

Constitution of the Meridian High School Games Club of Meridian High School

ARTICLE I - Name

Meridian High School Games Club

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to:

- A. Our purpose is to promote good sportsmanship, moral conduct, intellectual growth, and community responsibility through games and social interactions.
- B. The games that will be promoted in the Meridian High School Games Club will include: card games (ex. Uno), logic and strategy games (ex. Sudoku), and board games (ex. Chess). The stated games are examples of the activities that the Meridian High School Games Club will sponsor, other games that promote the Meridian High School Games Club's stated purpose can be played so long as they are not:
- C. Gambling, Role Playing (Dungeons and Dragons type games), and video games. These are expressly not part of the Meridian High School Games Club activities.

ARTICLE III - Affiliation

Section 1 This organization shall operate according to the most current regulations and policies of the Idaho State Board of Education, Meridian High School, the Meridian Board of Trustees, and of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Meridian High School, and in compliance with all local, state, and federal laws regardless of contradictory material that may be in this document.

Section 2 This organization is not affiliated with any regional or national group

ARTICLE IV - Nondiscrimination

This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of

- age
- race
- color
- religion
- gender
- national origin
- ancestry
- disability
- sexual orientation
- political affiliation

ARTICLE V - Membership

Section 1 The President of this Chapter must be a full time student of Meridian High School.

Section 2 All remaining officers and voting members of this organization shall be students or staff of Meridian High School Members of this organization shall be voluntary participants in the organization activities.

Section 3 All members must abide by the provisions of the constitution and bylaws of this organization.

Section 4: Active membership for student members is dependent on good academic standing.

A: Good academic standing is defined as:

a: passing all classes with no grades of D or F.

B: Grade checks of members will be conducted on the first Tuesday of each month.

C: Students who are found to be academically ineligible will:

a: be given a one week grace period to raise their grades

b: be suspended from club activities until the next grade check if after the one week grace period grades are not raised.

c: be provided with a tutor during club meeting times to aid in raising grades.

D: The Advisor is the officer who will determine academic ineligibility.

Section 5: Members must sign a copy of the club constitution to be held on file with the club secretary.

Section 6 Members must pay yearly dues.

Section 7 In the case of financial hardship the Advisor may waive dues.

Section 8: Any member may be expelled from club membership due to cheating, theft, unsportsmanlike conduct, or gambling.

ARTICLE VI - Removal of Members

Section 1 Grounds for removal: Any member not fulfilling the requirements as outlined in this Constitution Article 5, or in the Bylaws of this organization to the satisfaction of the voting membership or violating Meridian High School policy or the Student Code of Conduct may be removed from membership. A 2/3 majority vote of the total voting membership shall be required for removal of any member.

Section 2 Notice of charges: The motion to remove a member from this organization must be presented in writing to the total voting membership 3 school days before the meeting at which the removal will be voted on.

Section 3 Right to a fair hearing: The member subject to removal shall have the right to present his/her case to the membership at the meeting in which the voting for removal is to take place.

Section 4 Right to appeal: Appeals relating to the removal of members shall be done through the ASMHS Student Council. Appeals must be made within two weeks after the vote for removal has taken place.

Section 5 Form of vote: All voting under this Article shall be done by secret ballot.

ARTICLE VII – Meetings

Section 1 Quorum: To conduct business 12 members of the total voting membership must be present at the meeting. A simple majority of the total voting membership must be present for all elections.

Section 2 Voting percentages: Motions dealing with amendments and the removal of officers or members will require a 2/3 majority vote of the total voting membership. All other motions will require a simple majority vote of the quorum to pass.

Section 3 Frequency of meetings: This organization shall meet at least 5 times each semester. The President or a 2/3-majority of the total voting membership may call emergency meetings. Verbal notice of organizational meetings shall be given to all members at least 2 days prior to such meetings. Verbal notice of special or emergency meetings shall be given to all members 2 days in advance.

Section 4 Parliamentary authority: The Constitution of this organization shall be the supreme authority in parliamentary procedure at all meetings. The Bylaws of this organization, if and when they exist, shall be the next highest authority. [Robert's Rules of Order] shall be the procedure used to conduct meetings except where it conflicts with the Constitution or with the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII - Elections

Section 1 Types of elections: General elections will be held to replace officers whose terms are due to expire. Special elections shall be held when an office is vacated in midterm.

Section 2 Nomination of candidates: A candidate for office must be nominated by a voting member during the meeting held during the third full week of every semester in the case of general elections or during the meeting immediately prior to special elections.

Section 3 **Time of elections:** General elections shall be held during September and February and special elections shall be held as necessary.

Section 4 **Form of vote:** Voting under this Article shall be by secret ballot.

ARTICLE IX - Officers

Section 1 **Elected Officers: The officers of this organization will be:**

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Advisor-non-voting officer

Section 2 **Qualifications:** The President of this Chapter must be a student at Meridian High School, and must maintain a minimum of 2.0 cumulative GPA.

All remaining officers must be students at Meridian High School, and must maintain a minimum of 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Section 3 **Term of office:** An officer shall serve for semester from his/her swearing-in, or until his/her successor is appointed or elected.

Section 4 **Duties:** The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

A. The President:

1. Shall be the chief executive officer of the organization and shall preside over meetings.
2. Shall submit the names of all officers of the organization to the Student Activities Office not more than four weeks after the beginning of the fall semester and within ten days of any election.
3. Shall submit additional information as it is required to the Student Council.
4. Shall assist the Advisor and the Treasurer in preparation of requests for funding from the Associated Students of Meridian High School, and shall sign said requests.

B. The Vice President:

1. Shall assume the duties of the President during his/her absence [and shall succeed to that position in the event that it becomes vacant, until a special election can be held.]
2. Shall be responsible for writing the Bylaws of this organization and for presenting them for approval to the total voting membership.

C. Secretary:

1. The Secretary shall keep accurate records for the club including but not limited to meeting minutes, membership, signed constitutions, member academic eligibility reports.

D. The Treasurer:

1. Shall be the financial officer of the organization.
2. Shall report an accounting of revenues and expenses upon request at any organizational meeting.
3. Shall prepare, at the end of each school year, all financial records for audit.
4. Shall assist the Advisor and the President in preparation of requests for funding from the Associated Students of Meridian High School, and shall sign said requests.

E. Any additional duties of the officers will be outlined in the Bylaws of this organization.

ARTICLE X - Executive Committee

- Section 1 Responsibility: Management of this organization shall be vested in an Executive Committee responsible to the entire membership to uphold this constitution.
- Section 2 Membership: Membership shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, one member-at-large, and the Advisor as an ex-officio, non-voting member.
- Section 3 Meetings: The Executive Committee shall meet at **least once a month to organize** and plan future activities and agenda items for meetings.
- Section 4 Quorum: A quorum of this committee shall consist of 2/3 of members.

ARTICLE XI - Removal of Officers

- Section 1 Grounds for removal:** Any officer not fulfilling his/her duties as outlined in this Constitution Article IX, Section 4, or in the Bylaws of this organization to the satisfaction of the voting membership or who has violated a High School policy or the Student Code of Conduct, may be removed from office. A 2/3 majority vote of the total voting membership shall be required for removal of any officer.
- Section 2 Notice of charges:** The motion to remove an officer from his/her position must be presented in writing to the total voting membership 1 weeks before the meeting at which the removal will be voted on.
- Section 3 Right to a fair hearing:** The officer subject to removal shall have the right to present his/her case to the membership at the meeting in which the voting for removal is to take place.
- Section 4 Right to appeal: Appeals relating to the removal of officers shall be done through the ASMHS Judiciary.** Appeals must be made within two weeks after the vote for removal has taken place.
- Section 5 Form of vote:** All elections under this Article shall be done by secret ballot.

ARTICLE XII - Advisor

- Section 1 Selection: This organization shall annually designate an Advisor(s)** at the time of the regular organization elections. Said Advisor(s) shall have no voting privileges.
- Section 2** The Advisor must be a part-time or full time teacher, administrator, or staff member of Meridian High School.

ARTICLE XIII - Financial Support

The finances of this organization will come from fund-raising projects, individual contributions, dues, the Associated Students of Meridian High School.

ARTICLE XIV - Committees

Section 1 The President shall have the authority to appoint any special committees, with the approval of the Executive Committee that will meet the needs of the organization.

Section 2 These committees may include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. Membership Committee which is responsible for membership drives
- B. Publicity Committee which responsible for all advertisement of club activities.
- C. Fund Raising Committee .
- D. Social Committee .

ARTICLE XV - Bylaws

Section 1 Provision for bylaws:

- A. This organization may approve bylaws for the specific operation of the organization.
- B. No bylaw shall be adopted that is contrary to the provisions of this Constitution.

Section 2 Vote Required:

- A. The organization may adopt, amend or rescind any bylaw by a 2/3 vote of the membership.
- B. Any proposed bylaw must be publicized in writing to the members at least one week prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted upon.

ARTICLE XVI - Amendments

Section 1 A proposed amendment must be adopted in accordance with Article VII, Section 2 and amendments to this Constitution must be approved by the Associated Students of Meridian High School Student Council to become effective.

When amendments to this Constitution are presented to the ASMHS Student Council, the entire document must be brought to compliance with all current Meridian High and ASMHS policies.

Section 2 A proposed amendment this Constitution must be presented to the total voting membership in the form of a written motion at least 7 days before it is to be voted on.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADOPTION

Approved by the student organization on (date): _____

Number voting in favor of this constitution: _____

Number voting against this constitution: _____

Number abstaining: _____

Total members: _____

ENACTMENT

Approved by ASMHS Student Council on: 10 / 4 / 06
by a vote of: 7 - 0 - 0

Signature of ASB President: Jessica Ingursoll

Signature of ASB Secretary: Sara Stule

Signature of Principal: G. Stander

Signature of School Board Member: _____