

CONSTITUTION

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Article 1 – Name 14
Article 2 – Object 14
Article 3 – Membership 14
Article 4 – Dues 15
Article 5 – Officers and Duties 15
Article 6 – Regional Associations 16
Article 7 – Local Control 16
Article 8 – Amendments 16
Article 9 – Dissolution Clause 17

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Alaska School Activities Association, Inc.

ARTICLE 2 - OBJECT

The object of this Association is to promote and control interscholastic activities and other interschool contests or programs sanctioned by the Association and to assist in the promotion of those other activities and interests as it may from time to time to elect.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

Secondary schools of Alaska are defined as schools, public or private, with grades 7 through 12 or any combination of those grades.

Section 1 - Eligible Schools

A. Any state public school district, or if not a part of a state public school district, accredited or state approved secondary school may become a member of the Association by paying the applicable annual dues. Being a member constitutes recognition by the member of the Association's authority over the membership and agreement to comply fully with the Association's Bylaws and policies.

B. A high school is defined as a school which offers grades 9 through 12 or any combination thereof.

C. A junior high school or middle school is defined as a school which offers grades 6 through 9 or any combination thereof.

D. On or before May 1 of each year participating schools of member school districts and other member schools must declare whether they will participate with grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 or 10, 11, and 12 and whether they will participate with grades 7 and 8, or 7, 8, and 9, if at all.

E. The Board of Directors will hear any request for an organizational structure other than those mentioned above should a school district organize its secondary school or schools on a different basis.

Section 2 – Membership Definition

A. Member Schools: A school district's membership status applies to all units for which the district has made application and paid the applicable annual dues. Each of these school units is considered a "member school" for the purposes of the Constitution.

B. The Board of Directors may establish additional membership classifications and determine the status of such classifications.

Non-Voting Members: The chief school administrator of each member district shall be a non-voting member of the Association

ARTICLE 4 - DUES

The annual dues and dates of payments shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 5 - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1 - Board of Directors

The Board of Directors consists of the elected representative from each regional association and one representative each from the Association of Alaska School Boards, the Alaska Association of School Administrators, and one non-voting ex-officio member representing the Alaska Association of Student Governments.

Section 2 - Terms of Board of Directors

- A. The term of office for each member of the Board of Directors is two years, except that one-half of the members elected to the first elected Board are elected for one-year terms based upon a drawing of lots.
- B. The Board of Directors shall appoint an Executive Director, prescribe duties and fix the compensation. This person shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Board may appoint other officers, agents and employees and prescribe their duties and compensation.

Section 3 - Powers & Duties of the Board

- A. The Board of Directors is the executive and administrative body of the organization, subject to the restraint of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.
- B. The Board of Directors may determine the time and place of its meetings. A majority shall constitute a quorum.
- C. The Board of Directors has supervision of all sanctioned interscholastic activities of participating schools of member school districts and member schools and interprets the rules of the Association.
- D. With respect to funds, the Board of Directors has the charge of Association funds, shall audit and approve all expenditures, and shall conform to the financial policies and audit as set forth by the membership of the Association.
- E. The Board of Directors may delegate to the Executive Director the authority to rule on all protests and rule violations and determine the penalties, not otherwise specified, for violations of the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws.
- F. The Board of Directors may make investigation relative to the violation of the Constitution and Bylaws and policies to the Association.
- G. The Board of Directors may appoint special committees to assist in the arrangement and supervision of various activities and contests.
- H. The Board of Directors may sanction out-of-state meets, contests or activities.
- I. The Board of Directors may determine suitable awards for winners of contests sponsored by the Association.

J. The Board of Directors may approve and register contest officials for use in those activities sanctioned by the Association.

K. The Board of Directors may sanction and operate state championship plans, sites and finances.

L. Regional Placement: The regional placement of schools is determined annually by the Board of Directors at its summer meeting. Changes in regional placement take effect on July 1 of the following summer. The change may take effect earlier if all schools involved and affected as well as the Board of Directors concur. New member school placement becomes effective immediately.

M. The Board of Directors shall report annually to the Commissioner of Education, the State Board of Education, and the Alaska Association of School Administrators for the purpose of receiving advice and comments. The report will show programs carried out.

N. The Board of Directors may grant eligibility to a student in certain hardship and emergency cases when granting eligibility does not violate the intent and the purpose of any of the standards of eligibility. The purpose of this provision is to provide for certain cases that are beyond the control of the students or their parents. (Refer to Article 13 in Bylaws for procedures.)

ARTICLE 6 - REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Section 1 - Powers

The Alaska School Activities Association, Inc. encourages and supports the creation of regional associations. A regional association operates autonomously from Alaska School Activities Association Inc., and is solely responsible for its own decisions, actions and financial affairs. Each regional association administers its own activities in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and the Association's Bylaws and policies. Regions may adopt their own Bylaws not in conflict with those of the Association.

Section 2 - Bylaws

A current copy of the Bylaws of each regional association must be on file with the Executive Director of the Association.

ARTICLE 7 - LOCAL CONTROL

The chief administrative officer of a member, or his/her designee, shall be the member school's official representative and shall be responsible for each member school's actions.

ARTICLE 8 - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - Amendments

A. Proposed amendments to this Constitution by member schools must be introduced at a meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may make recommendations on proposed amendments.

Amendments which are proposed by the Board of Directors must be endorsed by the authorized representative of ten different member schools.

B. Adoption of a proposed amendment requires a majority vote of all member schools voting by mail ballot or electronically, provided that more than 50% of the eligible schools vote.

Section 2 - Effective Date

Amendments take effect July 1 following their adoption unless otherwise provided by the amendment.

ARTICLE 9 - DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

Section 1 - Powers

A. Upon dissolution of the corporation, the disposition of assets other than those derived through charitable gaming shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the State of Alaska in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

B. The disposition of net proceeds from charitable gaming conducted under AS 05.15, will go to a charitable organization as defined at AS 05.15.690(5) or another qualified organization that is authorized to conduct an activity under AS 05.15.

As of 4/26/2016

