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CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIALS COORDINATING FEDERATION

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this Council shall be the New York State High School Officials Coordinating Federation.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

To provide a central association of officials and schools through which all approved officials organizations, all Section Athletic Councils, and all high schools may cooperate in making recommendations to the NYSPhSAA, Inc. and to State Officials Organizations toward the following goals.

1. To ensure a sufficient number of well-qualified officials.
2. To maintain good working relationships among all agencies and individuals connected with interscholastic sports.
3. To create equitable standards and procedures for the rating, assigning, and paying of officials.
4. To promote fair officiating policies.
5. To communicate on a state-wide basis all facets relative to the athletic programs sponsored by the NYSPhSAA, Inc.
6. To establish uniform state-wide officiating.
7. To guarantee in-service training of officials according to the Five Point Program.

Under the Five Point Program approved officials are those who:

1. Observe the constitutions and bylaws of their local and state officials’ organizations.
2. Attend interpretation meetings and clinics of the local organization each year.
3. Give satisfactory evidence of proficiency in the mechanics of officiating and of competent performance related to the specific sport.
4. Pass the National Federation, State, or other approved rules examination.
5. Are listed with the NYSPhSAA, Inc.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to any officials’ organization that is organized on a state-wide basis and:

1. Is accredited and approved by the NYSPhSAA, Inc.
2. Maintains satisfactory membership in the N.Y.S.H.S.O.C.F.
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ARTICLE IV – REPRESENTATION

Representation shall consist of the following:

1. One representative from each approved sports officials group.
2. One representative from each Section who will represent all sports in that Section.
3. One representative from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.
4. One representative from the New York State Education Department, (Ex-Officio).
5. State Sports Committee Chairman (Ex-Officio).

ARTICLE V – FUNCTION

The New York State High School Officials’ Coordinating Federation shall be the organization to which matters of concern related to officiating shall be referred by the State and Local Officials Organizations, Athletic Associations, Section Athletic Councils, for consideration and recommendations, after all local and sectional efforts have failed to bring agreement to all parties concerned, or injustice being done.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DUTIES

1. The Chairman shall prepare the agenda and preside over all meetings.
2. The Vice-Chairman shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chairman.
3. The Secretary shall be the Assistant Director of the NYSPHSAA, Inc. who will be responsible for arranging all meetings, notifying all officials, State organizations, sectional councils, State Education Department, as requested by the Chairman, and will be responsible for the mailing of the minutes of each meeting.
4. The Recording Secretary will be responsible for the taking of minutes of each meeting.
5. The Treasurer shall be the Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA, Inc.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

1. The Coordinating Federation shall hold a minimum of two meetings per school year, plus any special meetings as needed. (At least one meeting shall be devoted exclusively to Article II.) The meetings shall, whenever possible, be held in conjunction with meetings of the NYSPHSAA, Inc.
2. State Sports Committee Meetings. There shall be at least one meeting per year between Sports Officials representatives and the State Sports Committee Chairman of each individual sport; this shall be held prior to the Coordinating Federation meeting, at which time each Sports Chairman will report on matters of mutual interest and concern.
3. Rules Interpretation Meetings. There shall be one rules interpretation meeting per school year for each sport for the purpose of standardizing officiating procedure to be attended by an officer or representative of the Coordinating Federation, at least one representative from each section for each sport and the State Sports Committee Chairman.
ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS AND BYLAWS

1. Proposals to amend this Constitution, Bylaws, or an addition to, change in, or deletion of any policy, relative to the activities of the Federation may be presented at any regular meeting of the Coordinating Federation. Written notice of the proposed amendment must be provided with the mailing of the agenda for the next scheduled meeting of the Federation.

2. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Coordinating Federation shall be necessary to approve any amendment.

3. Amendments become effective beginning with the next Federation meeting following approval.

4. All meetings of the Federation shall be conducted in accordance with accepted practice of parliamentary procedure.

5. All amendments and bylaws shall conform to all rules and regulations regarding officiating as set forth by the NYSPHSAA, Inc. and the New York State Education Law.