



UNITED STATES COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section I The official name is the UNITED STATES COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section I The purpose of the USCAA shall be to provide wholesome athletic competition on a national level to small colleges who adhere to the rule and regulations set forth by this association and its' bylaws. The USCAA attempts to offer the opportunity for the student-athlete to develop mind, body and spirit through athletic competition, and the USCAA will do this while promoting integrity, leadership, scholarship and values of life. The USCAA believes in striving to place the pursuit of education as the main priority of its student-athletes.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section I Colleges in the United States that meet set criteria from the Board of Directors offering educational quality that meet or exceed criteria that is required to grant the school an accreditation.

Section II Participation in this association shall be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors upon receiving the membership application. The Board of Directors shall be nondiscriminatory on the basis of race, religion, or sex when evaluating membership candidates.

Section III Irregularities and/or infractions by member institutions shall be handled in a courteous and ethical manner. All complaints against participating institutions must be submitted in writing to the Commissioner. Following a recommendation by the Commissioner, the Board of Directors shall review the reported irregularities and/or infractions and take appropriate action. The Board of Directors must have a unanimous vote to expel a member institution.

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section I** The Board of Directors is the official governing board of the association.
- Section II** The Board of Directors shall consist of no more than seven members, and in any event no less than five members. Board of Directors must be a representative of a member institution.
- Section III** Candidates for election will be nominated by current Board of Directors and are elected by a majority vote from member institutions. Elections for the Board of Directors shall be held at the National Convention and the newly elected officers shall assume their positions the first day of the association’s next fiscal year.
- Section IV** Member institutions must be made aware of Board of Director nomination thirty days prior to voting at the National Convention.
- Section V** Each member of the Board will serve a four year term, and may serve two consecutive terms.
- Section VI** Each member of the Board will hold an officer position throughout each term served.
- Section VII** Any board member may be removed for non-performance of his/her duties by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- Section VIII** The Board of Directors shall meet two times per year.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

- Section I** The officers of the Board of Directors shall consist of a duly elected President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President of Championships, Vice-President of Marketing, Treasurer, Secretary, and Commissioner. The Commissioner is appointed by the Board of Directors.
- Section II** Elections for officers will be voted upon by the Board of Directors and lead by the current president.
- Section III** All elected officers of this association shall serve a term of two years, and may serve four consecutive terms.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section I** The President shall call and preside at meetings of the association, determine that all the duties of the other officers are performed in accordance with the constitution, and promote the function and the purpose of the USCAA.
- Section II** The Commissioner shall be responsible for the administration and the day-to-day operations of the national office and the association. The Commissioner shall also assist in the development of agendas for Board of Director’s meetings and shall serve on all committees. The Commissioner will work with the treasurer to develop an annual budget and monthly reports.
- Section III** The Executive Vice-President shall assist the president in the performance of his/her duties and act on their behalf and assume their responsibilities upon the absence of the president. The Executive Vice-President serves on the National Eligibility Committee.
- Section IV** The Vice-President of Championships shall serve as the board representative on the championships committee, shall be the liaison to the board for all championship related matters, and shall assist the Commissioner and the national office in the organization of all championship events.
- Section V** The Vice-President of Marketing shall serve as the board representative on the marketing committee, shall be the liaison to the board for all marketing matters, shall assist the Commissioner, national office and marketing chairman in the development of the marketing plan and its implementation.
- Section VI** The Treasurer shall work with the administrative staff to develop the budget, and shall present the budget to the Board of Directors for approval. The treasurer will also help maintain the budget, and will review all accounting procedures.
- Section VII** The Secretary shall record the minutes of regular and special meetings as well as all meetings of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

- Section I** The association shall have an annual meeting deemed the “USCAA National Convention.” The Board of Directors shall meet one other time (may be conference call) during the academic year and that meeting will be held at the discretion of the President.
- Section II** Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held as required to conduct necessary business of the association. These meeting may often be held by conference call.

ARTICLE VIII – VOTING

- Section I** Any voting at the National Convention shall include all members in good standing and each participating institution shall have one voting representative.
- Section II** The voting representative is designated by the member institution.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

- Section I** The constitution may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of member institutions in good standing. Suggested changes to the constitution must be submitted to the Board of Directors and then to member institutions at least thirty days prior to the meeting in which the changes are being voted upon.
- Section II** The By-laws may be amended if the Board of Directors gives a 2/3 majority vote to present the proposed amendment(s) to member institutions. Amendments can only be made to the By-laws if adopted by a 2/3 majority vote of the member institutions.

ARTICLE X – DUES

- Section I** Annual dues are due on October 1 and are payable thereafter. They are delinquent if not paid by October 15 of each year.
- Section II** If dues are not received by the October 15 deadline, the participating institution may be disqualified from national and regional tournaments during that academic year.
- Section III** Dues increases may be approved by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, at their discretion, may at any time ask for a member ratification for dues increases.

This constitution was approved as printed above _____ (date).