

OHIO HERITAGE CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1. This association shall be known as the OHIO HERITAGE CONFERENCE

SECTION 2. The purpose of this association shall be to promote fair and wholesome competition, fellowship, and educational experiences among member schools; to promote sportsmanship at contests; to regulate and award championships in interscholastic activities as recognized by the Conference; to promote uniformity in the arrangement and control of all contests; to protect the mutual interests of the members of the association; and to develop and encourage the qualities of generosity, respect, fair play and a genuine concern for others among students, staff members and fans.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. The members of the Ohio Heritage Conference shall be the following schools; Catholic Central, Cedarville, Fairbanks, Greeneview, Greenon, Madison Plains, Mechanicsburg, Northeastern, Southeastern, Triad, West Jefferson, and West Liberty-Salem. Constitutions shall be issued when membership changes.

SECTION 2. The Conference shall be governed by the rules of the Ohio High School Athletic Association and each member school district shall abide by the Conference rules as voted upon and adopted by the Board of Control.

SECTION 3. A school may withdraw from the Conference when it has met all of the conference obligations and has submitted written notification of its intention to the Conference Commissioner two (2) years prior to February 1 of the current school year.

SECTION 4. A school maybe dropped from the Conference by a unanimous vote of the other members for a serious infraction of Conference rules or for a violation of the spirit of good sportsmanship that should govern all activities.

SECTION 5. Additional members may be added by a three-fourths (3/4) majority of all members. Applications for membership must be filed in writing with the Conference Commissioner.

SECTION 6. Before a new member is accepted into the Conference, a resolution must be presented in writing from its Board of Education stating the intent to remain in the Conference for a period of at least four (4) years from the date of its first scheduled athletic contest.

SECTION 7. Any member school that fails to notify the conference of its intent to withdraw as outlined in Article II, Section 3, will subject itself to a penalty payment of \$10,000 to the Ohio Heritage Conference or honoring all adopted conference athletic contracts, whichever is the lesser of the two.

ARTICLE III - BOARD OF CONTROL

SECTION 1. The high school principal shall be the primary representative of the member schools. When the principals meet together they shall comprise the Board of Control. In case of emergencies the High School Principal shall designate a representative from the member school as a replacement.

SECTION 2. Only principals, or designees, shall make motions or cast votes on Conference business.

SECTION 3. Each member school shall have one (1) vote on the Board of Control.

ARTICLE IV - ADMINISTRATION-OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 1. The officers of this conference shall be President and Vice President.

SECTION 2. The officers shall be selected from the principals on a school alphabetical rotation basis. Term of office shall be one (1) year commencing on August 1 st. The president must have been a member of the Conference at least two (2) years prior to assuming that position.

SECTION 3. The duties of the president are to preside at all meetings of the Board of Control, to appoint committees and to perform all acts necessary to maintain the best interests of the Conference.

SECTION 4. In the case of the absence of the president, the vice president shall assume his/her duties.

SECTION 5. The Board of Control shall employ a commissioner and assigners to serve the capacity outlined in the By-Laws.

SECTION 6. The compensation for the Commissioner's position shall be set forth following his/her annual evaluation.

SECTION 7. The Athletic Directors' Committee shall consist of the Athletic Directors from the high schools of the member districts. The Commissioner shall serve as the chairman of the Athletic Directors' Committee. The committee's function and duties shall be as described in the Conference By-Laws.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Periodic meetings of the Board of Control shall be scheduled to conduct official Conference business. There shall be a minimum of four (4) meetings scheduled during the school year.

SECTION 2. A majority of the member schools must be represented to constitute a quorum. No business may be conducted in the absence of a quorum.

SECTION 3. Special meetings may be called by the president or upon request of a majority of the Board of Control. Meetings may take place as soon as representatives from all schools can attend.

ARTICLE VI - FEES AND REVENUE

SECTION 1. Member schools will be assessed an annual membership fee to help defray the necessary expenses of the Conference. Additional assessments may be imposed as needed. All assessments are to be determined by the Board of Control.

SECTION 2. Net receipts from any Conference-sponsored meet or event shall be deposited in the Conference treasury.

ARTICLE VII-AWARDS

SECTION 1. Awards shall be granted for Championships in all competitive activities sponsored by the Conference.

SECTION 2. Conference activities will be those sponsored by at least fifty percent (50%) of the member schools. The basic Conference Organization form will be the guideline for all activities of the Conference.

SECTION 3. The Conference award system is described in the appropriate section of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII - CONTRACTS/SCHEDULES

SECTION 1. Conference schedules will be developed by the Commissioner in conjunction with the Athletic Directors' Committee and submitted to the Board of Control for approval.

SECTION 2. Contracts will be issued for all conference contests. Games will be played on days designed by the approved conference schedule unless changed by mutual agreement between involved schools. If schools cannot agree, the Commissioner will make the final determination.

ARTICLE IX- AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. This Constitution may be amended by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the member schools and may become effective immediately.

SECTION 2. Amendments may be voted on at any Board of Control meeting, provided that the proposed amendment(s) has been read and submitted in writing to the Commissioner at a previous meeting.

SECTION 3. Within ten days after the Board of Control's ratification, the Commissioner shall send updated constitutions to all principals and athletic directors of member schools.

ARTICLE X-BY-LAWS

SECTION 1. The By-Laws shall be the working rules of the Conference.

SECTION 2. The By-Laws may be established or amended by a majority vote of the Board of Control. Suggested By-Laws can originate from members of the Board of Control, or the Athletic Directors' Committee.

SECTION 3. All procedures approved by the Board of Control that are in effect at the beginning of a current school year will remain in effect for the entire school year.

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