

The Constitution for the Club: **Pair-a-Dice Gaming**

Article 1: Name

The association will be officially and formally named “**Pair-a-Dice Gaming**”. The official acronym referring to the club will be “**PAD**”. It may also be referred to as “Pair-a-Dice”, “Pair-a-Dice BGC”, “PADBGC”, or “Club”. No other terms shall be used to represent Pair-a-Dice Gaming in any manner.

Article 2: Purpose Statement

The objective for the existence of Pair-a-Dice Gaming is:

- I. To allow students access to board games which they can play with their peers,
- II. To offer students a comfortable, safe, and friendly and yet competitive environment in which to meet new people and make new friends,
- III. To facilitate the development of cooperative, strategic, abstract thinking, and deductive skills as well as an understanding of statistical probability, and
- IV. To draw together a group of people who share a passion for, and common interest in, playing board games.

Article 3: Membership and Membership Fee

Voting membership for Pair-a-Dice Gaming is open to all registered students of the University of Toronto and only registered students of the University of Toronto. Non-voting membership is open to all University of Toronto staff, faculty, alumni, and to persons from outside the University. Unless otherwise stated, non-voting members do not hold any rights awarded to voting members. Only U of T students are permitted to run, nominate, and vote in elections and constitutional amendments. General members consist of members that have given their name, student number, and signature. If the signature cannot be physically obtained, their name and student number will suffice. Membership is granted to all regardless of ability, culture, gender, race, religion, socioeconomic status, or sexual orientation.

A membership fee will be set by the executive committee at the beginning of every academic year, and the fee is non-refundable at any point in time. The current membership fee is set to zero dollars (\$0). Both voting and non-voting members are required to pay the membership fee, which is paid once and is valid from September 1st until April 30th. The membership fee is reduced to half if a person joins the Club between January 1st and April 30th.

Article 4: Executive Committee

With the new campus-wide recognition (since 2016 and to be renewed annually), the Pair-a-Dice Gaming executive positions are extended to any registered University of Toronto student. All voting members of the Pair-a-Dice Gaming Executive Committee must be currently registered students of the University of Toronto. All voting positions on the Executive Committee shall be filled through an annual election. Staff, faculty, or alumni of the University of Toronto may hold non-voting positions in the executive committee. Non-voting positions are limited to either one (1) or ten percent (10%) of the executive committee. The executive committee consists of the President, the Vice President(s), Treasurer, and the Executive Moderators.

THE PRESIDENT

Each year the executive committee may vote for one (1) President. The fiduciary duties of the President include:

- I. Casting votes at committee meetings,
- II. Overseeing and supervising other executive members,
- III. Financial and signing authority for Pair-a-Dice Gaming,
- IV. Creating the budget alongside the Treasurer,
- V. Purchasing board games and/or authorizing the purchase of board games,
- VI. Managing emails,
- VII. Access to all lockers,
- VIII. Chair of all meetings,
- IX. Must re-apply for Club Recognition with USMC, Ulife, and UTSU (each year),
- X. Create a contract documentation no later than the end of September (of his/her term) to be signed by all Executive members (the President, the Vice-President(s), and the Executive Moderators), and
- XI. Create an application for the position of Executive Moderators for the next academic year prior to the election day.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT(S)

Each year the executive committee may vote on whether they would like one (1) Vice-President or two (2) Co-VP's. In an event where two (2) Vice-Presidents are elected, the duties of the Vice-President are split equally amongst the two Vice-Presidents. The fiduciary duties of the Vice-President(s) include:

- I. Casting votes at committee meetings,
- II. Overseeing and supervising Executive Moderators (EM),
- III. Managing social media accounts,
- IV. Access to lockers,
- V. Maintaining the condition of the games which includes bookkeeping, and labeling,
- VI. Monthly reviews of moderators,
- VII. Must be present at an event or a meeting unless a President is present, only then the VP is not obligated to be there,
- VIII. If a VP is running an event or meeting, they become first point of contact at said event and responsibility falls upon them, and
- IX. Responsible for the completion and renewal of co-curricular record (CCR) for each member of Pair-a-Dice BGC.

THE TREASURER

Each year the executive committee may vote for one (1) Treasurer. The fiduciary duties of the Treasurer include:

- I. Casting votes at committee meetings,
- II. General financial oversight including
 - A. Funding
 - B. Fundraising
 - C. Sales
 - D. Donations
 - E. Reimbursements,
- III. Keeping records of all incomes and expenses,
- IV. Presenting club financial health at the annual general meeting,
- V. Financial and signing authority alongside the President, and

- VI. Making and enforcing a budget alongside the President.

THE EXECUTIVE MODERATORS

Students may apply to become an Executive Moderator (EM) and is accepted by the current academic year's President if the applicant satisfies the requirements¹. An EM is only officially a part of the committee when the applicant has returned the signed contracted documentation. The fiduciary duties of the EM include:

- I. Reporting to the Vice-President(s),
- II. At every meeting or event, creating an environment that is safe, inclusive, welcoming, and fun for all participants,
- III. Moderating and teaching board games for participants who require the assistance, and
- IV. Promotion of events and meetings.

Article 5: Committee Meetings

These committee meetings are for executive members only. There will be at least one general meeting per school year. The President, Vice-President(s), and Treasurer have the right to call a committee meeting and must do so at least seven days in advance. Minutes are recorded to the Pair-a-Dice Google Drive account at each meeting.

- I. President, Vice-President(s), and Treasurer must have monthly meetings to report Club progress and discuss next-steps for the month,
- II. Vice-President(s) must hold monthly meetings with the Executive Moderators to discuss their availabilities and duties for the following month; President may be present to oversee the meeting, and
- III. Additional meetings may be called if needed.

Article 6: Election of Executives

All voting positions on the Executive Committee shall be filled through an **annual** election held near the end of winter semester.

THE PRESIDENT:

Any member of Pair-a-Dice Gaming can be nominated as President as long as they meet the following requirements:

- I. A current University of Toronto student,
- II. An official member of Pair-a-Dice Gaming at the point of nomination, and
- III. Holds no other financial signing authority in any other Student Group during their time as President.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT(S):

Any member of Pair-a-Dice Gaming can be nominated as Vice-President as long as they meet the following requirements:

- I. A current University of Toronto student, and
- II. An official member of Pair-a-Dice Gaming at the point of nomination.

THE TREASURER

Any member of can apply to become a Treasurer if the applicant satisfies these requirements:

- I. A current University of Toronto student,
- II. An official member of Pair-a-Dice Gaming at the point of nomination, and

¹ * Detailed *requirements* are described in *Election of Executives* section.

- III. Holds no other financial signing authority in any other Student Group during their time as Treasurer.

THE EXECUTIVE MODERATORS:

Any member of can apply to become an Executive Moderator if the applicant satisfies these requirements:

- I. A current University of Toronto student, staff, faculty, or alumni, and
- II. Accepted by the current President at the point of the applicant's submission.

THE ELECTION PROCEDURE:

The election is to be lead by a member of the current executive committee and the election must proceed as follows:

- I. Call for nominations for each executive title (do one title at a time),
- II. Any contenders of the vote count have the right to speak why or why not a person should be elected and must be done before the voting occurs,
- III. The planning and administration of the election shall not be conducted by any member seeking election,
- IV. For an individual to be elected as part of the executive committee, there must be a clear majority (60%) of votes for the nominee,
- V. All members of the club, executive and general members, have the right to vote, excluding non-voting members,
- VI. If there are multiple nominees, the leader of the meeting can call for an open or closed vote for the nominees,
- VII. Any issues must be settled in the duration of the meeting,
- VIII. At the end of the election, the new executive committee for the upcoming academic year will be announced, and
- IX. The new executive committee shall be announced to all members of the Club through the electronic mailing list no later than seven days after the day of the election.

Article 7: Impeachment of Executive Members

Any member of Pair-a-Dice Gaming who commits an act negatively affecting the interests of the Club and/or its members may be given a notice of impeachment. Executive members of the committee may be impeached if he/she/they do not perform their fiduciary duties. An impeached individual will have the right to defend his/her/their actions before the executive committee of the Club at an organized meeting arranged by the President and Vice-President(s). A clear majority vote (60%) of the executive committee present will result in the removal of the impeached individual from the executive board and he/she/they will lose any privileges with the Club.

Article 8: Procedure to Amend the Constitution

Changes to the Constitution may be proposed by any member of Pair-a-Dice Gaming. The proposed changes must be approved by the executive committee through voting with a clear majority (i.e. at least 60% to be considered a clear majority). The constitution will then be amended by the current President and changes will then be sent to the executive committee to be approved. After the changes have been approved, the current President must re-submit the new Constitution to USMC, Ulife, and UTSU.

Article 9: Finances

The Treasurer shall keep records of all income and expenses. The Treasurer shall present the group's financial health at the annual general meetings. The President, Vice-President(s) and Treasurer will vote on expenditures of over \$100.00 by majority vote at an executive meeting.

The group's executive and general members may not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature. This is not intended to preclude the collection of membership fees to cover the expenses of the group, or of charges for specific activities, programs or events, or to prohibit groups from engaging in legitimate fundraising. However, the group will not have as a major activity a function that makes it an on-campus part of a commercial organization, will not provide services and goods at a profit when that profit is used for purposes other than those of the organization, and will not pay salaries to some or all of its officers.

Article 10: Social Media

Pair-a-Dice Gaming is currently on Gmail, Facebook, Instagram, and Reddit. Each year the previous President will pass on the authority of the social media accounts to the current President for the upcoming academic year. It is up to the future President to change the social media passwords if they so deem necessary. These accounts should not be used for personal means, but as a formality to communicate with members and promote the Club. Inappropriate usage of social media accounts could be grounds for impeachment.

- I. Gmail: pairadicebgc@gmail.com
- II. Facebook: www.facebook.com/PairADiceBGC/
- III. Instagram: @pairadicebgc
- IV. Reddit: pairadicebgc

Article 11: Agency Clause

Pair-a-Dice Gaming is not an agent of the University of Toronto Students' Union, and its views and actions do not represent that of the University of Toronto Students' Union. Furthermore, Pair-a-Dice Gaming is not an agent of the St. Michael's College Students' Union, and its views and actions do not represent that of the St. Michael's College Students' Union.

Article 12: Club Culture

Our club is committed to maintaining a sustainable, equitable, and inclusive environment. To achieve this, all members of Pair-a-Dice gaming will pledge to do their best and reflect these values in our daily activity:

- I. **Equity and inclusivity:**
We will welcome diversity and strive to create a comfortable and safe environment for all students, regardless of their abilities, culture, gender identity, race, religion, and sexuality
- II. **Sustainability:**
We will strive to minimize our community and environmental impact
- III. **The University of Toronto's Student Code of Conduct:**
We will abide by the U of T Student Code of Conduct

This Constitution of the Pair-a-Dice Gaming Club was written by the executive committee, acting on the behalf of all the members of this Club, on September 25th, 2011 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. This constitution was revised by the current executive committee on January 21st, 2023 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

