

Constitution

Conference A South Carolina High School League

Article I The Name

The name of this organization shall be the A-Conference of the South Carolina High School League.

Article II The Purpose

The purpose of this Conference is to strengthen the educational aims and the program of activities which are held in common by members of the Conference, to formulate and maintain policies that will safeguard the educational values of interscholastic competition, to cultivate high ideals of sportsmanship, to develop and direct a program which will promote, protect, and preserve the health and welfare of the participant, and to promote uniformity of standards in all interscholastic competition.

Article III The Membership

1. Only members of the South Carolina High School League may become members of the Conference.
2. Applications for membership in this Conference by a non-member school shall be made in writing to the Executive Committee of the Conference.
3. Applications for withdrawal from this Conference by a member school shall be made in writing to the Executive Committee of the Conference.

Article IV The Officers

1. **The officers of this Conference shall be President, President-Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer.** The officers of the Conference must be a school administrator and/or athletic director of a member school. One of the three officers must be a principal, and one must be an athletic director.
 - a. If a vacancy should occur in the office of President between meetings, the President-Elect shall succeed him/her. If vacancies should occur in other offices, the President shall appoint a successor to serve until an election is held.
 - b. Officers of the Conference shall be elected at the March meeting of the Conference. The elected term of office shall run from July 1 to June 30 (1 year).
 - c. The Secretary-Treasurer may succeed himself/herself.

2. The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of A-Conference, the immediate past President, the Region Coordinators for each region, and the Executive Council Representative to the South Carolina High School League. A school will have only one voting member on the Executive Committee. When a school has two members on the Executive Committee, the Region Coordinator will be the voting member. If a Region Coordinator is elected to an office, the region will elect a new coordinator.

Executive Committee members are expected to attend all meetings or appoint representatives in their place. All schools in the region shall be notified by the President when they are not represented at Executive Committee meetings and the region may be subject to a fine of up to \$25.00 for a continued lack of representation. At least 40% of the members of the Executive Committee must be principals or superintendents. To achieve this requirement, a rotating election process will be enforced.

3. Duties of Officers

(a) Conference President

1. Preside at all Conference meetings and/or Executive Committee meetings.
2. Appoint all acting committees.
3. Appoint replacements to all standing committees.
4. Insure that all member schools are notified of all matters affecting and/or pertaining to the Conference.
5. Audit financial records of the Conference.
6. Refer appropriate matters to the Executive Committee.
7. Call special Conference and/or Executive Committee meetings as needed, setting the date, time and the site for such meetings.
8. Set the time and place for all regular meetings.

(b) Conference President-Elect

1. The President-Elect shall assume all responsibilities of the Conference President in the event of absence or incapacitation.
2. The President-Elect shall succeed the President upon registration or completion of term of office.

(c) The Secretary-Treasurer shall:

1. Submit minutes of all Conference and/or Executive Committee meetings to member schools.
2. Inform principals and athletic directors of member schools of all Conferences and/or Executive Committee meetings.
3. Purchase, with Conference funds, items necessary to carry out responsibilities, such as stamps, stationary, stencils, etc.
4. Provide a financial report for each regular Conference meeting.
5. Pay all Conference bills.

(d) The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Conference, deciding all questions and performing all duties not provided for in the Constitution. The Committee will decide all appeals, and rulings of the Committee will be final within the Conference.

1. The call of Executive Committee meetings shall be at the discretion of the President or a simple majority of the committee.
2. The Executive Committee shall use the most appropriate method for dividing schools into regions.
3. The Executive Committee shall serve as the nominating committee. This committee will nominate officers for the spring election.
4. The Executive Committee will nominate a Conference A Representative for the spring conference. In general session of the spring conference, nominations from the floor will also be accepted. The election will be held immediately after the nominations have been closed. If a vacancy should occur with this position, the Executive Committee shall appoint a successor until an election can be held. (Amended 3/17/00)

(e) Acting Committees: The President shall appoint acting committees by June 1 of each year. Each committee must have a minimum of one principal, athletic director, and one coach as members.

1. Finance Committee: This committee shall be made up of the President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer (Chairman), and one representative from each of the other regions.
2. Constitution Committee: The membership shall consist of the Executive Committee: This committee will update the Constitution and send out copies to the membership prior to August 1 of each year.
3. Nominating Committee: The membership shall consist of the Executive Committee and will be charged with representing a slate of officers to the membership in March of each year.
4. Realignment Committee: The membership will consist of the President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and one representative from each region. The committee will review the realignment process and make recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding realignment.

(f) Standing Committees

1. Standing committees will exist in each sport to advise the membership on matters of concern to individual sports coaches.
2. Each Region shall elect one representative to serve on each standing committee by June 1 of each year if that region has schools which participate in that sport. The Conference A President will appoint the chairpersons of these committees. Each

Region shall be responsible for filling vacancies as they occur.
(Amended 3/16/92)

3. Shall supervise the activities and will be responsible for promulgating rules and regulations governing that activity. The activity committee will be the initial step in all appeals relating to that activity.
4. Committees:
 - a. Baseball/softball
 - b. Basketball
 - c. Football
 - d. Golf
 - e. Soccer
 - f. Tennis
 - g. Track and Cross Country
 - h. Volleyball
 - i. Wrestling
 - j. Softball (3/16/92)
 - k. Girl's Basketball (3/16/92)

(g) Delegates:

1. Delegates to the Legislative Assembly of the South Carolina High School League will be the coordinators of each region up to eight. If there are fewer than eight regions, the remaining delegates will be filled beginning with the President, President-Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer. At the time of his election, a delegate must be a superintendent, principal, or a school administrator officially designated as such by the governing board of his/her school district. If the administrator is neither a principal nor superintendent, he/she must have at least six years experience certified by the State Department of Education. Athletic directors are considered administrators.
2. In the event one of the delegates is unable to attend he/she shall notify the President and shall appoint a substitute delegate from his/her region.

**Article V
The Meetings**

1. A-Conference shall have two meetings per year – the first available Tuesday in August and a date to coincide with the Spring League Meetings. The scheduled dates may be changed by majority vote of the Executive Committee. The time and place will be determined by the President.
2. Special meetings may be called by the President when he/she deems necessary.

Article VI
Region Championship

1. All championships will be decided by the rules of the South Carolina High School League unless another method is approved by the two-thirds vote of the membership.
2. Standing Committees: See IV.3.f.

Article VII
Eligibility

Any student participating in activities of the Conference must be eligible under the rules of the South Carolina High School League.

Article VIII
Dues and Fees

The Conference shall require dues from each member school provided a majority of the Conference members vote for the same.

Article IX
Balloting

1. Each member school shall have one vote for all balloting at meetings of the Conference.
2. The principal of the member school, or his designee, shall cast the vote.
3. Each region shall have one vote on the Executive Committee. It shall be cast by the Region Coordinator or his appointed replacement.
4. Fifty-one percent (51%) attendance shall constitute a quorum at all Conference meetings. A two-thirds majority is needed at Executive Committee meetings to constitute a quorum.

Article X
Parliamentary Authority

Roberts Rules of Order, revised, shall be the parliamentary authority of the Conference.

Article XI
Amendments

1. Proposed amendments shall be acted upon at regular scheduled meetings and a two-thirds majority of representatives of member schools present and voting shall be required for adoption.
2. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the President at least thirty (30) days prior to the meetings.
3. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the member schools not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting by the proposing school or region in order to be allowed on the floor.

Article XII Trophies and Awards

All trophies and medals for State Championship and Runner-Up Invitational Tournaments will conform to dimensions as outlined in the SCHSL Handbook for State Championships.

Article XIII Activities

1. Baseball/Softball: refer to SCHSL Handbook “Baseball/Softball”
2. Basketball: refer to SCHSL Handbook “Basketball”
3. Football: refer to SCHSL Handbook “Football”
4. Golf: refer to SCHSL Handbook “Golf”
5. Soccer: refer to SCHSL Handbook “Soccer”
6. Tennis: refer to SCHSL Handbook “Tennis”
7. Track and Cross Country: refer to SCHSL Handbook “Track and Cross Country”
8. Volleyball: refer to SCHSL Handbook “Volleyball”
9. Wrestling:
 - (a) Schools in the A-Conference who participate in wrestling will hold a wrestling invitational tournament for all A schools during the month of January each year. The date and site of the tournament will be agreed upon by a majority of the schools participating in the tournament.
 - (b) Awards will be presented to the first and second place finishers in each weight class, and team trophies for first and second place will be presented. Each player on the first place and runner-up teams will receive a medal. The schools participating will share in the expenses (officials, medals, trophies, etc.) of the tournament.
10. Soccer:
 - (a) Schools in the A-Conference who participate in soccer may hold a soccer invitational tournament for all A schools during the month of May each year. The date and site of the tournament will be agreed upon by a majority of the schools participating in the tournament.
 - (b) Team trophies will be awarded for the first and second place teams. Each player on the first place and runner-up teams will receive a medal. The schools participating in the tournament will share in the expenses (officials, medals, trophies, etc.) of the tournament.

Article XIV Participation

Participation in sub-varsity level competition is restricted to tenth grade and below.

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