**Turning Point USA at Iowa State University Constitution**

**PREAMBLE:**

Turning Point USA is a student organization that exists to educate students about limited government and fiscal responsibility.

**ARTICLE I – ORGANIZATION**

**Section I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be Turning Point USA at Iowa State University.

**Section II. Mission Statement**

Turning Point USA educates students about the importance of fiscal responsibility, free markets, and limited government. Through non-partisan debate, dialogue, and discussion, Turning Point USA believes that every young person can be enlightened to true free market values.

**Section III. University Registration**

The organization shall be independent in its decision-making in accordance with the national Turning Point USA organization. The Executive Board will register the Club or apply for its recognition as a registered student organization.

**ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP**

**Section I Voting Members**

Membership in the club shall be open to all full-time and part-time Iowa State University students who have attended at least one meeting and remain in good standing with the national organization and university.

**Section II Associate Members**

Associate membership in the organization shall be open to any individual who demonstrates an interest and willingness to support the purposes and objectives of the Club but does not attend the University. Associate members may take part in all activities and privileges of the club, though are not permitted to vote or hold officer positions.

All membership shall be determined without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, veteran status, handicap status, or disability.

**Section III Statement of Compliance:**

Turning Point USA abides by and supports established Iowa State University policies, State and Federal Laws and follows local ordinances and regulations. Turning Point USA agrees to annually complete President’s Training, Treasurer’s Training and Adviser Training (if required).

**Section IV Non-Discrimination Statement:**

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

**ARTICLE III. OFFICERS**

**Section I. Governance**

The affairs of the Club shall be managed by its Officers. Officers shall have the general power to manage and control the affairs and property of the Club, adopt rules and regulations governing the actions and activities of the Club, and delegate its authority to officers or committees.

**Section II. Positions**

The Club shall be comprised of an odd number of officers with no fewer than three serving at a given time. This will include; President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Additional positions may be created as is deemed necessary and voted on by the Club.

**Section III. Tenure and Elections**

Elections shall be held between December 1st and January 31st of each calendar year. Officers must make the names of officer candidates available to all voting members, no less than one week prior to the election. Officers shall serve one calendar year beginning on the day of their election.

**Section IV. Duties of Officers**

Duties of Club officers include, but are not limited to:

* Method of election of officers— Secret ballot vote.
* Impeachment/Removal of officers— An impeachment would occur with a decision made by other officers/a majority vote from the organization’s members for offenses such as excessive absence at meetings, or rash behavior towards other members (yelling, swearing, not allowing open discussion).
* Minimum Cumulative GPA for Officers—

The officers of this organization must meet the following requirements:

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.

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.

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

President:

* Preside over meetings
* Coordinate all activities within the chapter
* Act as a liason between the chapter and outside entities
* Attend University function which require a club representative
* Work with other officers to determine the overall direction of the Club
* Report to the national organization
* Appoint members to officer positions in the event of resignation or removal before the next election cycle

Vice President:

* Carry out any duties of the President in the event of the President’s inability to carry them out
* Replace the President in the event of the President’s removal or resignation
* Maintain decorum at meetings
* Work with the other officers to create a schedule of events and activities

Treasurer/Risk Manager:

* Serve as a signatory on the chapter’s bank account
* Manage the finances of the club
* Ensure debts are paid on time
* Work with other officers to prepare budgetary and fundraising plans
* 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)

Advisor:

* Adviser Duties— The duties of the adviser include attending meetings if desired, and attending large events hosted by the organization on campus as well as helping to create the events themselves and help get them approved.
* Method of election/selection of adviser(s)— The President and Vice President will choose the adviser and it will be approved by a majority vote of the organization’s members.
* Adviser(s) Term of Service—The adviser will be serving until year-end but is eligible to serve year after year if desired.
* Impeachment/Removal of Advisers— Impeachments will occur by a majority vote of the organization and its members. The President and Vice President will decide if the impeachment process is necessary (if an adviser is not doing their job.)
* Replacement of Advisers— An advisor will be replaced if he/she is not fulfilling his/her duties.

**Section V. Removal of Officers**

Officers may be removed from their position by a majority vote of the remaining officers AND a 3/4 vote by voting members in the Club. In the event of an officer removal or resignation, the vacancy shall be filled by an appointment made by the remaining officers.

**Section IV. Meetings.**

The Club shall have meetings no less than once a month and more often as the Club officers deem necessary.

**ARTICLE IV - BOOKS AND RECORDS**

**Section I. Books and Records**

The Club shall keep correct and complete books and records of financial accounts, and also shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its membership meetings.

**Section II 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.

no dues will exist for members of this organization.

**ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1. Amendments to Constitution**

This Constitution may be altered, or amended and new Bylaws may be adopted by the affirmative vote of 67% or higher of the officers and 75% or higher of all voting members in attendance. Officers wishing to amend the Constitution must inform all members of a vote no less than two weeks prior to the vote.

**Section II. Club Requirements**

Regardless of changes to the Constitution, the following must remain:

* At least three officer positions, comprised of President, Vice President, and Treasurer must exist.
* Officer elections must be held between December 1st and January 31st of each calendar year with officers serving for one year.