

# **REGION XIV ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION**

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## **Article I-Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Region XIV Athletic Conference.

## **Article II-Object**

The object of the Conference shall be to further the mission of community/junior colleges that participate in intercollegiate athletics in the NJCAA Region XIV through the promotion and regulation of intercollegiate athletics as a student activity which contributes to the learning environment, exhibiting the highest standards of ethics, competition, and sportsmanship.

## **Article III-Members**

**Section 1.** All community colleges who are members of the NJCAA and conduct intercollegiate athletic programs in the NJCAA Region XIV and pay dues to the Conference are eligible for membership in the Conference.

**Section 2.** New members may be admitted only by a two-thirds vote of the membership.

**Section 3.** The resignation of any member must be sent to the President, who will immediately refer it to the Conference for action. The resignation of a member shall not be accepted until all dues and assessments have been paid in full and said member is in good standing.

**Section 4.** Members must participate in at least one recognized NJCAA sport to maintain membership.

**Section 5.** Members who drop participation in a sport ***shall not*** be permitted to resume participation in that sport for a period of at least one year. Notification regarding the dropping of participation must be before May 1 of the year in which the action is to occur. Request to resume participation must be made during the annual spring meeting.

## **Article IV-Dues and Fees**

**Section 1.** At the spring meeting, dues shall be adopted which will support Conference activities for the upcoming year and will be payable on or before October 1 of each year. Also, specific assessment, applicable to the individual sport, shall be assessed for each sport in which an institution participates.

**Section 2.** All expenses incurred during the year over and above the amounts received in dues shall be assumed equally by the member institutions. Sports Specific assessments will apply to only those schools participating in that sport.

**Section 3.** Any member failing to pay dues or assessments may be suspended from the Conference.

**Section 4.** No institution shall be allowed to vote at a meeting unless its dues and assessments are paid in full.

### **Article V-Officers**

**Section 1.** The officers shall be a president, vice president, and a secretary-treasurer.

**Section 2.** The president and vice president shall be elected by majority vote of the members present at the spring meeting and shall hold office for two years or until their successors are elected. The term of the officers will begin on June 1 after the spring meeting at which the officers are elected. The secretary-treasurer shall be appointed by the president. Vacancies may be filled for any office at any meeting and will immediately take effect.

**Section 3.** The president, vice president, immediate past president, men's regional director, and women's regional director shall constitute the Executive Committee.

### **Article VI-Duties of Officers**

**Section 1.** The president shall preside at all meetings of the Conference, appoint all committees, authorize the payment of all bills, supervise the business of the Conference between meetings, and call meetings as necessary. The president shall interpret the By-Laws for all members of the Conference, except for his own school, when called upon to do so. The president shall oversee the Conference response to violations of the Code of Conduct, as detailed in Article VIII of the By Laws of this Constitution

**Section 2.** In the absence or the disability of the president, the vice president shall perform the duties of the president. The vice president shall interpret the By-Laws for the president's school.

**Section 3.** The secretary-treasurer shall serve as the recording secretary at meetings and shall receive and file all records required in the By-Laws. The secretary-treasurer shall pay all accounts when approved by the president and shall send a copy of the minutes of meetings to each member within fifteen (15) days after the meeting.

### **Article VII-Governance**

Member schools shall be governed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Conference in all games, either among themselves or with other institutions.

### **Article VIII-Meetings**

**Section 1.** There shall be at least two (2) regular meetings annually, the time and location of these meetings shall be designated by the president. Any of the meetings may be canceled on approval of the majority of the members.

**Section 2. *Voting*** at all meetings on the subject of admission of new members shall be by written ballot.

**Section 3. *Voting*** on matters pertaining to a specific sport, is limited to those schools who participate in that sport.

### **Article IX-Representation at Meetings**

**Section 1.** Each member institution shall be represented at meetings by the college president or a staff member named by the college president.

**Section 2.** A majority of the members of the Conference shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 3.** All votes on agenda items must be made by college representatives present at the meeting. A President, or staff member named by the college president in advance of the meeting, who is participating in the meeting via teleconference or videoconference, will be allowed to vote on issues during the meeting.

### **Article X-Suspension and Expulsion**

**Section 1.** The Conference may suspend or expel any member by a two-thirds vote of the remaining Conference members. Reinstatement shall require the same majority.

**Section 2.** No member institution shall engage in any athletic contest with a suspended or expelled member school.

### **Article XI-Amendments**

No addition, alteration, or amendment shall be made to the Constitution except at a regular meeting and by vote of two-thirds of the members of the Conference. Two week's notice of any proposed amendment must be given in writing to the president of the Conference and to the president of each member college before it can be acted upon. Changes in the Constitution may be acted upon at any meeting without two week's notice if such notice is waved by members of the Conference in attendance at the meeting and the attendees equal at least three-fourths (3/4) of the total membership.

### **Article XII-Financial Exigency and Force Majeure**

In the event of a critical financial shortfall within the state of Texas having a negative effect on member colleges or the occurrence of an unexpected event, the conference Presidents shall have the authority to override Articles within this constitution as deemed appropriate with a two-thirds majority vote.

Such action will identify the length of time for which the override will prevail and the Article(s) to be overridden.

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