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**Student Organization Constitution**

**Rose-Hulman eSports Club**

**October 10, 2013**

**PREAMBLE**

We, the members of Rose-Hulman eSports Club at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, have established to host events for students who enjoy eSports of all types, do establish this constitution and subscribe to the regulations and policies of the Institute.

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of this organization shall be Rose-Hulman eSports Club.

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION**

The purpose of this organization shall be to host events such as viewing parties, amateur tournaments, and coaching for the enjoyment of eSports. This organization hopes to bring the Rose-Hulman eSports fans together and allow the shared enjoyment of this new type of sport.

**ARTICLE III**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Discrimination based on race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, citizenship status, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, or sexual identity or expression is strictly prohibited.

**A. Eligibility for membership**

All currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate students at Rose-Hulman shall be eligible for membership.

**B. Criteria for membership**

To become an active member, a student must attend at least three events hosted by the organization per year. If an active member misses six successive events, then the club secretary should record that member as inactive. A member can become active again by attending three more events in a year.

**C. Grounds for removal of members**

A person’s membership can be removed on any of the following grounds:

1. Repeated interference with the purposes of the organization
2. Repeated violation of the constitution and bylaws of the organization.

**D. Procedure for removal of members**

1. To revoke membership of an individual, a club member must request a hearing during which he or she will present evidence as to why another individual’s membership should be revoked.
2. The individual in question will be given an opportunity to argue a defense and offer counter evidence. This individual may also request that his or her defense be presented at the next club meeting if more time is needed to prepare counter evidence.
3. A vote is taken (following the procedures in Article VII Meetings). A 2/3 majority of the votes is required to revoke membership.
4. Revoked memberships may be reinstated upon a 2/3 majority vote by club members at a later club meeting.

**ARTICLE IV**

**OFFICERS**

**A. Officers**

The officers for this organization shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**B. General duties and responsibilities of officers.**

1. The President shall
   1. Preside over all meetings
   2. Serve as facilitator for the planning of activities and events
   3. Serve as spokesperson to all entities not associated with the club or appoint such a spokesperson
   4. Cast deciding votes in case of a tie
   5. Run elections of officers
   6. To compile and present, along with the Treasurer, any budget request to SGA
2. The Vice-President shall
   1. Undertake any duties the President is not able to fulfill
   2. Serve as acting President when the President is absent
   3. Audit the Treasurer’s accounts once per year and submit a report to the President
3. The Secretary shall
   1. Keep minutes and records of all official meetings—this includes maintaining a file of all club reports
   2. Keep an accurate list of members
   3. To prepare club publications as necessary
4. The Treasurer shall
   1. Maintain accurate written records of all funds of the club
   2. Handle financial matters for the club including disbursing funds when authorized by the club
   3. Submit a written monthly report summarizing the club’s financial activity and financial standing
   4. Compile and present, along with the President, any budget request to SGA

**C. Qualifications for becoming an officer**

Any active member of the club is eligible for nomination to an officer position.

**D. Terms of office**

An elected officer’s term lasts one year and begins on the first day of spring quarter following elections. Elections are held as specified in Article V.

**E. Procedure for filling vacated offices**

If an office is vacated, a special election shall be held at the next club meeting. The President may appoint a club member to fulfill the duties of the vacated position until the special election is held.

**F. Grounds for removal of officers**

An officer can be removed from office on any of the following grounds:

1. Repeated failure to fulfill the duties of his or her office
2. Repeated interference with the purposes of the organization
3. Repeated violation of the constitution and bylaws of the organization.

**G. Procedure for removal of officers**

1. To remove an officer, a club member must submit a petition for impeachment to the President (or the Vice President if the President is to be impeached). The petition must be signed by 2/3 of the club’s members. A hearing regarding this petition must be held at the next club meeting. The officer in question must be informed of this hearing to give him or her a chance to prepare a defense.
2. At the impeachment hearing, the member submitting the impeachment petition must present complaints and/or evidence as to why the officer should be removed.
3. The officer in question will be given an opportunity to argue a defense and offer counter evidence.
4. A vote is taken (following the procedures in Article VII Meetings). A 2/3 majority of the votes is required to remove the officer.

**ARTICLE V**

**ELECTIONS**

**A. Timing of elections**

Elections will be held as close to the middle of winter quarter as possible. Because newly-elected officers assume duties on the first day of spring quarter, this timing allows some overlap between old and new officers to facilitate smooth transition of duties.

**B. Nominations**

Prospective officers must notify the President before the election that they intend to run for a given office. Any member may also nominate another member to run for office. The President has the responsibility to confirm that a nominee is willing to accept a nomination before the election takes place.

**C. Notification of elections**

The President must give at least 2 weeks notice to the club members when an election is to be held. This announcement may be via email or other means of notifying all members.

**D. Election procedures**

For an election to be held a quorum is necessary. A quorum is defined as the next whole number above one half of the total active membership. If a quorum cannot be established at an election meeting, then the President may conduct an email election. An email election is valid only if the number of votes cast is greater than or equal to the next whole number above one half of the total active membership.

Voting will be conducted by secret ballot for each office. The Secretary and Treasurer count the votes. Except for the President, each member receives one vote. The President only votes to break a tie.

If more than two candidates are included on the ballot and no candidate wins a majority, then the two candidates receiving the most votes will proceed to a run-off election. A simple majority determines the winner. If in choosing the two for the run-off election, there is a tie for second, the president votes to break the tie.

**ARTICLES VI**

**MEETINGS**

**A. Types of meetings**

There shall be meetings that any member may attend.

**B. Time and occurrence of meetings**

Meetings will be held irregularly based on the eSports seasons as well as our hosted events.

**D. Quorum**

A quorum consists of the next whole number above one half of the total active membership. The purpose of quorum is to insure that enough members are present and expressing their opinions for the decisions made at this meeting to be considered valid and meaningful to the organization.

**E. Meeting minutes and records**

It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to take meeting minutes and keep related records of all meetings (including special and emergency meetings). Minutes will be read or distributed at the beginning of the meeting that follows the meeting from which the minutes were taken. Additions and corrections are to be made at this time and a final approval of the minutes must be made. Meeting minutes should include records as election results, impeachment of an officer, removal of a member, approval of a budget or expense, confirmation of amendment approval, and any other club actions that should be recorded. The Secretary is responsible to store club records and pass them onto the next Secretary.

**ARTICLE VII**

**FINANCIAL RECORDS**

The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining accurate written records of all funds of the club. A montly written report should be distributed to the club members summarizing the club’s financial activity and financial standing.

**A. Dues/membership fees**

There shall be no membership fees.

**B. Budget expenditures**

The President and Treasurer are responsible for authorizing all expenditures and reimbursements. Member voting is not necessary for expenditures, only the shown interest of at least 3 members to host an event with club money. Financial plans are established on a need basis, where the members create new events and the club sponsors those events. Upon dissolution the club shall donate all remaining funds to GamingforGood.net.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**ADVISORS**

**A. Selection of advisors**

The Advisor must be a Rose-Hulman faculty or staff.

**B. Qualifications**

The Advisor is selected based on his/her involvement in the eSports community and willingness to learn about eSports.

**C. Terms of office**

There are no limits on the number of terms an advisor can be active.

**D. Roles and duties of an advisor**

Advisors can perform as many events and meetings as he/she desires. Advisors are expected to guide students while organizing large events and help spread the word about events.

**ARTICLE IX**

**AMENDMENTS**

Any active member may propose an amendment to this constitution by submitting a written proposal at a club meeting. Once an amendment is submitted, the Secretary must distribute it to all the active members. Voting on the amendment will occur at the next meeting as long as that meeting is at least one week from the time that the amendment was submitted. All amendments shall be in agreement with the Institute’s regulations and policies.

Amendments to the constitution shall be approved by a 2/3 vote (rounded up to the next whole number) of all active members. Voting on amendments may be conducted by secret ballot at a meeting or by email.