

REGION XIV ATHLETIC CONFERENCE BY-LAWS

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Article 1-Rules

Except where in conflict with Region XIV Athletic Conference rules and regulations, the rules governing all sports in the Conference shall be the official rules of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

Article II-Regional Directors and NJCAA Board of Regents Representative

The men's and women's regional directors and assistant regional directors, as well as the NJCAA Board of Regents Representative, shall serve for two years. The regional directors, assistant regional directors and NJCAA Board of Regents representative shall be elected at the Spring meeting in even numbered years. The term of office shall begin August 1 of the even numbered year. In the event of a vacancy in a region director's role, the respective assistant director will assume the region director role and appoint a new assistant director until the next election. In the event of a vacancy in the Board of Regent's position, the Executive Committee shall nominate a person to fill the position until the next election and must receive Conference approval.

The regional directors, assistant regional directors and Board of Regents representative shall have Conference duties as follows:

Regional Directors

1. Represent Region XIV and the Conference at the NJCAA legislative assembly and any other NJCAA functions.
2. Attend Conference meetings.
3. Serve as members of the Executive Committee.
4. Serve as ex-officio members of all committees within the appropriate division.
5. Attend regional championship events in their division whenever possible.
6. Perform other duties as assigned by the Conference president and/or NJCAA.

Regional Assistant Directors

1. Attend regional championship events in their division when the regional director cannot attend.
2. Attend NJCAA and Conference meetings when possible.
3. Assist the regional director in performance of the regional director's duties when called upon to do so.
4. Perform other duties as assigned by the Conference president and the appropriate regional director.

NJCAA Board of Regents Representative

1. Represent Region XIV at the NJCAA Board of Regents meetings, NJCAA legislative assembly and any other NJCAA functions.
2. Attend NJCAA and Conference meetings when possible.
3. Serve as Region XIV treasurer. Maintain and provide region financial statement at scheduled region meetings.

4. Perform other duties as assigned by the Conference president and/or the appropriate regional leadership.

Removal of office

At any moment, any member of the region could request to the Conference President to review an official complaint against a serving Executive Committee member. In the event that the complaint is against the Conference President, the Conference Vice President would lead the process. The Executive Committee, at the recommendation of the President, will provide research and information and would have the authority to decline the request or forward to the Presidents for a vote.

1. Removal. A Board member may be removed, with or without cause, at any duly constituted meeting of the Board, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of then-serving Board members.
2. The region defines “cause” as including, but not limited to: attendance requirements, dereliction of duties, conflicts of interest, felony conviction, official misconduct misdemeanor, etc.

Article III-Sports Committees

Sport Committees shall exist for each sport that has two or more schools participating in that sport. The head coaches of the sport shall serve as members of the committee. The members of each committee will nominate a chair of the committee, who then must be approved by the Conference. The chair of the committee must be a full-time employee of a region institution in some capacity. A chair nominee must have the written support of the direct supervisor at their College. The individual sport committees, or the Presidents at a conference meeting, will develop and adopt rules and procedures for managing the individual sports. No rules or procedures are to be implemented by the individual sport committees until they have been approved by the Conference.

Article IV-Certification of Players

Certification of Players must be completed following the NJCAA policy and procedures in the NJCAA Handbook.

Article V-Conference Games

Section 1. The Conference recognizes all NJCAA sports in which two (2) or more Conference members participate, except football. Each member must participate in at least one sport recognized by the Conference.

Section 2. Championships will be awarded on a percentage basis. To be considered eligible for the championship each team must meet the playing criteria established by each respective sports committee and approved by the Conference. Note: A Conference championship award will not be given in a sport that has fewer than four participants.

Section 3. The number of certified players will be the number recommended by the individual sports committee and approved by the Conference.

Section 4. Contests will be on a home and home basis or as determined by each individual sports committee and approved by the Conference.

Section 5. Each member school will receive twenty (20) passes for entry into athletic contests.

Section 6. Game officials shall be the responsibility of the assignor of officials of the respective sport as defined by each individual sports committee and approved by the Conference. If the sport doesn't have an Assignor, then the officials must meet the minimum guidelines in the sport

procedures or set by the NJCAA.

Section 7. No complimentary passes are to be issued to players of visiting teams.

Section 8. In the event it is necessary to consider zoning the Conference for a particular sport, the individual sports committee for that sport shall develop a recommendation for consideration by the Conference. Such recommendation must take into consideration the maintenance of traditional rivalries, distances to be traveled, and other pertinent matters. If zoning occurs, the names of North and South will be utilized where appropriate.

Section 9. Proper security shall be the responsibility of the host school. It is recommended that at least one officer in uniform be present and clearly visible.

Section 10. Sports committee recommendations, as approved by the Conference, will become an addendum to Article V.

Section 11. FAILURE TO FULFILL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

A. A member team who fails to fulfill their assigned Region XIV Athletic Conference schedule (non-weather related) without prior written permission and approval from the Region XIV Executive Committee will have the following sanctions apply:

1. All games not played will be counted as a forfeit in the conference standings to determine post-season qualification and seeding.
2. May be declared ineligible for the postseason that academic year pending ruling by the Region XIV Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Men's and Women's Director, and Board of Regents representative).

Article VI-Student Financial Assistance

Section 1. Scholarship limits for each sport will be seventy-five percent of the maximum number of LOI/scholarships that is allowed by the NJCAA in each sport. The number of LOI's will be consistent with NJCAA policy for each sport. Tennis shall follow the NJCAA without regard to the percentage ruling and basketball will remain at 12 scholarships allowed. Sports and number of scholarships allowed listed below:

Baseball	22.5	(30 x .75)
Basketball	12	Voted to remain at 12 when NJCAA voted to reduce LOI's from 16 to 15 in early 2000.
Cross Country	7.5	(10 combined x .75)
Golf	6	(8 x .75)
Soccer	18	(24 x .75)
Softball	18	(24 x .75)
Tennis	3 full 6 partial	
Volleyball	10.5	(14 x .75)

****For example –** Baseball may have 18 full scholarships that they can spread out over 24 players that must be on LOI's, Basketball may have 12 full scholarships spread over 15 players that must be on LOI, and so forth for each sport.

Section 2. Region XIV member schools will follow the NJCAA rules and policies for Grants-in-Aid outlined in the NJCAA Handbook.

Section 3. Sports committee recommendations, as approved by the Conference, will become an addendum to Article VI.

Article VII-Rules of Eligibility

Section 1. The most current rules of eligibility of the NJCAA will be used to determine eligibility for student-athletes competing in Region 14.

Section 2. Members may provide a student with the NJCAA National Letter of Intent to participate in any given sport. The NJCAA Letter of Intent must be electronically submitted in the NJCAA online Letter of Intent system for all athletic scholarship recipients. Said NJCAA Letter of Intent must be submitted prior to any expenditure of funds or conveyance of benefits takes place. Written notice of the terms of the original Grant-in-Aid for that academic year shall be given to the student-athlete via the NJCAA Online Letter of Intent system prior to any benefit being provided.”

Section 3. Sports committee recommendations, as approved by the Conference, will become an addendum to Article VII.

Article VIII Sportsmanship

Region XIV members will follow the NJCAA Sportsmanship and Code of Conduct Policies and Penalties for each sport and for non-collegial incidents.

Article IX-Amendments

No addition, alteration, or amendments shall be made to the By-Laws except at a regular meeting of the Conference. Such changes may be made at such a meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, providing two (2) week notice is given in writing. The advanced notice requirement may be waived by the unanimous consent of the members present at the meeting provided at least three-fourths (3/4) of the total membership is present.