

## **History Club of the Newark Campus**

### **Code of Conduct**

As members of an official organization of The Ohio State University and the Central Ohio Technical College, we are required to follow the “Student Code of Conduct.” As stated in the “Introduction” of the “Student Code of Conduct:”

The code of student conduct is established to foster and protect the core missions of the university, to foster the scholarly and civic development of the university's students in a safe and secure learning environment, and to protect the people, properties and processes that support the university and its missions. The core missions of the university are research, teaching and learning, and service. Preservation of academic freedom and free and open exchange of ideas and opinions for all members of the university are central to these missions.

In addition to the reasons delineated above for responsible conduct, remember that you are representatives of the finest university on the face of the earth. Your actions not only impact you. They also impact your fellow club members and The Ohio State University and Central Ohio Technical College as a whole.

Please note that you are required to abide by the “Student Code of Conduct” at all History Club events. This includes club meetings, fieldtrips, fundraisers, and all club-sponsored activities. All guests that club members invite to participate in club activities must also abide by these rules.

#### **Pertinent Sections of the “Student Code of Conduct:”**

- A. Endangering health or safety:  
Taking or threatening action that threatens or endangers the safety, physical or mental health, or life of any person, whether intentionally or as a result of recklessness or gross negligence.
  
- B. Sexual misconduct:  
Physical contact or other non-physical conduct of a sexual nature in the absence of clear, knowing and voluntary consent. For the purposes of this rule, consent shall be defined as the act of knowingly and voluntarily agreeing verbally or non-verbally to engage in sexual activity. An individual cannot consent who is obviously incapacitated by any drug or intoxicant; or who has been purposely compelled by force, threat of force, or deception; or who is unaware that the act is being committed; or whose ability to consent or resist is obviously impaired because of a mental or physical condition; or who is coerced by supervisory or disciplinary authority.
  
- C. Destruction of property:  
Actual or threatened damage to or destruction of university property or property of others, whether done intentionally or with reckless disregard.

- D. Dangerous weapons or devices:  
Use, storage, or possession of dangerous weapons or devices including, but not limited to, firearms, fireworks, and knives unless authorized by an appropriate university official or permitted by a university policy. **Please note: although the state of Ohio has now authorized qualified individuals to carry concealed weapons, The Ohio State University and Central Ohio Technical College prohibits guns on all campuses as well as at university functions. You may not bring any weapons, even with a proper permit, to club events.**
- E. Dishonest conduct:  
Dishonest conduct, including, but not limited to, knowingly reporting a false emergency; knowingly making false accusation of misconduct; misuse or falsification of university documents by actions such as forgery, alteration, or improper transfer; submission to a university official of information known by the submitter to be false.
- F. Theft/unauthorized use of property:  
Theft or attempted theft, or the unauthorized use or possession of university property or services, or the property of others.
- G. Failure to comply with university or civil authority:  
Failure to comply with legitimate directives of authorized university officials, law enforcement or emergency personnel, identified as such, in the performance of their duties, including failure to identify oneself when so requested; or violation of the terms of a disciplinary sanction.
- H. Drugs:  
Use, production, distribution, sale, or possession of drugs in a manner prohibited under law. **Please note: This includes not only illegal drugs but also prescribed medication and over-the-counter drugs used in inappropriate ways.**
- I. Alcohol:  
Use, production, distribution, sale, or possession of alcohol in a manner prohibited under law or applicable university policy. **Please note: According to university policy, any person who consumes alcohol must be at least twenty-one years of age and may not consume more than one drink (a “drink” is defined as alcohol equal in alcohol content to twelve ounces of beer) per hour.**
- J. Unauthorized presence:  
Unauthorized entrance to or presence in or on university premises. Please note: this also holds true for private property.
- K. Disorderly or disruptive conduct:  
Disorderly or disruptive conduct that unreasonably interferes with university activities or with the legitimate activities of any member of the university

community. Please note: this also holds true for university activities held off campus.

L. Hazing:

Doing, requiring or encouraging any act, whether or not the act is voluntarily agreed upon, in conjunction with initiation or continued membership or participation in any group, that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm or humiliation. Such acts may include, but are not limited to, use of alcohol, creation of excessive fatigue, and paddling, punching or kicking in any form.

M. Violation of university rules:

Violation of other published university regulations, policies, or rules, or violations of federal, state, or local law. These university regulations, policies, or rules include, but are not limited to, those which prohibit the misuse of computing resources, sexual harassment, rules for student groups or organizations, and residence hall rules and regulations.

N. Riotous Behavior

1. Participation in a disturbance with the purpose to commit or incite any action that presents a clear and present danger to others, causes physical harm to others, or damages property.
2. Proscribed behavior in the context of a riot includes but is not limited to:
  - a. Knowingly engaging in conduct designed to incite another to engage in riotous behavior; and
  - b. Actual or threatened damage to or destruction of university property or property of others, whether done intentionally or with reckless disregard; and
  - c. Failing to comply with a directive to disperse by university officials, law enforcement or emergency personnel; and
  - d. Intimidating, impeding, hindering or obstructing a university official, law enforcement or emergency personnel in the performance of their duties.
3. This rule shall not be interpreted as proscribing peaceful demonstrations, peaceful picketing, a call for a peaceful boycott, or other forms of peaceful dissent.

In addition to the “Student Code of Conduct,” as a university organization, the History Club must abide by the rules for Student Organizations. Among the most pertinent rules are the following:

1. No gambling may take place at a club-sponsored event.
2. No alcohol consumption can take place at a club-sponsored event, unless a majority of participants are over twenty-one years of age and only if alternative beverages are provided for non-drinkers. Any person who consumes alcohol must be at least twenty-one years of age and may not consume more than one drink (a “drink” is defined as alcohol equal in alcohol content to twelve ounces of beer) per hour.

To view the “Student Code of Conduct” and rules for student organizations in their entirety, see The Ohio State University’s website.

If a club member is caught violating any of the rules listed above, they will be removed immediately from the History Club. If any of these rules are broken on club outings, including at fundraising activities and on fieldtrips, the offending person will immediately be required to leave the event. On fieldtrips, this may involve the cancellation of the trip for EVERY participant. The club advisor will also pursue charges with local law enforcement authorities (if warranted) and with university officials.

Remember, we all want to have fun. These rules are in place to guarantee that we will all have fun in a responsible manner.