

# **The Blue Devil Smash (BDS) Constitution**

## Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be Blue Devil Smash of UW-Stout.

## Article II: Purpose

Section 1: The purpose of this organization is to organize tournaments for various games in the Super Smash Bros. video game series and other fighting games. Additionally, the organization will host events related to the competitive scene of these games, such as viewing parties for major tournaments and arranging transportation to tournaments outside of Stout. This club is tailored for players interested in the competitive aspects of Super Smash Bros. and other fighting games, as well as those interested in casual gameplay.

## Article III: Membership

Section 1: Blue Devil Smash will not discriminate against any individual based on race, sex, religion, ancestry, age, veteran status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, income, physical ability, or political ideology, unless specified in the governing documents of the organization or pursuant to exceptions recognized by university, local, state, or federal laws and ordinances.

Section 2: Membership will be tracked on CONNECT – with any UW-Stout student is eligible to become a member. Voting privileges will be given to members that attend at least two meetings per semester.

## Article IV: Officers

Section 1: Officers of the Organization shall be as follows:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Statistician
- Graphic Artist
- Video Manager
- Social Media Manager

Section 2: Duties of Officers.

- All Officers:
  - Run official organization tournaments (should primarily oversee tournament management). This involves creating the bracket, telling people when they have to play their match, and progressing the bracket at a quick pace.
  - Manage a fair number of brackets to distribute responsibilities evenly among officers.
  - Set schedules for events organized by Blue Devil Smash, including trips to other tournaments.
  - Avoid granting special privileges to members based on their preferred games.
- Document past experiences and recommendations to streamline responsibilities for current and future officers.

- President:
  - Requirements:
    - Must have been a member of Blue Devil Smash for at least one year
  - Mandatory Functions:
    - Reserve rooms for meetings.
    - Complete organizational renewal at the beginning of each year.
    - Attend the Leadership Summit
  - Job:
    - Oversee the club and all officers, ensuring that each officer fulfills their responsibilities.
    - Manage the organization's email account and keep all members informed of important updates and communications from the email account.
    - Manage tournaments affiliated with the club at each PONG LAN.
    - Set schedules for events and trips.
    - Coordinate with external groups, such as The Melee Games.
    - Keep officers informed of management-related situations.
- Vice President:
  - Requirements:
    - Must have been a member of Blue Devil Smash for at least one semester.
  - Mandatory Functions:
    - Attend the Leadership Summit if the President is unavailable.
  - Job:
    - Assist the President in running tournaments, ensuring that the bracket progresses smoothly.
    - Assume the duties of the President in their absence.
    - Communicate with other officers about weekly meetings, announcements, quorums, elections, and management meetings.
- Treasurer:
  - Requirements:
    - Must have been a member of Blue Devil Smash for at least one semester.
  - Mandatory Functions:
    - Attend the Attend to Spend meeting.
    - Attend budget-related sessions and hearings.  
(Contingency/Annual Budget Informational Sessions/Hearings)
  - Job:
    - Create a semester budget, prioritizing reimbursement for gas money and event fees. Use remaining funds for additional needs, such as apparel and new equipment.
    - Obtain funds from the university and organize club fees and fundraisers if necessary.
    - Assist members with obtaining personal equipment for setups (e.g., TVs, systems).

- Statistician:
  - Requirements:
    - Must have been a member of Blue Devil Smash for at least one semester.
  - Mandatory Functions:
    - N/A
  - Job:
    - Manage the ranking website, including seeding and updates.
- Graphic Artist:
  - Requirements:
    - Must have been a member of Blue Devil Smash for at least one semester.
    - Preferably an art student or have a suitable portfolio.
  - Mandatory Functions:
    - N/A
  - Job:
    - Work closely with the Social Media Manager.
    - Create and update graphic design materials as needed (e.g., banners, posters, stream overlays, power ranking images).
    - Members may suggest designs, but this officer is responsible for creating them.
- Video Manager:
  - Requirements:
    - Must have been a member of Blue Devil Smash for at least one semester.
    - Own a decent computer and be willing to transport it to events.
  - Mandatory Functions:
    - N/A
  - Job:
    - Must arrive an hour before every meeting to ensure equipment is prepared ahead of time.
    - Operate streaming and recording equipment, ensuring it runs properly.
    - Upload videos to YouTube in a timely manner.
    - Potentially collaborate with the Social Media Manager on additional video content (e.g., combo videos, player interviews).
- Social Media Manager:
  - Requirements:
    - Must have been a member of Blue Devil Smash for at least one semester.
  - Mandatory Functions:
    - N/A
  - Job:
    - Work closely with the Graphic Artist.
    - Recruit new members for the organization.
    - Manage social media activity, including posting updates about meetings, events, and notable achievements.

- Handle marketing tasks, such as printing posters and promoting the organization on campus.
- Possibly assist in creating additional video content.

### Section 3: Election of officers:

Elections will be held in the spring. Candidates must be members of Blue Devil Smash for at least one semester before holding office. All members with voting privileges are eligible to vote. Members may nominate themselves, and elections will occur two weeks after the nomination period. A meeting will be set for candidates to present their ideas. Members may nominate themselves for multiple positions but may only be elected to one.

Section 4: Officers will assume office at the end of April to facilitate transition workshops with outgoing officers and will serve for one year.

### Article V: Removal of Officers

Section 1: Officers failing to fulfill the given responsibilities and duties may be removed by the regular members of the Organization.

Section 2: Removal requires a 2/3 vote of a quorum after the officer has been notified in writing at least seven business days prior to the vote. The officer will be given 10 minutes to present their case before the vote.

### Article VI: Replacement of Officers

Section 1: If the Presidential position becomes vacant, the Vice President will immediately assume the role.

Section 2: Vacancies in other executive board positions will be filled through the normal election process.

### Article VII: Advisor

Section 1: The advisor must be a faculty or staff member of the University of Wisconsin – Stout.

Section 2: The advisor provides guidance, direction, and continuity to the organization.

Section 3: The advisor will be selected unanimously by the officers as soon as the position is vacant.

### Article VIII: Meetings

Section 1: A general meeting will be held at least once every other week unless a special circumstance arises. Meetings may be held online if necessary.

Section 2: A quorum consists of 2/3 of regular or executive members.

Section 3: A quorum must be present for official business, including elections, member bans, and other major decisions. Decisions will be made by a majority vote of the attending members.

### Article IX: Amendments

Section 1: Amendments require 7 days' notice before discussion and voting.

Section 2: Amendments require a 2/3 vote of a quorum for adoption.

#### Article X: Committees

Section 1: Officers may create any committees, whether standing or special, to further the organization's purpose.

#### Article XI: Conduct

##### **Section 1: Member Conduct**

- Members are encouraged to participate with enthusiasm and excitement. However, excessive profanity will result in a warning from an officer.
- Members must keep matches cordial. Disruptive behaviors like rage quitting, trash talk, and excessive noise will lead to disqualification, with repeated offenses potentially resulting in extended exclusions or removal from the club. Warnings and suspensions for disruptive conduct will be private, with public disclosure only for severe cases.
- To ensure a comfortable atmosphere for all, members exhibiting excessive odor may be subject to removal from the premises at the discretion of the governing body.

##### **Section 2: Officer Responsibilities**

- Officers are authorized to remove any member or fellow officer from the weekly meeting if their behavior is disruptive or disrespectful.
- Officers must prioritize the enjoyment of club members by adhering to preassigned schedules, including start times and disqualification (DQ) timers.
- In case of technical or other difficulties, officers should focus on maintaining the event's continuity. They may convene privately to address and resolve issues constructively.