

THE CONSTITUTION

BY-LAWS

AND PLAYING REGULATIONS

OF

NIPISSING DISTRICT

ATHLETICS

INCORPORATED

(N.D.A.)

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLES

ARTICLE I

NAME AND AFFILIATION

SECTION I

This organization should be known as Nipissing District Athletics Incorporated and hereinafter referred to as N.D.A. or the "Incorporation".

SECTION II

N.D.A. shall be as designated by the N.O.S.S.A. Constitution, as Nipissing District Athletics Incorporated.

SECTION III

N.D.A. shall be the governing body for all N.D.A. sponsored activities subject to the Regulations under the Department of Education Act.

ARTICLE II

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION I

The aims and objectives of N.D.A. shall be:

1. to organize and administer inter-school athletics among the member schools.
2. to promote friendly relationships among the member schools.
3. to encourage the development of healthy attitudes and practices of good sportsmanship among the students of the member schools.
4. to promote and foster all desirable qualities to be achieved from competitive sport.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I: GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

N.D.A. shall include geographical areas known as Mattawa, North Bay, and West Nipissing.

SECTION II: MEMBER SCHOOLS

The following is a list of member schools of N.D.A.:

1. Chippewa Secondary School
2. École Secondaire Catholique Algonquin
3. École Secondaire Franco-Cite
4. F.J. McElligott - E.S.F.J. McElligott
5. École Secondaire Publique Northern Secondary School
6. St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Catholic Secondary School
7. West Ferris Secondary School
8. Widdifield Secondary School
9. École Secondaire Publique l'Odyssee
10. N'bisiing Secondary School
11. Any Secondary School built in the future within the geographical boundaries of the Nipissing District.

SECTION III

The term "Secondary School" for the purpose of this constitution shall be defined to include all schools engaged in the teaching of curricula as prescribed for Secondary Schools by the Ontario Department of Education.

ARTICLE III (CONT'D)

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION IV

The following is a list of the "Individual Members" of N.D.A.:

1. all Principals and Vice-Principals of all member schools.
2. all Supervisors of Athletics of the member schools.
3. any Volunteer approved by the principal of a member school who is involved in administration, organization, coaching or managing of an inter-school sport or activity sponsored by N.D.A. and who is registered with the Secretary of the Incorporation.
4. any person who formerly met the conditions under (1), (2), or (3) who still maintains an interest in N.D.A. activities.

SECTION V

Each of the Supervisors of Athletics shall register, with the Secretary of the Incorporation, the names of all staff members in their respective schools who are engaged in the administration, organization, coaching or managing of an inter-school sport or activity sponsored by N.D.A. These lists are to be forwarded to the N.D.A. Secretary not later than September 30 of the current school year or where a coach is not appointed until later, his name is to be sent to the N.D.A. Secretary as soon as appointed.

SECTION VI: ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

An Associate Member shall be a Secondary School outside of the Territorial boundaries as described in Article III, Section I, which is permitted to participate in inter-school activities at the discretion of the Incorporation. An Associate Member shall not be entitled to vote on any matter at any regular or special activities meeting of N.D.A. except as regards those inter-school activities in which they directly participate.

No associate member school may compete in a NDA playoff where an NDA banner or trophy is awarded.

ARTICLE IV

THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION I

The Executive of N.D.A. shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President, Public Relations Officer, and Principals' Representatives (max. 1 per Board) as appointed by the Principals Association and a Member at Large from the remaining schools not represented in the executive positions.

SECTION II

The Executive of N.D.A. shall be elected annually at the Annual Meeting of the Incorporation.

SECTION III

Any registered member of the Incorporation may hold a position on the Executive provided he/she is duly elected.

SECTION IV

The President and Vice-Presidents may not hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

SECTION V

Any member of the Executive may be removed from his/her position on the Executive by a 2/3 majority vote of all those members present and voting at the next meeting of the Incorporation.

SECTION VI

In the event that any Executive Member needs to be replaced for any reason, such position shall be filled by election at a meeting of the Incorporation.

SECTION VII

Executive members, members of duly constituted committees of the NDA and volunteers shall not be held personally liable for any decisions made or actions taken in the performance of their duties while holding any of the positions mentioned above provided said decisions or actions are made in good faith and the NDA shall indemnify and save such persons harmless from any and all causes of action, howsoever they may arise, in connection with the performance of their duties.

The NDA may purchase and maintain insurance for the benefit of executive members, committee members and volunteers to provide indemnity against any claims arising out of the performance of their respective duties on behalf of the NDA.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION I: PRESIDENT

The President shall:

1. make every effort to insure that the Constitution of N.D.A. is upheld both in letter and in spirit.
2. call and preside over all meetings of the Incorporation or Executive.
3. maintain on-going records regarding reports of misconduct by athletes, spectators, coaches and officials. Upon receipt of such reports the President shall initiate the action process as outlined in Article XXII, Page 31.
4. appoint a "Steering Committee" for the Annual Meeting of the Incorporation.
5. appoint special committees when necessary.

SECTION II: VICE PRESIDENTS

There shall be two (2) Vice Presidents. The Vice Presidents shall be designated as First and Second Vice President.

1. The First Vice President shall:
 - (a) fulfil all the functions of the President when the President is not in attendance or has relinquished "The Chair".
 - (b) act as the convenor of the Annual Meeting under the direction of the Executive. (see Page 15, Article XII, Section IV)
 - (c) shall act as billing agent for the sports which have contracts with officials' associations.
 - (d) shall prepare the billing for all N.D.A. pennants with costs based on a per team basis as declared by the member schools by Oct.15 of the current school year.
 - (e) perform any other function of an administrative nature as requested by the President.
2. The Second Vice President shall:
 - (a) be responsible for publishing a list for the "Annual Meeting" of the location and condition of all N.D.A. trophies and prepare an estimate of repairs for submission to the Executive.

- (b) compile a complete up-to-date list of all N.D.A. Championship teams and individual winners for the Annual Meeting.
- (c) present to the Annual Meeting on an annual basis all updated team and individual records.

ARTICLE V (CONT'D)

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION III: SECRETARY

The Secretary of the Incorporation shall:

1. keep a permanent record of all general, special, and committee meetings of the Incorporation including Official's contracts.
2. distribute to all Supervisors of Athletics of member schools copies of the minutes of all general, special, or committee meetings of the Incorporation.
3. ensure that the N.D.A. Constitution is updated annually and that copies of amended pages are sent to all member schools.
4. provide all Supervisors of Athletics of member schools at least ONE (1) FULL MONTH in advance of the Annual Meeting, with information regarding the date, time and place of the said meeting.
5. communicate to all Supervisors of Athletics of member schools at least TWO (2) FULL weeks in advance of the Annual Meeting, copies of all notices of motion to amend the constitution or its by-laws.
6. communicate to all Supervisors of Athletics of member schools at least ONE (1) FULL WEEK in advance of the Fall Assembly or of the June Meeting, copies of all notices of motion to amend playing regulations.
7. order score sheets at the request of the Convenor and bill to First Vice President accordingly.
8. order banners for the upcoming school year in early January and inform the First Vice President of this cost.
9. insure that an adequate supply of N.D.A. ribbons is available at all times.
10. prepare and distribute address labels to member schools as needed.

ARTICLE V (CONT'D)

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION IV: TREASURER

The Treasurer of the Incorporation shall:

1. keep an accurate accounting of all receipts and disbursements made on behalf of the Incorporation.
2. distribute at each general meeting of the Incorporation a financial statement of the Incorporation.
3. make the necessary arrangements to have the financial records of the Incorporation audited every year commencing in 1968. The audit shall be performed by a person or persons approved by the Executive.
4. audit any separate bank accounts which have been approved by the Executive as per Art.XVIII, Sect.2 - Finances.
5. inform, in writing, the Supervisors of Athletics of each member school of the amount of the annual fees owing by his/her school. See Finances.
6. issue pertinent information to each member school and contact schools who have not paid sport participation fees within thirty (30) days of the billing date.

SECTION V: PAST PRESIDENT, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PRINCIPAL'S REPRESENTATIVES

PAST PRESIDENT

The Past President shall act in a consulting capacity to the President and the members of the Executive.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Public Relations Officer shall:

1. work closely with the convenor's of each activity in an attempt to sell N.D.A., its philosophy and program to the administration and staff, parents of the athletes and general public.
2. prepare master schedule for N.D.A., N.O.S.S.A. and O.F.S.A.A. championships being hosted by member schools in the current school year and circulate the schedule and event convenors to member schools as well as to the local media and update when necessary.

3. ensure that coaching lists from all schools are distributed to the media. (can be obtained from the N.D.A. Secretary on request)

ARTICLE V (CONT'D)

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE

PRINCIPALS' REPRESENTATIVES

The Principals' Representatives shall be the liaisons between N.D.A.

ARTICLE VI

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION I

Nominations and elections for the positions of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Public Relations Officer shall be held at the Annual Meeting of the Incorporation. The Principal's Representatives shall be appointed by the Joint Principal's Association and should be named prior to the Annual Meeting. The positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer and First Vice-President shall be filled for a minimum of 2 years (as per Convenors Rotation List).

SECTION II

All voting shall be by a show of hands unless otherwise directed by the Chairman.

SECTION III

The President shall appoint three scrutineers whose task it shall be to count and tabulate the results of all voting when a secret ballot is taken.

SECTION IV

In the event that the N.D.A. Secretary does not have nominations for the positions of President, Secretary, and Treasurer three (3) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, then the rotation guideline will be used:

ARTICLE VII**VOTING POWERS****SECTION I**

At all meetings of the Incorporation, each member school shall be entitled to a maximum of four (4) votes per school (2 males - 2 females) on ANY QUESTION before the Incorporation concerning Constitution, By-laws, Co-educational Playing Regulations and motions of general business.

SECTION II

1. On motions dealing with male (or female) only Playing Regulations, voting shall be limited to 2 males (females) per school.
2. The one exception to II (a) allows a male (female) coaching a female (male) activity to use a female (male) vote.

Exception: Items which appear under the heading "Principals' Guidelines" (By-Law 3) are included solely for the information of the N.D.A. membership. Principals' Guidelines may only be amended at the request of the Joint Principals Association.

SECTION III

1. All motions regarding amendments to the Constitution and By-laws shall be passed by a 2/3 majority of those present and voting.
2. All motions regarding amendments to the Playing Regulations and motions of general business shall be passed by a simple majority vote of those present and voting.

Exception: Items which appear under the heading "Principals' Guidelines" (Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Running, Cross Country Skiing, Football, Track and Field) are included solely for the information of the N.D.A. membership. Principals' Guidelines may only be amended at the request of the Joint Principals Association.

SECTION IV

1. The President of the Incorporation shall not vote, except in the case of a tie or to decide on an issue requiring a 2/3 majority vote. (Applies to Section I only)
2. The President or First Vice President shall not vote, except in the case of a tie on matters dealing with playing regulations.

SECTION V

No proxy votes shall be allowed except as otherwise provided.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

SECTION I

Amendments to the N.D.A. Constitution and By-laws shall be made only at the Annual Meeting of the Incorporation.

SECTION II

All notices of motion to amend the N.D.A. Constitution and By-laws must be in writing and in the hands of the Secretary of the Incorporation at least three (3) weeks prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. Each member school shall be informed in writing of such notices of motion at least two (2) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS TO PLAYING REGULATIONS

SECTION I

Amendments to the Playing Regulations of the N.D.A. Constitution may be made at any regular or special meeting of the Incorporation.

SECTION II

All notices of motion to amend the Playing Regulations must be in writing and in the hands of the Secretary of the Incorporation at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of a meeting of the Incorporation. Each member school shall be informed in writing of such notices of motion at least one (1) week prior to the meeting of the Incorporation at which the motions will be voted on.

ARTICLE X

MEETINGS

SECTION I

1. N.D.A. shall meet at least twice per school year -- once prior to the Christmas break and once after the Christmas break.
2. All meetings of N.D.A. shall be conducted according to the "Roberts Rules of Parliamentary Procedure".

SECTION II

Special meetings of the N.D.A. shall be at the call of the President, provided that the President shall call a meeting when requested to do so in writing by any two (2) members of the Executive, by the Principals of two (2) member schools, or by any three members of the Incorporation general membership.

SECTION III

No special meetings of the full membership shall be called with less than forty-eight (48) hours notice.

SECTION IV

No voting decisions shall be registered with the incorporation with less than five (5) member schools represented.**ARTICLE XI**

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

SECTION I

The President shall call and preside over all meetings of the Executive of the Incorporation.

SECTION II

The President shall call a meeting of the Executive once each month or when requested to do so by two (2) members of the Executive.

SECTION III

Each member of the Executive shall be entitled to two (2) working days notice of any Executive meeting.

ARTICLE XII

ANNUAL MEETING

SECTION I

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Incorporation to be held in the Spring of each school year.

SECTION II

At least one (1) full month prior to the date of the Annual Meeting, the Secretary of N.D.A. shall notify each member school of the Incorporation of the date, time, and place of said meeting.

SECTION III

At least one (1) full week prior to the date of the Annual Meeting, the Secretary shall provide each member school of the Incorporation with an agenda for said meeting.

SECTION IV: DUTIES OF THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

1. To advise the Secretary of suitable dates for the Annual Meeting.
2. To make the necessary physical arrangements.
3. To arrange for food and refreshments.

ARTICLE XIII

NOTICES OF MOTION TO N.O.S.S.A.

SECTION II

All notices of motion to N.O.S.S.A. from N.D.A. members shall be forwarded to the Secretary of N.O.S.S.A.

SECTION III

Any Registered Member of the Incorporation may present any motion he/she wished at the appropriate time and during the Annual N.O.S.S.A. General Meeting.

SECTION IV

The President of N.D.A., upon receipt of all notices of motion to be presented at the N.O.S.S.A. Resolutions Committee, shall, within a reasonable period of time before the N.O.S.S.A. Resolutions Committee meeting, call a meeting of N.D.A. general membership in order to determine the position of N.D.A. on each notice of motion to be presented.

SECTION V

The position of N.D.A. on each notice of motion to be presented at the N.O.S.S.A. Resolutions Committee meeting shall be determined by a simple majority vote.

SECTION VI

N.D.A. shall elect at this above-mentioned meeting its official delegates to the N.O.S.S.A. Resolutions Committee meeting.

SECTION VII

N.D.A. delegates to the N.O.S.S.A. Resolutions Committee meeting shall express the position of N.D.A. on each notice of motion presented.

ARTICLE XIV

ELIGIBILITY - CHAIRMAN AND FORMS

SECTION I

The Eligibility Chairman for each N.D.A. activity shall be the Convenor of that activity.

SECTION II

Each member school is responsible for providing the Convenor of each activity with an N.D.A. eligibility or AELS (OFSAA) form for every N.D.A. activity in which that school participates.

SECTION III

1. Eligibility forms signed by a Coach, Supervisor of Athletics and Principal or their representatives shall be in the possession of the Convenor the day before the first league game or contest of teams concerned and any additions throughout the year must be submitted the day before the contest involved.
2. Any team failing to meet the eligibility requirements (Article XIV, Section III, #1) shall default the contest(s) in question.

ARTICLE XV**ELIGIBILITY****SECTION I**

N.D.A. agrees with the rules for "amateurs" as prescribed by O.F.S.A.A. Any student who is not an amateur within the meaning of this term shall not be permitted to participate in any N.D.A. activity until such student can file proof of reinstatement with the Incorporation Secretary.

All school teams or individuals participating in an N.D.A. activity shall be in the charge of a registered member of the Incorporation for the duration of the game or contest.

SECTION II

In order for a student to represent his school in any N.D.A. activity, he/she must satisfy the following conditions:

1. be enrolled at least 10 calendar days in the new school prior to the contest concerned. (Exception: must be enrolled five (5) days in the new school prior to N.D.A. Alpine, Cross Country Skiing and Football)
2. be in attendance at least 75 per cent of the regular days between the date of the contest concerned, except when a school is legally closed by a municipality, or when there is a disabling illness.
3. For the first four years of high school, a student must be a full-time equivalent student as defined by the Ministry of Education and Training. This is taken to mean that a student must be taking a minimum of six (6) full credit courses over the school year (or the equivalent in a grade 9 program). After the fourth year of high school, a student must be taking (4) non-semestered full-time credit courses over the school year OR two (2) full credit courses per semester.
4. the OFSAA 5-year eligibility policy is in effect for all sports in N.D.A.

SECTION III

A Principal at a member school may, at any time, declare a student enrolled in his school ineligible.

SECTION IV

Expulsion or suspension from school shall render a student of a member school ineligible to compete in any N.D.A. activity until such student has been reinstated in the school by the Principal.

ARTICLE XV (CONT'D)**ELIGIBILITY****SECTION V**

Except as otherwise provided, participation in more than two (2) league contests of a higher age classification shall render a student of a lower age class ineligible for the competition at the lower age class, in the same activity during the same school year. The term "participation" is defined to mean actual playing, dressing for the game or contest or the inclusion of the student's name on the score card. This section is not intended to cover exhibition games or contests. Note: Participation of a competitor in two (2) league contests at a higher age class will render a competitor ineligible at a lower age class at N.O.S.S.A.

SECTION VI

In order to qualify for playoff competition a student must have participated (see definition in SECTION V) in at least two (2) league games in the school and in the age group for which he/she will be used for playoffs.

SECTION VII

1. Any school that has enrolled transfer students who intend to compete in sports at the N.D.A., N.O.S.S.A. or O.F.S.A.A. levels shall submit applications to the N.D.A. transfer committee for eligibility ruling based on the O.F.S.A.A. Policy. Schools must have received a ruling of eligible from the N.D.A. or O.F.S.A.A. transfer committee prior to including the student in any contest at the N.D.A., N.O.S.S.A. or O.F.S.A.A. level.
2. All applications must include **legible** copies of:

Required documents outlined on the OFSAA Transfer Application Form according to the section pertinent to the applicant.
3. Any team failing to meet the eligibility requirements (Article XV, Section VII,) shall default the contest(s) in question.

ARTICLE XV (CONT'D)

ELIGIBILITY

SECTION VIII

F.J. McElligott and E.S.F.J. McElligott are allowed combined entry in all N.D.A. competitions.

SECTION IX

1. Any school wishing to enter or withdraw a team in any given N.D.A. league must notify that sport committee's convenor of this intent before the applicable entry date.
2. **Entry Dates:**
 - (a) the first teaching Monday in September for Football, Boys' Volleyball, Girls' Basketball and Hockey
 - (b) October 1st for Boys' Basketball and Girls' Volleyball
 - (c) April 1st for Soccer
3. Any school which fails to meet an entry date deadline may be refused entry to the league in question for that scholastic year.

ARTICLE XVI**BOARD OF REVIEW****SECTION I (Purpose)**

The Board of Review shall be the reviewing body for all N.D.A. sponsored activities, subject to the Regulations under the Department of Education Act.

SECTION II (Membership)

The Board of Review shall consist of the N.D.A. President and the appropriate Supervisor of Athletics or alternate from each school.

SECTION III (Chair)

The N.D.A. President shall be the Chairman of the Board of Review.

SECTION IV (Duties of Chair)

1. The Chairman of the Board shall preside over all meetings except where the Chairman of the Board is directly involved in any matter before the Board and then a replacement shall be named by the Chairman. In the case where the Chairman of the Board is a Supervisor of Athletics, the Chairman may appoint an alternate to represent his/her school on the Board.
2. If a member of the Board of Review is directly involved in any matter referred to the Board of Review, he shall be represented on the Board by an alternate appointed by the school.

SECTION V (Request for Meeting)

The Board of Review shall meet at the call of the Chairman, provided that the Chairman shall call a meeting when requested in writing to do so by two members of the Board or by a Principal of a member school, or by the Convenor of an N.D.A. activity or by the Referee-in-Chief of any N.D.A. activity. Individual(s) requesting the meeting should indicate rationale for said meeting (see SECTION X Board of Review).

SECTION VI (Meeting Timeline)

Unless the situation to be addressed by the Board requires immediate attention, no meeting of the Board shall be called with less than twenty-four (24) hours notice to all members except by unanimous consent.

ARTICLE XVI (CONT'D)**BOARD OF REVIEW****SECTION VII (Quorum)**

A Quorum of the Board shall be five (5) members. A Quorum of the Board must be present in order to hold a meeting.

SECTION VIII (Voting)

All questions coming before a meeting of the Board of Review shall be determined by a simple majority vote. The Chairman shall vote only in the case of a tie.

SECTION IX (Decision Appeal)

Any appeal of the Board of Review decision must be made in writing to the Chairman of the Board of Reference within forty-eight (48) hours of receiving written notification of that decision.

SECTION X (Reasons for Requesting Board of Review)

The Board of Review shall deal with:

1. all protests referred to it by the Convenor of any N.D.A. activity.
2. all disputes arising from player eligibility. (with the exception of Transfer Board decisions)
3. all matters of misconduct on the part of an official referred to it by the N.D.A. Executive
4. all matters dealing with misconduct on the part of any student connected with a team belonging to N.D.A. or participating in a N.D.A. activity.
5. all matters arising from defaulted games or contests.
6. all matters arising from the misconduct of spectators.
7. all disputes arising from any contract signed with an officials association.
8. all matters arising from the interpretation of the Constitution, By-laws and Playing Regulations.

ARTICLE XVI (CONT'D)

BOARD OF REVIEW

SECTION XI (Duties)

The Board of Review shall have the power to:

1. suspend, expel, or otherwise discipline any team belonging to N.D.A. or participating in any N.D.A. activity or any student connected with such team.
2. to deny admission to any N.D.A. game or activity to any spectator whose conduct at past games or activities has been such as to warrant such denial.

SECTION XII (Procedures)

The Board of Review shall have the power to call witnesses and to hear evidence from any person or group of persons it deems advisable. All persons connected with any N.D.A. team or activity shall appear before the Board of Review, if so requested, and failure of any person to do so shall be grounds for dealing with him under the provisions of Section XI (1).

SECTION XIII (Reporting)

The Board of Review shall file with the Secretary of N.D.A. the appropriate Athletic Director or designate of each school and with the Principal of each member school a report of the proceedings of any meeting of the Board, together with a complete statement of its decision on any matter referred to it.

ARTICLE XVII**BOARD OF REFERENCE****SECTION I (Members)**

The Board of Reference shall consist of the Principal from each member school, and shall meet at the call of the Chairman of the Board of Reference (who is the Joint Principal's Association designated representative to N.D.A.).

SECTION II (Duties)

The Board of Reference shall have all powers assigned to the Board of Review in Article XVI, Sections X, XI, XII. This section shall not in any way limit the powers of Principals as assigned to them by the Ministry of Education or its regulations.

SECTION III (Purpose)

The Board of Reference is hereby empowered to deal with all matters arising out of:

1. protests of Board of Review decisions
2. matters pertaining to the misconduct of coaching (teaching and non-teaching personnel).

SECTION IV (Request for Meeting)

The Board of Reference shall convene at the call of the Chairman. The Chairman shall convene the Board when requested in writing by: The N.D.A. Executive, the Board of Review, the Convenor of the sport concerned, or a Principal of a member school. All requests for a meeting of the Board of Reference shall be in writing and made to the Chairman of the Board of Reference. Copies of the request for a Board of Reference shall be forwarded to the N.D.A. President, the N.D.A. Secretary, the Chairman of the Board of Review and the N.D.A. Convenor of the sport in question.

SECTION V (Reporting)

Upon rendering its decision, the Chairman of the Board of Reference shall notify, in writing, the President of N.D.A., the N.D.A. Convenor and the Directors of Education of the appropriate boards.

ARTICLE XVII (CONT'D)

BOARD OF REFERENCE

SECTION VI (Timeline)

No meeting of the Board of Reference shall be called within less than twenty-four (24) hours notice to a member, except by unanimous consent.

SECTION VII (Recording)

All written material including letters requesting the Board of Reference, written submissions made to the Board, game sheets and any other materials presented as evidence before the Board shall be filed with the Secretary of N.D.A. to be kept on file for future reference as precedents for the Board of Reference decisions.

SECTION VIII (Quorum)

A Quorum of the Board shall be five (5) members. A Quorum of the Board must be present in order to hold a meeting.

SECTION IX (Voting)

All questions coming before a meeting of the Board of Review shall be determined by a simple majority vote. The Chairman shall vote only in the case of a tie.

ARTICLE XVIII**FINANCES****SECTION I**

All Incorporation monies, including all monies received by any Incorporation committee, including all "Sport Committees" on behalf of the Incorporation, or held in trust by the Incorporation for later distribution to the member schools, shall be kept in one bank account in the name of N.D.A.

SECTION II

No N.D.A. committee shall keep or maintain a bank account of any kind without the annual approval of the N.D.A. Executive.

SECTION III

The Treasurer, together with any one member of the Executive of the Incorporation shall have the power to sign cheques for payment of approved N.D.A. accounts, or any unapproved accounts not exceeding \$25.00.

SECTION IV

The Treasurer and a designated member of the executive shall be the Signing Officers for approved expenditures.

SECTION V

The N.D.A. fiscal year shall be the period September 1st to August 31st.

SECTION VI

All N.D.A. expenses, excluding sport related items such as honorariums and convenors' expenses shall be divided equally among the member schools. These above-mentioned sport related items shall be divided equally among the schools participating in those sports. Exception: For the purposes of N.D.A. activity fees, F.J.McElligott and E.S.F.J. McElligott shall be considered as one member school.

SECTION VII

Any school with outstanding debts to N.D.A. at the conclusion of the school year will not be allowed to participate in any N.D.A. activity in the subsequent school year(s) until such debts are paid in full including the upcoming year's membership fees

SECTION VIII

All N.D.A. Member schools are to pay a first installment of \$3000.00 by September 30th and a second installment of \$2000.00 by Fall Assembly and a third installment of \$1000.00 by January 30th. These fees will cover various expenses. ODY will make three installments of \$1000.00 by the dates listed above. Nbsiing will pay a first installment of \$500 by September 30th to cover various N.D.A. expenses. Any outstanding fees will be billed after this time and any credit balances will be returned at the end of the school year.

ARTICLE XIX

CONTRACTS

SECTION I

All contracts negotiated on behalf of N.D.A. are to be negotiated by the Executive of the Incorporation, together with any members of the Incorporation appointed by the President.

SECTION II

The President and Joint Principals Rep to the N.D.A., with the approval of the Executive, shall have the power to sign any contracts negotiated on behalf of N.D.A.

SECTION III

All contracts submitted for N.D.A. approval should include statements about fee structure, cost of transportation, services to be rendered, length of contract, payment schedules, and renegotiations of new contracts.

ARTICLE XX

TRAVELLING EXPENSES - AWARDS etc.

SECTION I

Any person or group of people officially designated by N.D.A. to represent N.D.A. at N.O.S.S.A., O.F.S.A.A. or any other gathering shall be allowed the following expenses:

1. the price of the most inexpensive form of public transportation - carpool to be arranged where feasible.
2. single hotel accommodation or one half the cost of a double accommodation if room shared with other N.D.A. representative.
3. the sum of thirty (30) dollars per day for meals with submitted receipts
4. taxi fare to and from hotel OR the cost of parking if travelling by car.

SECTION II

1. Any person or group of people officially designated by N.D.A. to represent N.D.A. at N.O.S.S.A., O.F.S.A.A., or any other gathering shall submit in writing to the President of N.D.A. one (1) week prior to the date of the meeting an itemized statement of expenses and travelling arrangements.
2. The President shall call a meeting of the Executive to discuss the above-mentioned statement and shall inform the person(s) concerned as to whether it has been approved or disapproved.
3. If the itemized statement is disapproved then the Executive shall meet with the person(s) concerned and arrive at a figure which the Executive feels is reasonable.

ARTICLE XXI**HONORARIA****SECTION I**

N.D.A. may pay an honorarium to any individual group or organization that provides at no charge a service to N.D.A.

SECTION II

Any honorarium paid by N.D.A. shall not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) except as otherwise specifically stated in the Constitution.

SECTION III

N.D.A. shall pay to each of the President, First Vice-President, Secretary and the Treasurer an annual honorarium of \$150.00.

ARTICLE XXII**MISCONDUCT BY COACHES, ATHLETES, OFFICIALS OR SPECTATORS****SECTION I ATHLETES AND SPECTATORS**

The President shall receive and maintain on-going records of reports of misconduct of any athlete or spectator (i.e.: abuse of officials, attempt to injure, etc.) connected with a team belonging to N.D.A. or participating in an N.D.A. activity.

In the event of misconduct by an athlete or by a spectator, the President shall inform the Principal of the school concerned about the incident. The President may also inform the Convenor as to other courses of action which are available to him/her (i.e.: Board of Review).

SECTION II COACHES

The President shall receive and maintain on-going records of reports of misconduct by coaches (i.e. abuse of officials, ejection from a game, etc.) from officials, convenors or other members of the Incorporation.

The President shall, upon receipt of a first report of misconduct by an N.D.A. Coach, advise that individual's Principal of the incident (Form Letter #1 - Forms Section of the Appendices).

In the event that an N.D.A. coach is written up for misconduct twice in the same year the President shall advise the Principal of the school involved (Form letter #2 - Forms Section of the Appendices) of the incident and will inform him/her that the report of misconduct will be placed on the agenda of the next N.D.A. Executive meeting. After having evaluated the situation, the Executive may refer the matter to the Board of Reference.

The N.D.A. Executive may address any on-going situation in which an N.D.A. coach displays repeated misconduct over consecutive years.

SECTION III OFFICIALS

The President shall receive and maintain on-going records of reports of misconduct by officials from coaches, convenors, principals or other members of the Incorporation.

The President shall, upon receipt of a first report of misconduct by an official, advise that officials' association's President of the incident (Form Letter #3 - Forms Section of the Appendices).

In the event that an official is written up for misconduct twice in the same year the President shall advise the President of the association concerned (Form letter #4 - Forms Section of the Appendices) of the incident and will inform him/her that the report of misconduct will be placed on the agenda of the next N.D.A. Executive meeting . After having evaluated the situation, the Executive may refer the matter to the Board of Review.

The N.D.A. Executive may address any on-going situation in which an official displays repeated misconduct over consecutive years.