

# **Constitution of the Frankfurt International School Game Programming Club (FISGPC)**

## **Preamble**

The Frankfurt International School Game Programming Club's main focus is the creation of a community of individuals dedicated to game creation and helping others learn. These goals shall be completed through the development and release of a game each school year.

## **Article 1**

This document shall be inferior to school rules and the direct order of school staff members. This document exclusively addresses the rules and organization of the FISGPC and members should not violate school rules or policies if stated or implied in this document. Any conflicts, ambiguities, or disagreements that arise from this clause shall be settled by the Supervisor of the FISGPC or the highest ranking school official who intervenes or provides guidance. This Article shall be superior to all other articles in this constitution and any amendments to it unless a school administrator or official grants written permission for this article to be removed or changed.

## **Article 2**

The FISGPC shall have a Head of Development who shall have the following responsibilities and powers:

### **Responsibilities:**

1. Administration: To admit new members and grant them access to the collective resources of the FISGPC as well as maintain a database of members information
2. Attendance: To keep records of who attends each meetings as well as what transpires at each.
3. Reporting: To at the request of any current member, produce a report of attendance and contributions to the project
4. Organization: To find and organize the locations of meetings
5. Announcement: To announce to all members the time and location of meetings, any changes to the schedule, and any cancellation of any scheduled meetings
6. Informing: To inform anyone who is prevented from joining under the authority of the Head of Development that they may appeal to the Supervisor who's contact information must be provided

### **Unrestricted Powers:**

1. Cancellation: To cancel meetings that are judged by the Head of Development to be unnecessary, impossible, or unsafe to attend due to weather or other hazards
2. Delegation: To delegate responsibilities of the Head of Development to another member with and only with the consent of that member
3. Centralization: To seize powers delegated under the authority of the Head of Development
4. Management: To organize members, assign tasks, and approve or reject all changes changes to the project
5. Appointment: To delegate the power of Management of a specific part of the project to a member with and only with the consent of that member
6. Dismissal: To dismiss an anyone appointed under the authority of the Head of Development from their post
7. Passive Removal: To remove a member who has not attended any meetings in 6 school weeks, who has been warned 2 school weeks in advance of removal, and who has not expressed a desire to remain a member at any point in the given 6 school week interval
8. Blocking: To stop a former member who was removed from the FISGPC from rejoining
9. Representation: To make statements on behalf of the FISGPC

#### Restricted Powers:

1. Scheduling: To propose changes to the weekly/cyclical schedule
2. Selection: To select what software will be used in development
3. Active Removal: To remove a member who has not attended any meetings in 8 school weeks, who has been warned 4 school weeks in advance of removal.
4. Amendment Proposal: To propose amendments to this constitution

Unrestricted powers can be invoked by the Head of Development at any time. Restricted require 2 out of every 3 members excluding the Head of Development to approve of the action.

### **Article 3**

The FISGPC shall have a Supervisor who shall be selected by the Head of Development and agreed to unanimously by all current members. Once selected the Supervisor cannot be remove from office by the members or the Head of Development unless they fail to fulfil their responsibilities or are unresponsive for more than 5 weeks. The Supervisor remains in office without reauthorization after summer break. The Supervisor has the following powers and responsibilities:

#### Responsibilities:

1. Confirmation: To confirm or deny the reports issued by Head of Development
2. Verify Elections: To oversee and verify the results of an election
3. Facilitate Impeachment: To conduct a referendum on impeachment when presented with a valid petition

#### Powers:

1. Overturning: To strike down the Head of Developments use of the Block power to prevent a removed member from rejoining
2. Call for Elections: To call for an election that will occur no sooner than 2 school weeks after this power is invoked
3. Suspend: To suspend the Head of Development until an election
4. Adopt Amendments: To adopt a proposed amendment to this constitution
5. Removal: To remove a member

### **Article 4**

The Head of Development shall make available to all members an ordered list of succession indicating who should assume the responsibilities of the Head of Development in the event of absence, or vacancy. This list shall include all members and anyone who assumes the role of Head of Development by means other than election shall be prohibited from making changes to this list. New members shall be added to the bottom of this list automatically. Anyone who assumes the office of Head of Development without election shall be referred to as Acting Head of Development

### **Article 5**

Elections for the Head of Development shall be held during the first meeting of the new school year. The Acting Head of Development is responsible for holding this election. The Acting Head of Development is the Head of Development from the previous year or if unable to serve as the Acting Head of Development the member highest on the list outlined in Article 4. This meeting must be announced two weeks in advance. Only

returning members may attend and all returning members are entitled to vote. Any returning member not present shall be provided with recordings of any speeches given by the candidates. All votes shall be digitally submitted within 48 hours of the conclusion of the first meeting. The results must be announced by the Acting Head of Development 72 hours after the conclusion of the first meeting. All votes shall be cast as a ranking from 1 to 5 of each candidate and the winner shall be the member with the highest average ranking. In the event of a tie, if the Acting Head of Development is not one of the tied candidates he/she shall select a winner. Otherwise the Supervisor shall select a winner. If there is a vacancy in the office of Supervisor or the Supervisor is unwilling to select a winner the Acting Head of Development wins the election. The winner become the Elected Head of Development.

## **Article 6**

Any student can request membership. If the Head of Development does not invoke any powers to prevent the applicant from becoming a member within 7 days of receipt then they must be permitted to join. Once a member, membership is guaranteed upon return the following year during the first 5 school weeks of meetings.

## **Article 7**

All data collected about members must be kept confidential and should only be accessible in full by the Head of Development, his/her immediate successor, and the Supervisor. Only by request of a member should any personal details be disclosed and disclosure should only be to specifically indicated parties.

## **Article 8**

Credits shall be included in each game released by the FISGPC. Members may request to have their name omitted or to have a pseudonym used instead. The Head of Development must verify that all pseudonyms are acceptable for all age groups at the school. Anyone who has been appointed under the authority of the Head of Development to manage a part of the project must be acknowledged for their contributions in the credits with a title consistent with their position. Each member shall have at most a single title on the credits and in the event that a member is entitled to more than one, that member shall select the title they want to appear in the credits. Acting Head of Development shall not be included as a title in the credits.

## **Article 9**

Should the members of the FISGPC decide to, they may start a petition to impeach the current Elected Head of Development. Once more than half of all members have signed the petition, the supervisor must verify the petition. Once verified, the supervisor shall announce to all members that the Head of Development has been impeached. A referendum shall be sent to all members within 7 days by the Supervisor to all members asking "Should the Head of Development, <name>, be removed from office?". Members should be able to indicate either yes or no. The members shall have 48 hours to complete the referendum. The results shall be announced by the Supervisor within 72 hours. If more than 2 out of 3 members excluding the Head of Development affirm then the current Elected Head of Development is removed from office.

### **Article 10**

If the office of the Elected Head of Development is left vacant then a election as described in Article 5 shall be conducted by the Acting Head of Development within 3 weeks.

### **Article 11**

Disagreements about the meaning of this constitution shall be settled by the Supervisor. If the office of Supervisor is vacant it must be filled before the disagreement can be settled. If the disagreement is over the selection of the Supervisor then the disagreement will be settled by majority rule.