***Article I: Name***

**"The name of this organization shall be The Ethical Eating Club at Iowa State University."**

***Article II: Purpose***

**Our primary focus is vegetarianism/ veganism, but given the complex nature of the issues at hand and the plethora of subcategories, we broaden the scope of our club to supporting any and all steps towards a more moral way of eating. Our goal is thus to open-mindedly and inclusively advocate a rational, ethical approach to all aspects of one’s diet. In other words, although we mainly support vegetarianism/veganism, we will still be accepting of all and promote friendly interpersonal debate/discussion.

Our main activities will be activism and education related, and we would also like to lobby for change at on/off campus food retailers.

Our meetings (whether weekly or bimonthly), will focus on planning the above events/activities as well as advancing our own understanding of the issues at hand.**

***Article III: Statement of Compliance***

* **Section One: The Ethical Eating Club abides by and supports established Iowa State University policies, State and Federal Laws and follows local ordinances and regulations.**
* **Section Two: The Ethical Eating Club agrees to annually complete President’s Training, Treasurer’s Training and Advisor Training (if required)**

***Article IV: Non-Discrimination Statement***

**·**       **Iowa State University and The Ethical Eating Club do not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information or status as a U.S Veteran**

***Article V: Membership***

**As a member, one is asked to attend meetings on a somewhat regular basis, pay dues if required, and actively support projects. Membership will be revoked by 3/4 vote of officers plus 2/3 vote from the general membership if actions are deemed inappropriate by the membership.**

 ***Article VI: Risk Management***

**·**   **In the absence of a club desire for a separate risk management officer, the president shall undertake the following duties.**

**·**       **The role of the risk management officer is to [a] help minimize potential risks for club activities, [b] recommend risk management policies or procedures to (name of student organization), [c] to submit documentation to ISU’s Risk Management Office and [d] to ensure that Iowa State University policies are followed at all of the organization’s events and [e] to ensure that proper waivers and background checks are on file with Risk Management for events (if applicable).**

***Article VII: Officers***

**·**         **Officer Duties and Term of Service**

**In the absence of a resignation or impeachment, terms of service for all officers are a full academic year. Listed below are positions and duties.**

* **President**
	+ **lead club meetings and activities**
	+ **Ensure that the organization is operating in conformity with the standards set forth by Iowa State University and Student Activities Center**
	+ **represent club on campus**
	+ **maintain contact with advisor**
	+ **other duties listed here**
* **Treasurer**
	+ **Keep accurate records of club financial transactions**
	+ **Collect dues when necessary**
	+ **Solicit additional funding from Student Government**
	+ **Preside over any other club financial transactions such as fundraising or payments**

**·**         **Method of election of officers**

**Election of officers will require a majority vote from the general membership by hand vote. If a candidate fails to receive a majority of votes, a runoff election will be held with the top two candidates that received the most votes. Members interested in becoming an officer must meet academic requirements as established by the Student Organization Recognition Policy. Although highly recommended to only have person for each officer position, multiple people may hold an office (besides Treasurer) upon 4/5 vote from the members.**

**·**         **Date(s) for election of officers**

**Elections occur toward the end of spring semester.**

**·**         **Impeachment/Removal of officers**

**Impeachment proceedings begin with support of 1/2 of the other officers, or 2/3 of the club members. The trial occurs the next meeting, and impeached must be given notice and allowed to defend themselves at the meeting. A secret ballot vote of 3/4 of the officers or 3/4 of the members results in an impeachment.**

**·**         **Replacement of officers**

**In the case of an impeachment, a replacement is elected using regular election procedures for the remainder of the term of service.**

**·**         **Minimum Cumulative GPA for Officers**

**The officers of this organization must meet the following requirements:**

**(a) Be in good standing with the university and enrolled: at least half time (six or more credit hours), if an undergraduate student (unless fewer credits are required to graduate in the spring and fall semesters) during the term of office, and at least half time (four or more credits), if a graduate level student (unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement) during their term of office.**

**(b) Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) as stated below and meet that minimum GPA in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment, the semester of election/appointment and semesters during the term of office. For undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, the minimum GPA is 2.00. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration.**

**(c) Be ineligible to hold an office should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in (a) and (b)."**

***Article VIII: Advisor(s)***

**·**         **Adviser Duties**

* **Keep in communication with president**
* **Supervision of financial activities**
* **Attempt to attend at least several club activities throughout the year**

**·**         **Method of election/selection of advisor(s)**

**Potential advisors are nominated by any officer and approved by 2/3 vote from general membership. Multiple advisors are possible but not recommended.**

**·**         **Advisor(s) Term of Service**

**Once appointed and in the absence of impeachment, the advisor’s term is at their leisure.**

**·**         **Impeachment/Removal of Advisors**

**Impeachment proceedings begin with support of 2/3 of the officers, or 3/4 of the club members. The trial occurs the next meeting, and advisor must be given notice and allowed to defend themselves at the meeting. A secret ballot vote of all of the officers or 3/4 of the members results in an impeachment.**

**·**         **Replacement of Advisors**

**In the case of an impeachment, a replacement is elected using regular election procedures for the remainder of the term of service.**

***Article IX. Finances***

**·**         **"All monies belonging to this organization shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established for this organization at the Campus Organizations Accounting Office and/or approved institution/office (must receive authorization via Campus Organizations Accounting Office). All funds must be deposited within 48 hours after collection. The Adviser to this organization must approve and sign each expenditure before payment."**

**·**         **Description of dues**

**At the point of formation, $5 dues per member per semester are required ($10 per year of membership)**

**·**   **General description of finances**

**The club’s finances shall be managed by the treasurer, who will provide regular reports at meetings. Majority votes can be taken as to the allocation of funds.**

**·**   **Upon potential dissolution of club**

**The remaining club funds will be donated to a charity of the club’s choice.**

***Article X. Amendments & Ratification***

**Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by a 2/3 majority of the members, and must be ratified by a 3/4 majority. Amended or ratified constitution will be submitted within 10 days to Student Activities Center for approval.**