

# Beachside Barracoders - Bylaws

## Article I: Name & Purpose

### Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the "Beachside Barracoder's Coding Club," hereinafter referred to as the "Club".

### Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of the Club is to allow students to explore and develop their proficiency in computer programming. Members of all skill levels collaborate on projects, learn the Python coding language, and participate in club-held competitions. The Club maintains a focus on creativity, teamwork, and innovation, and the Club fosters a supportive environment that encourages students to develop their coding skills while simultaneously enjoying their learning experience.

## Article II: Membership

### Section 1: Eligibility

All students currently enrolled at Beachside High School must follow the guidelines below to be eligible to join the Club:

- 1) The student must have no outstanding student offenses recorded on their Beachside High School student records, which includes, but is not limited to, disciplinary referrals and in-school suspensions, to become eligible.
- 2) The student must have a stable mode of transportation arranged for upcoming meetings in accordance with the dates outlined in Article IV Section 1 to become eligible.
- 3) The student must read and agree to the Club bylaws to become eligible.

This club is obligated to grant membership to those displaying an interest in coding, computer technology, or Hackathon participation regardless of current technological proficiency. The student will be permitted to join regardless of their enrollment in the Beachside I.T Academy or other similar tech-focused associations at Beachside High School.

## Section 2: Member Rights and Responsibilities

All members of the Club are entitled to participate in all activities the Club provides, which includes but is not limited to: Meetings, Group Projects, Fundraisers, Service Projects, or Hackathons.

All members are responsible for adhering to the following rules to participate in the Club:

- 1) The member must treat all school property, computer equipment, event property, and classroom technology with utmost care, and must avoid negligence, endangerment, or outright destruction of such.
- 2) The member must refrain from vulgarity and profanity, written and oral, during Club meetings and events. The member must avoid any offensive or discriminatory symbols or remarks towards other individuals.
- 3) The member must use Club equipment, information, and accesses solely for educational purposes, or purposes explicitly outlined by the Club president, and must not be used to perform school-inappropriate, offensive, or illegal activities.
- 4) The member must refrain from neglecting or misusing the classroom environment or third party environment, and must only treat the environment as outlined explicitly by the Club Advisors, Club president, or third-party host.
- 5) The member must adhere to the instructions given by officers, Advisors, and third-party hosts during each meeting and event. Partaking in any activity considered recreational when not explicitly given the permission to pursue such by officers, Advisors, and third-party hosts is not permitted.

## Section 3: Banishment

Any member of the Club can be permanently removed from all future club activities, participation in the club itself, or both if the member breaches any student responsibility outlined in Article II Section 2, breaks the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and Internet Safety Policy Guidelines attached to the bylaws, or receives a registered student offense on their Beachside High School student records during their membership in the Club.

# Article III: Officers

## Section 1: Officer Positions

The Club shall hold the following officer positions during the 2025-2026 Beachside High School year: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Event Manager, and Social Media Manager. All current individuals holding these officer positions are outlined in Article VIII.

## Section 2: Officer Duties

The following descriptions dictate the roles and responsibilities each officer is obligated to pursue.

- 1) President - The President shall serve as the chief executive officer of the Club, presiding over all meetings, providing overall leadership and direction, coordinating Club activities, and ensuring the development and distribution of relevant Club materials.
- 2) Vice President - The Vice President shall assist the President in the execution of their duties and take the responsibilities of the President in their absence.
- 3) Secretary - The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining accurate and organized club records, including the Club's calendar, attendance records, and member contract info. The secretary shall also over manage all internal and external communication and documentation of Club events
- 4) Treasurer - The Treasurer shall manage all financial matters of the Club, including maintaining up-to-date financial records, overseeing budgeting, processing transactions, and identifying funding opportunities such as grants or sponsorships.
- 5) Event Manager - The Event Manager shall be responsible for planning, coordinating, and executing Club events, including workshops, hackathons, competitions, and activities with other organizations. They shall ensure all logistical needs are met and events run smoothly.
- 6) Social Media Manager - The Social Media Manager shall oversee the Club's digital presence, including the operation of the Club's official social media accounts (e.g. the Club Instagram, @bhs\_barracoders). They shall ensure the communications are engaging and representative of the Club's mission and values.

## Section 3: Officer Elections

Officer elections shall be held at the end of each school year. Any active member is eligible to run for an officer position who has attended at least 50% of meetings and events. Election procedures shall be determined by a common vote by the Club's participating members on the day of the elections and communicated to all Club members in advance. All officer positions will be up for reelection during the final months of the school year, except for the president, who will serve a temporary three-year term from 2024 to 2027 to help establish, stabilize, and further develop the club. Candidates are entitled to make a speech or an oral presentation using virtual slides detailing which position they are running for and why, although it is not an obligation and shall not be unfairly forced onto specific individuals.

# Article IV: Meetings

## Section 1: Regular Meetings

The Club shall hold regular meetings every Thursdays after school hours from 4:10 PM to 5:00 PM EST, except in cases where member availability is impacted by scheduled tests, holidays, or other school-related or external conflicts..Reminders regarding each meeting shall be distributed as follows: four days prior, one day prior, and on the day of the meeting. These reminders will be sent out via both direct communication and social media platforms, coordinated by the Social Media Manager. Attendance will be recorded at each meeting by the Secretary. All Officers are expected to attend regular meetings unless they have received prior approval for their absence.

## Section 2: Special Meetings & Events

Special meetings and events must be planned and scheduled no fewer than three weeks in advance, with the exception of third-party Hackathons or externally hosted events. Examples of special meetings include, but are not limited to: Holiday celebrations, Hackathons, coding workshops, and other occasions that can warrant special designation. Such events must be approved by the appropriate leadership and communicated clearly to all members and officers at least a week prior to the event's designated time.

# Article V: Activities and Projects

The Club shall engage in a variety of activities and projects related to coding and computer programming with a primary focus on Python. These include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Collaborative group projects that encourage teamwork, innovation, and creative/practical problem-solving
- 2) Hosting guest speakers from colleges and the tech industry to provide more insight on the field
- 3) Organizing workshops to improve Club members understanding of Python and advancing their technical skills
- 4) Collaborating and partnering with other school clubs and organizations interdisciplinary projects and initiatives
- 5) Hosting inclusive coding competitions to promote engagement, challenge participants, and celebrate achievement in programming

# Article VI: Adoption of Amendments

## Section 1: Amendment Requirements

These bylaws may be amended by complying to the Amendment Requirements, following the Amending Process, and completing an Amendment Ratification, as outlined in Article VI Sections 1, 2 and 3 respectively.. Any member of the Club is entitled to the ability to create an amendment proposition under the strict compliance to all of the following guidelines:

- 1) The amendment submitted must not be impossible, unreasonable, excessive, or satirical in nature, and must clearly and honestly reflect the opinions and values of the proposer.
- 2) The amendment submitted must not exceed 650 words. Any amount of words exceeding this figure will lead to dismissal.
- 3) The amendment submitted must not indirectly or directly cause a person harm, distress, property damage, or death.
- 4) The amendment submitted must be fairly and indiscriminately applied to all members of the Club, unless aimed towards those of a specific position or role, and must not be submitted for the pursuit of specific self-interest or personal gain.
- 5) The amendment must be submitted respectfully and formally, and must not contain any derogatory or otherwise offensive language, remarks, or tones. Any proposals aimed at slander or libel of a Club member or officer will be dismissed.
- 6) The amendment submitted must be in English or any other acceptable language explicitly outlined by the Club president.
- 7) The amendment submitted must not reveal personal information or identification of the proposer or other individuals, with the exception of the proposer's name and email, and must not infringe on another individual's privacy or rights.
- 8) The amendment submitted must be considered an appropriate piece of student writing for an educational environment, as outlined by the St. Johns. County School Code of Conduct.
- 9) The amendment submitted must be communicated to the current Club president in writing, and will be immediately removed if acted on by any other officer or Club member.

Upon receiving and viewing the proposed amendment, the Club president will be immediately obligated to either allow or refuse the amendment to be cast. If the president approves the amendment's casting, the president will choose a reasonable time during any upcoming Club meeting to hold a common vote, and the proposed amendment will be communicated to all members a week prior to the president's chosen date.

## Section 2: Amending Process

All amendments must properly follow the requirements outlined in Article VI Section 1, where compliance of such will lead to a common vote in favor of the proposed amendment by all participating Club members during the selected voting date and time.

## Section 3: Amendment Ratification

These bylaws shall be considered ratified upon approval by a two-thirds vote of the participating Club members present at the vote in the meeting where a quorum of 15 members is met, where the vote formally ends at the end of the meeting and the amendment, if ratified, becomes effective immediately after. Ratification of any amendment will be followed by a formal change to the written bylaws and an equal and true display of the updated bylaws to each participating member of the Club the following meeting.

## Article VII: Advisors

The Club shall have one or more designated Beachside High School Faculty Advisors who will serve as mentors between the Club and the Beachside High School Administration. The Faculty Advisors will provide ongoing guidance, support, and oversight to ensure that all Club activities align with school policies and regulations.

The responsibilities of the Faculty Advisors shall include but are not limited to:

- 1) Attending regular Club meetings and events as feasible.
- 2) Offering advice and guidance on Club operations, event planning, and organizational matters.
- 3) Ensuring that all Club activities are conducted in a safe, respectful, and school-appropriate manner.
- 4) Assisting in securing necessary approvals for Club events and initiatives.
- 5) Supporting the Club in seeking funding or resources when appropriate.

## Article VIII: Current Officers

### Section 1: Current Officers - 2025/26

The list of officers outlined in Article VIII Section 2 will not change until a proceeding election has been finished, and the officers are replaced or re-elected. All current officers must be shown in Article VIII Section 2, and must be updated at the beginning of each Beachside High School year in accordance with the newest officers.

## Section 2: Officer Oath

All officers shall be required to provide their signature below at the beginning of the Beachside High School year. By providing the officer's signature on the designated line below, each officer formally agrees to both comply with their duties and responsibilities of their elected position as outlined in Article III Section 2, but to additionally accept the below oath, which serves as a sign of the officer's full commitment to uphold the standards, mission, and expectations of the Club for the duration of their term. Failure to provide a signature and/or failure to follow with the responsibilities outlined in Article III Section 2 and/or the oath will be considered a breach of this contract and will lead to immediate termination. The oath is as follows:

*"I do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully execute the responsibilities of my office, uphold the values and goals of this Club, and serve its members with integrity, dedication, and respect. I pledge to perform my duties to the best of my ability, to work collaboratively with my fellow officers and members, and to represent the Club in a manner that reflects positively on our school and community. I pledge to use my position of office to solely and effectively develop the Club and commit to helping all members with their Club and learning experiences. I make this commitment freely and honorably."*

1) President: Joshua Worthington

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2) Vice President: Lance Strong

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3) Secretary: Giovanni Nodal

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4) Treasurer: Kingston Eng

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5) Event Manager: Zachary Garland

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6) Social Media Manager: Angelo Vuong

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