DRP was formed, the team has performed at numerous competitions including Boston Bhangra, Bruin Bhangra, Dhol Di Awaz, VIBC, So-Cal Bhangra, and Best of the Best. Placing at many competitions, DRP has raised awareness of Punjabi culture not only in Southern California, but all over the United States. Through hard work and dedication DRP hopes to continue to spread its love and respect for bhangra for years to come.

ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT*

Da Real Punjabiz at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP*

Da Real Punjabiz is open to dancers of all experience and cultural background and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.

Our annual tryouts Fall Quarter of the academic year allows current members to select the best dancers out of those who come to try out. We encourage all people of all dance ability to try out for Da Real Punjabiz.

Our dues are \$55 for the entirety of the school year to fund for competitions, including but not limited to application fees and replacement of traditional clothing or props. If a member fails to pay dues, the situation will be discussed with said member and any accommodations that must be made, including spreading out the payment, reducing the cost, or waiving the requirement for that member will be considered.

ARTICLE IV. SECTION 1. HAZING PREVENTION - New for 2025/26 Academic Year!

***** Da Real Punjabiz at UC San Diego is committed to maintaining a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all its members and does not condone hazing. Hazing, in any form, is strictly prohibited within the organization in compliance with state and federal law, Regents' policies and University regulations. Participation in hazing or any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, activity, or method committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons, including current, former, or prospective students, regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that is committed in the

course of a preinitiation, an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, an official or unofficial student organization or other student group that i. causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury, including personal degradation or disgrace, and/or ii. the person knew or should have known was likely to cause serious bodily injury. As an organization, we understand that failure to abide by hazing policies and laws will result in referral to the Center for Student Accountability, Growth, and Education (SAGE) for an organizational violation and/or individual violation(s).

ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

Da Real Punjabiz will meet for team practices three to four times a week. Noncompetitive members are encouraged to attend as frequently as possible to encourage the likelihood of making a competitive roster and required to inform principal members if they are unable to attend.

Any competitive roster dancer is required to come to every practice unless the dancer is sick or has informed the principal members of external obligations with due reasoning. Injured dancers should still come watch practices in order to not fall behind in learning choreography if possible.

ARTICLE VI. QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOLDING OFFICE AND METHODS OF SELECTING AND REPLACING OFFICERS

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

Our primary officers consist of two co-captains and two junior co-captains, each of whom is responsible for different aspects of team management. Each captain may lead practices, choreograph segments of our performances, plan team activities, and coordinate competition travel and lodgings with the host of respective competition. Captains for the following academic/competitive year are chosen by the previous captains, after inquiring each member of the team who they believe is a suitable candidate based on leadership qualities, commitment, and skill.

Other officers include two members from the team selected to handle financial matters (including funding competitions and handling dues), one member responsible for general logistics, and one member responsible for handling social events.

ARTICLE VI. SECTION 1. REMOVAL PROCESS

I.

All elected officers and club members may be subjected to impeachment and removal by a two-thirds majority vote of the total membership.

II.

Grounds for impeachment are negligence and any form of misconduct which is damaging to the club. An officer/member may be impeached/removed only under the following conditions: there must be a quorum present during impeachment/removal; two-thirds of the membership must vote; prior to impeachment/removal there must be one week's notice of intent publicized.

III.

Any officer vacancies shall be filled by an election held within two weeks.

ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT

Da Real Punjabiz at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Da Real Punjabiz at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

Da Real Punjabiz will not be involved in working with minors or the elderly nor medical assistance of any kind, nor international travel, nor handling hazardous chemicals/material/equipment/machinery.

When participating in Bhangra dancing, there is an inherent risk of sprains, fatigue, and other related conditions. Da Real Punjabiz will mitigate these risks by educating team members on strategies to improve member wellness. This includes but is not limited to adequate stretching prior to dancing, enforcing the use of proper footwear and ergonomics, guidance on diet and hydration, safe dancing spaces and clean surfaces, and more.

ARTICLE X. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Da Real Punjabiz finances travel to different competitions through dancer contribution to hotel cost, airplane tickets etc. In other words, members pay for travel and lodgings.

ARTICLE XI. AFFILIATION WITH OTHER GROUPS

Da Real Punjabiz is an independent organization and currently has no affiliation with any other groups at UCSD or anywhere else on the local, state, national, or international level.