

Michigan Sports Analytics Society

We, the members of the Michigan Sports Analytics Society, in order to develop a platform for students to collaborate, gain experience, and publish high-level work in the field of sports analytics, do hereby establish this Constitution.

Article I – Name

- 1) The name of the organization will be the Michigan Sports Analytics Society, henceforth referred to as MSAS.

Article II – Mission and Purpose

- 1) MSAS is established for the expressed purpose of assisting members of the University of Michigan community in increasing their experience, knowledge, and skill in using statistics and analytical techniques to analyze athletic competition.
- 2) MSAS understands and is committed to fulfilling its responsibility of abiding by the University of Michigan's policies and procedures.
- 3) MSAS is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, height, weight, or veteran status in its membership or activities unless permitted by university policy for gender specific organizations. Upon joining the organization, all members agree not to undermine the purpose or mission of MSAS.

Article III – Affiliation

- 1) Beginning in the Fall 2019 semester, MSAS will be a Sponsored Student Organization (SSO) under the School of Information and the Sport Management Program in the School of Kinesiology.

Article IV – Membership

- 1) Membership shall be limited to persons officially connected with the University of Michigan as faculty, staff or registered students.
- 2) To become a member, one should contact a member of the MSAS executive board for more information.
- 3) MSAS reserves the right to reserve special opportunities for members who show the highest level of commitment through meeting and event attendance, or the production of substantial work/research in the field of sports analytics

Article V – Officers

- 1) MSAS will be governed by an executive board made up of the following:
 - a) An MSAS President will preside at all club meetings. The President will maintain the power to make the final decision regarding the appointment of new members to the executive board. In addition, he/she shall be present at a minimum of 90% of all MSAS meetings. The President will be responsible for the future direction of the club as well as overseeing the larger events that MSAS is responsible for.
 - b) There will be also be three vice presidents, creating a four-person executive board. Each vice president will be responsible for a specific aspect within the club.
 - a. The Vice-President of Internal Operations will oversee the internal operations of the club, specifically this will include booking rooms for the club's meetings and the responsibility of dealing with the club's funds.
 - b. The Vice-President of External Operations will oversee the external operations of the club, specifically this will include reaching out to potential guest speakers and overseeing communication between the executive board and the rest of the membership.
 - c. The Vice-President of Research will oversee the MSAS research meetings and research projects, which will be separate from the regular weekly MSAS meetings.
 - c) A Vice President shall preside at all meetings and functions that the President cannot attend.
 - d) The role and duties of the faculty/staff advisors will mainly involve providing counsel to the organization's executive board and assisting with the planning of larger-scale MSAS events.

Article VI – Operations

- 1) Replacing members of the Executive Board
 - a) If there is a vacancy in one of the positions on the executive board (i.e. a past member has graduated from the university), the remaining members of the executive board will hold interviews for all other members who are interested in filling that vacancy.
 - b) There will be a sign-up process for the interviews, and the interviews will be announced at least two weeks before they are to take place.
 - c) After the interviews, the remaining members of the executive board, with the help of the faculty advisors if needed, will decide which members will fill the vacant spots on the executive board.
- 2) Meetings
 - a) All meetings will occur at a time decided on by the MSAS executive board and communicated to the rest members along with a rough agenda of the current week's meeting. Meetings will roughly follow the procedure set forth below:
 - ii) Report/updates by the President
 - iii) Presentation from the executive board, presentation of a student research project, or a guest speaker
 - iv) Open discussion about different sports analytics topics prepared by the executive board
 - v) Any other business
 - vi) Dismissal by the President
- 3) Child organizations
 - a) Any registered club on campus can create a proposal to become a child group of MSAS.
 - b) Child organizations allow for a specific area of sports analytics to be investigated further while receiving support and recognition from MSAS.
 - c) MSAS leadership will decide on whether to accept a club's proposal to become a child organization.
 - d) Current child organizations of MSAS are listed below:
 - i. M-FANS (Michigan Football Analytics)
 - ii. M-SABR (Michigan Sabermetrics)
- 4) Research Meetings
 - a) MSAS will hold bi-weekly research meetings separate from our weekly MSAS meetings.
 - b) The purpose of the research meetings will be for the executive board to provide help and instruction in basic analytical techniques through different tutorials and learning modules
 - c) Once a member has attended research meetings for a semester, they will be able to participate in a student research project and will possibly have the opportunity to present their work to faculty from one of the club's sponsoring units.

Article VII – Finances

- 1) MSAS finances will be handled by the Vice-President of Internal Operations with oversight provided by the MSAS President and the faculty advisers.

Article VIII – Constitution

- 1) The MSAS constitution shall be ratified annually by the members of the executive board.

Article IX – Amendments

- 1) This constitution is binding to all members of MSAS, but the constitution is not binding unto itself.
- 2) Amendments to the constitution may be proposed in writing by any active member of MSAS.
- 3) A proposed amendment must receive signatures from at least 5 active members of MSAS (including the author of the proposed amendment).
- 4) Upon receipt of the proposed amendment with the required number of signatures, the amendment shall be discussed by the executive board and voted on at a subsequent MSAS meeting.
- 5) The details of the amendment and the date of the meeting in which the amendment vote will occur must be announced 1 week (7 days) prior to the meeting
- 6) The measure must be approved by $\frac{2}{3}$ of the present and active MSAS members in order to take effect.

Article X – Removal of Membership

- 1) Removal of members of the executive board
 - a) Any member of the MSAS executive board in violation of the club's purpose or constitution may be removed from office by the following process:

- i) A written request by at least three members of the organization.
 - ii) Written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next meeting and to be prepared to speak on his/her own behalf.
 - iii) A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of present and active members is necessary to remove the officer.
- 2) Removal of a member
 - a) Any member of MSAS may be removed by the following process:
 - i) A written request by at least three members of the organization.
 - ii) Written notification to the member of the request, asking the member to be present at the next meeting and to be prepared to speak on his/her own behalf.
 - iii) A one-half (1/2) majority vote of present and active members is necessary to remove the member.
 - iv) Members may also be removed by a majority vote of the executive board (3/4) with no prior notification.
 - v) Terminated members will be banned from attending MSAS meetings and other MSAS events unless reinstated by a majority vote (3/4) of the executive board.

Article XI – Registration Renewal

- 1) MSAS will re-register with the Central Student Government on an annual basis, no later than the deadline set by the Central Student Government.

Article XII – Statement of Compliance

- 1) By completing the registration process, we agree to abide by the University's policies. We understand that the organization's registration is contingent on the acceptance of these policies.