CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be: Club Mario

Section 2. The purpose of this organization is to provide University students with exciting, and rewarding opportunities. Goals of the organization include providing members with an “alternative” to the stereotypical expenditure of leisure time. Club Mario will provide members with the opportunity to play new and classic forms of electronic entertainment, as well as provide a creative atmosphere where members are encouraged and assisted in designing and creating projects (games) that fit their own specific area of interest.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Club Mario will maintain a policy of open membership. Official Members will consist of registered Michigan State University students. However, non MSU students will not be barred from participation in club activities, but will also not be granted any voting rights nor have the ability to serve as a club officer. No person shall be denied membership on the grounds of age, color, gender, handicapper status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or weight.

Section 2. In order to become a member of Club Mario, a participant must be active in all or most of the club activities. Attendance at meetings is a requirement to remain in good standing. In addition, members must follow all Club rules set forth in the organizational Constitution. Failure to participate in club activities, meetings, and follow stated rules will result in membership revocation.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 1. Club Mario will maintain a 6 officer system.

President (hereafter known as Head Plumber): The Head Plumber shall serve for one year from September 1 to August 31.

Vice President (hereafter known as Plumber’s Brother): The Plumber’s Brother shall serve for one year from September 1 to August 31.

Enforcer (hereafter known as Thwomp): The Thwomp shall serve for one year from September 1 to August 31.

PR Liaison (hereafter known as Mushroom Retainer): The Mushroom Retainer shall serve for one year from September 1 to August 31.
Treasurer (hereafter known as **Coin Block**): The Coin Block shall serve for one year from September 1 to August 31.

Scribe (hereafter known as **Letter from the Princess**): The Letter from The Princess shall serve for one year from September 1 to August 31.

**Section 2.** Only active members of good standing will be permitted to nominate, vote, and be elected during Officer Elections. The office of Head Plumber must always be decided first and foremost. Elections will consist of open nominations, followed by short speeches presented by all nominees. Self nomination is permitted. Voting will consist of a secret ballot, and require a simple majority of members present. Upon election of Head Plumber, the Head Plumber themselves is given the option to select their own Plumber’s Brother. This option may be waived however, and in such case, an election identical to the aforementioned election will take place to determine the Plumber’s Brother. Following the election/appointment of Head Plumber and Plumber’s Brother, elections will follow for Thwomp, Coin Block, Letter from the Princess and Mushroom Retainer, in the aforementioned fashion.

**Section 3.** Each officer will have specific responsibilities granted to them by their term in office.

Head Plumber: Shall convene and preside over meetings. Will also reserve a tie breaking vote in all disputes and stalemate situations. Will also have power to set specifics regarding Club Operations. *See Article IV*

Plumber’s Brother: Shall be in charge of keeping meetings and events running on time, and in an efficient manner. Will also gain all the rights granted to Head Plumber in the case of absence of the Head Plumber

Thwomp: Shall be in charge of enforcing all constitutional rules, as well as all game play rules.

Mushroom Retainer: Shall be in charge of public relations. Will also act as a liaison between the Club and its members when dealing with the general public.

Coin Block: Shall be in charge of maintaining all monetary funds used in organization activities. Will give a report at each meeting detailing all monies entering and exiting the organization account.

Letter from the Princess: Shall be in charge of recording official meeting minutes. Will also be in charge of organizational archives.

**Section 4.** In the event that an officer fails to perform their duties in a manner deemed acceptable by Club members, officers may be removed at any meeting by vote of the general membership. A replacement will serve the remainder of the term, and will be elected in the manner detailed in Section 2.
ARTICLE IV: OPERATING PROCEDURES

Section 1. Operational Meetings shall be held bi-monthly. These meetings will occur at a time determined by the Head Plumber, with consent from all members. Meetings shall be held at Club Mario Head Quarters which is determined by Head Plumber, with member consent, at the start of their term. Quorum shall consist of 2/3 of active members in good standing.

Section 2. The meeting style utilized shall be one of open forum. The Head Plumber will start the meeting by going over the meeting itinerary. Following this the Plumber’s Brother shall report on any pressing matters. Next the Coin Block will give a financial report. After this the floor will be opened to all members’ to raise ideas and issues. When all business is concluded, the Head Plumber may make a motion to close the meeting, and upon agreement, the meeting is ended.

Section 3. Club Mario shall contain four committees.

Coin Committee: Shall be responsible for finding and securing fund raising opportunities to further the goals of Club Mario. Any active member in good standing may join this committee.

1-UP Committee: Shall be responsible for finding perspective members and bringing them to the meetings. Any active member in good standing may join this committee.

Warp Zone Committee: Shall be responsible for all Club advertising of meetings and events both physical and electronic. Any active member in good standing may join this committee.

Starman Committee: Shall be responsible for reviewing and approving all expenditures of funds, and approving events. Any active member in good standing may join this committee. The Club Officers are automatically part of this committee.

ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any active member in good standing may propose an Amendment to the Constitution.

Section 2. The member proposing the Amendment must present in writing their idea for a specific change. The Amendment must contain all changes, and why each specific change is necessary to further the goals of Club Mario.

Section 3. Following the Amendment proposal, the floor will be open to discussion and debate. Following the discussion an open vote will take place, and an absolute majority is required for the Amendment to take effect. If an absolute majority is not obtained, discussion will resume, and another vote taken. This process may be repeated indefinitely until the Amendment is passed or until it is laid to rest.