

Quizbowl Team at the University of Washington Constitution

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Article I - Name

Section 1 - The name of this organization shall be Quizbowl at the University of Washington.

Article II - Purpose

Section 1 - It shall be the purpose of this organization to compete in buzzer-based competitions ("quizbowl") against other colleges and universities from around the country. This organization will strive to improve its knowledge by regularly practicing playing such competitions, and ultimately will attempt to compete on a national level at national competitions. This organization will also help promote quizbowl in the Pacific Northwest by periodically hosting quizbowl tournaments for other colleges and universities in the region.

Section 2 - It shall also be the purpose of this organization to promote quizbowl in the Pacific Northwest by hosting at least two high school tournaments each academic year.

Article III - Affiliations

Section 1 - This organization is not affiliated with any national organization. However, this organization strives to attend and host tournaments run by National Academic Quiz Tournaments (NAQT), Academic Competition Federation (ACF), and International Quiz Bowl Tournaments (IQBT), as well as any other national quizbowl organizations that develop.

Article IV - Membership

Section 1 - The majority of the membership of this organization shall consist of regularly enrolled undergraduate and graduate students of the University of Washington. Only those members who are currently registered University of Washington students have voting privileges.

Section 2 - University staff and faculty, and non-University persons may have associate member status. However, they may not have voting privileges.

Section 3 - There shall be no eligibility requirements except stated in Sections 1 and 2 to join the club. However, preference will always be given to members who regularly attend meetings and club-held tournaments in regards to selection of teams for tournaments by the officers.

Section 4 - We verify that selection of members shall not involve hazing of any kind, nor will selection discriminate against others based on race, color, creed, religion, national origin, citizenship, sex, pregnancy, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, disability, or veteran status.

Article V - Officers

Section 1 - The officers of this organization shall consist of: A President, a Treasurer, a College Tournament Coordinator, High School Tournament Coordinator, Events Coordinator, and a Public Relations Officer (see 1f). All officers are expected to regularly attend practices and tournaments. At practices, Officers are expected to contribute to running practices. A full position description of each officer type can be found in the Quizbowl Officer Description

document.

Section 1a - The President shall be the chief officer of the club. The President is responsible for sending out online communication messages to the club. The President is also the chief student responsible for running practices, and will do so when an adviser is not present. Additionally, the president shall keep in contact with the other officers to keep abreast of issues such as budget, recruiting, and upcoming tournaments. The president is responsible for attending RSO Orientation meetings.

Section 1b - The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining the club's finances. The Treasurer also will be the acting president if the President is unable to perform their duties. The Treasurer will manage the club's budget and advise the President on funds available for attending/hosting tournaments, as well as miscellaneous expenses. The Treasurer is responsible for depositing any money obtained from tournaments hosted by the club, and for paying tournament registrations at tournaments hosted by other clubs. The Treasurer will also be in charge of crafting a budget each year and submitting it to the appropriate authorities.

Section 1c - The College Tournament Coordinator is responsible for organizing all UW-run college quizbowl tournaments, and is the default Tournament Director for all UW-run college quizbowl tournaments. The College Tournament Coordinator is also the liaison between UW and other college quizbowl programs, as well as national college quizbowl organizations.

Section 1d - The High School Tournament Coordinator is responsible for organizing all UW run high school quizbowl tournaments, and is the default Tournament Director for all UW run high school quizbowl tournaments. The High School Tournament Coordinator is also the liaison between UW and other High School quizbowl programs, as well as national High School quizbowl organizations such as NAQT.

Section 1e - The Events Coordinator is responsible for all intra-club events outside of official practices. The Events Coordinator is responsible for organizing and running intra-club competitions and tournaments, as well as obtaining packets and prizes for these events. The Events Coordinator is also responsible for unofficial practice events, such as seasonal parties and member presentations. The Events Coordinator is also responsible for managing unofficial club-written packets and housewrites, and while non-officer members may organize such packets, the Events Coordinator must schedule and oversee their readings.

Section 1f - The Public Relations Officer can be split into two positions if desired: Social Media Officer and Webmaster. The Webmaster shall be responsible for regularly maintaining the club's website, and the Social Media Officer maintains the club's social media (including Instagram and Discord). The Webmaster should make sure that the website is updated with the time and location of club practices, and that it contains a list of the current officers of the club. The Webmaster is also responsible for uploading stats from a tournament held at University of Washington in a timely manner.

Section 1g - Other Officers without Portfolio can be elected if desired.

Section 2 - There are no special eligibility requirements for holding office. All regularly enrolled undergraduate and graduate students in the club are eligible to run for any one office. An individual may hold one or two offices.

Section 2a - Two-office combinations can only be held if one of the roles is a Public Relations role. Exceptions to the above may also be made as necessary to ensure that the officer corps is prepared to address any deficiencies in their function.

Section 3 - Each office shall consist of a term from the day after Commencement to Commencement of the following year. There are no restrictions on how many times a club member can run for or hold office.

Section 4 - An officer can be removed from office following a vote of impeachment for at least two-thirds of members present at a club meeting. The impeachment must be confirmed by a quorum as defined in Article VI, Section 3. The office will be filled according to the policies of Article VI, Section 2.

Article VI - Elections

Section 1 - Selection of officers shall be held by the last practice of the spring quarter. If no officers have been selected by the start of the fall quarter, then elections shall be held at a practice in week 1. Elections will not be held during the summer quarter or during breaks. Elections must be run by an officer who is not running for re-election.

Section 2 - Any vacant office is to be filled immediately at the next club meeting by the voting practices outlined in Article VI, Section 3.

Section 3 - In order to conduct elections, an adviser or an officer will send out an appropriate announcement, either via email or other club media, to the club alerting them of an upcoming election, and announcements will also be made at practices leading up to the election. In order for an election to take place, there must be a quorum of members voting.

Section 3a - A quorum will be defined as one more than the number of officers in the officer corps.

Section 4 - Elections will be held using Ranked Choice Voting. In Ranked Choice Voting, voters rank all candidates in order of their approval for the role. Voters have the option to rank candidates in order of preference: first, second, third and so forth, but are not obligated to rank all of the candidates. If a voter's first choice does not have a chance to win, that voter's ballot counts for their next choice.

Section 4a - If a candidate wins the election for more than one role, they are offered all positions, and must select one or two of the offered positions to fill, in accordance with Article V, Section 2a. Candidates will be contacted in the order the positions are listed in Article V.

Article VII - Meetings

Section 1 - Regular meetings of this organization shall be held twice a week, except on holidays and finals week. Meetings will be scheduled and posted through the club's online communication, and the general schedule of meetings will also be posted on the club's website each quarter. Meetings during breaks and the summer quarter will be held so long as there is interest amongst at least one officer and three other club members.

Article VIII - Executive Board

Section 1 - Management of this organization shall be vested in a board of executives made up of the Officers of the club. The roles of members of this board are described in Article V.

Article IX - Advisers, Sponsors

Section 1 - There shall be any number of non-student advisers to the club. Advisers are appointed to help the club by a vote from the majority of the Officers. An adviser will continue their role so long as they maintain interest and a majority of the Officers do not vote to remove them. Advisers will be responsible for helping run practices, recruit members, and provide guidance to members of the club. Advisers may play at open tournaments with the club at the discretion of the Officers and the tournament directors.

Section 2 - There may be at least one faculty sponsor for the club. If there is no current faculty sponsor, one may be sought out by the Officers. The Officers will vote on a sponsor if more than one is interested. A sponsor will serve as long as they are interested and so long as a majority of the officers decide not to remove the sponsor. The sponsor shall be responsible for helping the club recruit members and helping the club reserve rooms. The sponsor may optionally help the club out at practice and help staff tournaments held at the university.

Article X - Dues

Section 1 - Members shall not have to pay any regular dues, but specific instances described in Article XI, Section 2 may require members to pay dues for specific events.

Section 2 - Members may be required to pay for personal travel and registration expenses at certain tournaments, agreed upon by the Officers of the club before a tournament.

Article XI - Constitutional Amendments

Section 1 - The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds approving vote from a quorum of membership as defined in Article VI, Section 3 at any regular or special meeting.

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Our organization verifies our operating practices are not in conflict with the Registration requirements in Articles I, IV, and VIII, nor are they in conflict with the SAO Policy Guide and other University of Washington requirements.

Phoebe Chu, Club President
04/20/2026

Name, Signature, Title of Registering Officer (may use Adobe Digital signature)
Date (DD/MM/Year)

This constitution is valid from date of signature above for three academic years. If any modification or changes are made, please sign and date below and upload to your RSO

HuskyLink account.

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Date (DD/MM/Year)