

Intent of Botball Coalition

Draft Charter of the Intent of Botball Coalition

Preamble

The signing teams of this founding charter resolve upon the creation of the Intent of Botball Coalition (hereinafter IBC), a formal association for Botball teams with the aims to improve the Botball experience and represent the interests of Botball teams and students publicly.

Every signing affiliate team is agreeing to each part of this charter by joining the IBC.

Mission Statement

The mission of the IBC is to represent Botball teams and their interests in front of KIPR and other organizations that are involved in the development, planning, distribution, organization or any other kind of activity of the Botball competition. The IBC aims for a cooperation with these organizations to improve the Botball game as well as the competition and experience for all teams regardless of their state of affiliateship. The IBC is of the students and for the students.

Charter Main Body

- 1) The IBC is a democratic coalition where each affiliate's (team's) voice is counted equal.
 - a) An affiliate is defined as one independent, participating Botball team, or a group of Botball teams working together under one institution.
 - i) An affiliate can be comprised of however many people, nevertheless still being treated as a single unit.
 - ii) Each person within an affiliate will be referenced as a constituent or individual. The IBC aims for representation of all Botball teams. Teams that are not affiliates of the IBC will be represented if their wishes align with the IBC's mission.
- 2) The IBC aims for the improvement of all aspects of Botball for the majority of competing teams.
 - a) Improvement in this context *only* aims to improve the educational experience of Botball as a competition and all of its aspects, rather than to give an advantage to any specific teams.
- 3) The IBC limits itself to only work within the Botball community, whether formal or informal. The IBC will not be involved in other competitions.
 - a) An affiliate's internal affairs should not be influenced by the IBC unless the affiliate has requested for assistance.

- 4) Any active Botball team that embodies the IBC's intentions is eligible to join the IBC. Each affiliate is permitted to leave the IBC at any point.
 - a) ***The IBC Admittance Process requires each new team to complete an application provided by the current IBC chapter, which is located in the Appendix.***
 - b) The IBC season is defined to be from December to September, or before the release of the year's game documents to after that year's GCER. The season defines the terms that the Team Council and the Treasurer Committee serve for; it *does not limit affiliates from joining mid-season.*
 - c) If an IBC affiliate and/or an affiliate's constituents become inactive (e.g graduation of an affiliate or withdrawal of the affiliate or its constituents from the competition), they are open to join the IBC alumni organization described in 8.c.
 - d) Upon withdrawal, the IBC will ask said affiliate to complete a survey to reflect on their participation and provide reasons behind their decision, for the purpose of improving the Coalition in the future.
- 5) Neither the IBC, any of its affiliates, or its members may practice discrimination in any form against any member of the IBC. Any violations of this rule will lead to punishment determined on a case to case basis administered to the offending affiliate or member, with the possibility of temporary or permanent exclusion from the IBC as decided by the body described in 8.b.
- 6) The IBC will act on issues and complaints submitted by the IBC Communication Form, linked in the Appendix or on the website. Anyone can submit a response to the form to:
 - a) Report a team or team affiliate that has violated Article 5
 - b) Express concerns regarding Botball
 - c) General complaints about the IBC and other Botball-related matters
- 7) The IBC may ask affiliates to pay an annual fee. This fee can be set by the Team Council and must be approved by the Team Assembly.
 - a) Funds acquired through this fee may only be used to pay for operating costs of IBC infrastructure.
 - i) Operating costs may include domain registration, website hosting or communication services (E-Mail, Discord, etc.)
 - b) If a team leaves the IBC, paid fees for the current year have to be refunded within 30 days.
 - c) The fee must be mentioned in the appendix of this document.
 - d) All fees must be paid in USD.
- 8) Amendments to this charter may be passed by 2/3 majority through the Team Assembly after being proposed and moderated by the Team Council.

- 9)** The IBC may create the following committees, working groups and bodies with their distinct tasks and duties under this charter:
- a)** IBC Team Council as defined in 10
 - b)** IBC Team Assembly as defined in 11
 - c)** IBC Alumni Assembly as defined in 12
 - d)** IBC Treasurer Committee as defined in 13
 - e)** IBC Technical Working Group as defined in 14.a
 - f)** IBC Game Design Working Group as defined in 14.b
- 10)** The IBC Team Council consists of two delegates per affiliate.
- a)** Its purpose is to set the direction of the IBC as well as its objectives on a regular basis.
 - b)** It puts proposals for vote to the Team Assembly after moderating them.
 - c)** It handles communication with Botball organizations and manages public relations.
 - i)** IBC internal communication is to happen through the official medium that is set by the Team Council in the Appendix.
 - ii)** Communication with Botball organizations may be through any appropriate medium.
 - d)** Each affiliate of the IBC Team Council must have representation on the official discussion medium.
 - e)** The Team Council can—in accordance with the Team Assembly—create or remove roles with justified reasons.
 - f)** Delegates of each affiliate can be any members selected within their team, provided that the delegate has not violated Article 5 under any circumstance.
 - i)** One delegate may hold multiple roles in the IBC.
 - ii)** If a delegate violates Article 5, the council may decide to remove them from their position.
 - g)** All significant meetings, discussions, and decisions within the IBC Team Council should be documented. Documentation should be formatted to primarily address the major developments and concerns and will be posted on the website.
- 11)** The IBC Team Assembly consists of all constituents of all IBC affiliates.
- a)** The Team Assembly only assembles when the Team Council makes a proposal. All decisions are to be decided by simple majorities.
 - b)** Each affiliate has one vote. Therefore, each affiliate has the same voting power, regardless of the size. The vote of the affiliate is decided by the constituents of the affiliate through means decided by the affiliate.
 - c)** Each affiliate and its constituents is free to not vote for or against a decision.

- d) In case of a tie, the voting process will be repeated until a simple majority is reached.
- 12)** The IBC Alumni Council consists of volunteering IBC alumni.
- a) Its purpose is to be a body of advisory for the IBC Team Council and to control the IBC bodies within the regulatories of this charter.
 - b) The Alumni Council holds no power to vote in matters of the Team Assembly.
- 13)** The IBC Treasurer Committee consists of 3 elected volunteers from the pool of existing Team Council members.
- a) All members of the Team Council are eligible to become one of the three volunteers on the IBC Treasurer Committee.
 - b) Its purpose is to control the finances of the IBC
 - c) It reports directly to the IBC Team Council
 - d) The Treasurer Committee is elected by the Team Council.
- 14)** The IBC Working Groups consist of any number of volunteers from every team.
- a) The IBC Technical Working Group provides technical support and analyzes the current state of the technologies used in Botball on a regular basis. It is this group's responsibility to work on and test potential improvements to KIPR technologies, and assist new teams when they have questions about their programming.
 - b) The IBC Game Design Working Group provides support in regards to game rules and analyzes the current state of the Botball game design on a regular basis. It is this group's responsibility to formally review the Botball game design and recommend modifications or additions, as well as interpreting game rules and answering questions new teams may have about the game.

Appendix

- The affiliate fee is set to \$12 per affiliate
- The standard method of internal communication is the IBC Discord
- IBC Admittance Form
- IBC Communication Form

Signatories

.....
Winchester High School Robotics Team

.....
items

.....
Rolla Regional Robotics

.....
robot0nfire

.....
Norman Advanced Robotics

.....
Hillsdale High School Robotics Team

.....
Los Altos Community Team