

HOW TO ORGANIZE A NIKE CLUB

A student in high school has a multitude of choices to make about life style, about a career, about continuing education, about a role in the community. Making the best choice is a task which requires some guidance - guidance not found easily in the high school community. The student needs information from those who have been there in order to make a reasonable and workable decision.

How is A Nike Club Organized?

There are four prerequisites to organization.

Dedication of BPW Chairman. Coordination of the program must be in the hands of a chairman willing to devote time and energy to it. Many Nike Chairman work with a committee of BPW members.

Approval of high school administration. Administration approval should be easily obtained if the BPW chairman presents Nike objectives clearly and can show sufficient student interest.

Student interest. BPW members should carefully assess the amount of student interest which can be counted on.

BPW club interest and cooperation. BPW club members must be genuinely interested in supporting the project on a continuing basis.

Initial Planning

Discuss sponsoring a Nike club at a BPW meeting or committee meeting. If possible, invite representatives of a club that has sponsored a Nike Club and be prepared to ask questions. Of what benefit has the Nike club been to BPW members? To the Nike members? What problems have arisen and how were they solved?

At this time, study the Nike by-laws and note the following points about the club:

1. It must be open to all high school students.
2. It must be nonsectarian, nonpartisan, and nonprofit.
3. It may not be part of any other organization.
4. It must pay annual dues of \$10.00 to the Texas Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.
5. It must provide updated records to the Texas Executive Offices annually.

A BPW representative should talk to the high school principal to discuss organizing a club. She should have information available on BPW and the Nike program. A faculty member who will act as club advisor as well as other BPW members should attend the meeting.

The high school official should note school requirements for organizing a club. For example, does the high school require a specific scholastic average in order for a student to belong to a club? This information should be discussed at a BPW meeting, and a vote taken on whether or not to sponsor a Nike club. If the decision is made to sponsor a club, make plans for an informational meeting on campus.

Now, **ADVERTISE**. place announcements in as many spots as possible at this school, which a brief explanation of what Nike and BPW are.

Sample poster

“WE WANT TO JOIN YOU”
New club for students formed

WHAT’S THE NAME OF THE CLUB?

“Nike Club” - named after the Nike of Samothrace, the winged Goddess of victory.

WHAT ARE ITS PURPOSES?

-to create awareness of career opportunities
-to serve the school and community
-to develop leadership
-to accept responsibilities
-to learn more about college

WHAT WOULD WE DO?

-have guest speakers at meeting re- topics of your choice
panel discussions, rap sessions, etc.
-gather information re college, training schools and careers
-learn what college is really like through guest speakers and
publications
-associate with business and professional people who are already
established in their careers.
-develop service projects for school and community - re helping
needy families, ecology, etc.

WHO CAN JOIN?

Any high school student - no grade requirements.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Annual dues will be very low.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Attend the organization meeting to be held soon- time and date will be
announced by principal.

The Business and Professional Women’s Club of _____
is sponsoring this new club and will assist in the planning, organization and
programming of the Nike club. **PLEASE JOIN!!!!!!**

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Several BPW club members should be present to let the students see whom they will
be working with. The Nike club liaison should conduct the meeting and discuss the
following subjects.

BPW: what it is, its programs, general fields of interest, basic
structure.

Nike: its purpose and history.

The requirements and scope of a Nike Club

Allow time for questions from the students. A refreshment break will give the students and members a chance to talk informally.

Final Planning

Although it is necessary to have only 10 students to charter a club, there should be enough interest in a Nike club among the student body to ensure its continuance in the following years. If the interest is high and if the members decide to sponsor the club, make another appointment with the high school administrator to present an official request to form a club on campus.

When administration approval is given, students should be invited to attend an organizational meeting.

Initial Organizational Meeting

Distribute copies of the sample by-laws to all students.

This initial meeting is an opportunity for the students to get to know each other, the BPW liaison, and faculty advisor, and to familiarize themselves with the by-laws. A meeting time and place should be decided on, and the date set for the final organizational meeting.

Final Organizational Meeting

At this meeting, the students:

- elect officers

- decide on the amount of dues each member must pay

- complete the by-laws and vote to accept them.

Final Procedure

Two copies of the approved by-laws, along with a petition to charter, a complete list of the club officers, and the \$10.00 annual fee should be sent to the Executive Director, Texas Federation Executive offices. The by-laws are reviewed and sent to the Texas Federation president to be signed and forwarded to the BPW club president for the official charter night presentation. This process takes from six to eight weeks.

WHAT DO NIKE CLUBS OFFER?

For young students preparing to enter the job market, there's probably no other high school organization that will help them more than a Nike Club.

Originally organized for high school women, Nike membership is now open to all high school students. In June 1976, the Executive Committee opened Nike membership to males. BPW welcomes the opportunity to sensitize young men as well as young women to the need for equal treatment for all.

Through membership in Nike Clubs, high school students have the opportunity to develop leadership qualities through service to their school and community; learn the mechanics of government and an appreciation of democracy through civic participation; obtain information on career opportunities which enables them to choose their work commitment intelligently.

There are close ties between Nike Clubs and The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. Each club is sponsored by a BPW club and receives the benefit of BPW interest, support and guidance.

Membership in a Nike Club is open to all high school students, with a minimum of 10 required to organize. Meetings are held at least once a month. There are dues to pay, bylaws to live up to, officers to elect and programs to plan.

Who Should Belong to a Nike Club?

The thing that makes Nike Clubs different from other high school clubs is its career oriented focus which can be seen in the names of some of its standing committee: Career Committee, Job Placement Committee and College Committee.

There are as many program ideas as there are members to suggest them and to see that they are carried out. With guidance from the National Executive Office plus support from the sponsoring BPW club and faculty advisor, the activities of Nike Clubs can be limitless.