Garden State Athletic Conference Constitution

All GSAC contests will be played under the NJCAA Region XIX Operating Code

Article 1 – Name

Section A.
1. The name of the organization shall be “The Garden State Athletic Conference”.

Article 2 – Purpose

Section A.
1. The purpose of this conference shall be to regulate and supervise intercollegiate athletics among the member colleges.
   a. To assist in bringing into the public esteem the ideals and functions of the athletic programs of the member colleges.
   b. To assure that athletic programs are maintained on a level in keeping with the dignity and purpose of higher education.

Article 3 – Membership

Section A.
1. Eligibility for membership
   a. Only public county colleges of New Jersey that have received state or regional accreditation and have been approved as dues paying members of Region XIX of the National Junior College Athletic Association shall be approved for membership.
2. Conditions for membership
   a. The members of conference collectively agree:
      i. To support and to control athletics sponsored by this conferences so that they will be administered in accordance with the eligibility rules and purposes of Athletics as set forth by the by-laws.
      ii. To establish and maintain high standards of ethical control and fair play.
      iii. To pay the annual dues before the deadline established by the Executive Committee.
Article 4 – Officers

Section A.
1. The elective officers of this Conference shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
   a. The officers shall be elected from the membership of the Conference.

Section B.
1. The Athletic Directors of member institutions shall comprise of the membership of the Executive Committee.

Section C.
1. Any vacancies among the elective officers of this Conference shall be filled by appointment of the Executive committee for the remainder of the term.

Section D.
1. The elective officers of this conference shall be elected at the Spring meeting to serve in accordance with procedures set forth in the by-laws.

Section E.
1. The Executive Committee may adopt new by-laws and change current by-laws when necessary by a majority vote at any of its meetings.

Article V – Meetings

Section A.
1. This Conference shall hold a minimum of three (3) meetings each year.
   a. The President shall designate the time and place of each meeting and shall send notice thereof to all officers and members at least fifteen (15) days prior to the tie set for such meeting.

Section B.
1. Representation from all member colleges shall attend each meeting.
   a. In the event of an extenuating circumstance, the President should be notified in advance of an unexpected absence.
   b. Notification of non-representation at any of the three (3) required yearly meetings shall be sent by the GSAC President of the non-present institution (effective Spring 2002).

Section C.
1. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be call be the President at any time in order to consider emergency situations which may arise.
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Article VI – Executive Committee and Conference Committees

Section A.
1. The elective offices of this Conference shall be the Executive Committee.
   a. The Executive Committee shall exercise the responsibilities of the elective officers defined in the by-laws
      i. The Executive Committee cannot amend Constitution.
      ii. The Executive Committee cannot make changes to the rules of eligibility.

Section B.
1. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for coordinating the activities of the Conference.

Section C.
1. The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint any advisory or standing committees which he or she deems necessary.
2. The Vice President shall act as President when the President is not in attendance, as well as take the minutes of all meetings and distribute them to all members.

Article VII – Finances

Section A.
1. All funds and property of this Conference shall be obtained, held and administered in accordance with the procedures as stated in the by-laws.
2. The Treasurer shall render annually a duly audited statement of all funds collected and expended and shall furnish a copy thereof to all members of the Conference.

Article VIII – Amendments

Section A.
1. This Constitution may be amended at any meetings by two-thirds affirmative vote of a quorum, provided that a copy of the proposed amendment shall have been sent to each member college thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Article IX – Organization of the Conference

Section A.
1. The Executive Committee shall have the power to organize the membership of the Conference into districts, regions, or areas for administrative, legislative and/or competitive purpose.