

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1

NAME

The name of the association is the OKC METRO OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, a nonprofit corporation, incorporated in the state of Oklahoma. This corporation will be referred to as the ASSOCIATION in this constitution and bylaws.

ARTICLE 2

OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

The objectives and purposes for which this association is organized include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. To further the interests of amateur sports officials;
2. To maintain the highest standard of sports officiating;
3. To promote the welfare of amateur sports, its players, administrators, fans, the media, and amateur sports officials;
4. To encourage the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship;
5. To cooperate with organizations and associations connected with sports to further amateur sports and all persons involved with amateur sports;
6. To provide educational programs to advance the knowledge and skills of amateur sports officials;
7. To conduct programs encouraging public appreciation of the skill and for the professional competence of amateur sports officials;
8. To fully cooperate with and work in association with the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association by following their Constitution, Bylaws, rules, regulations, and recommendations.

ARTICLE 3

BUSINESS ADDRESS

This business address of the Association will be a Post Office Box in Oklahoma City. All correspondence, business affairs, and/or financial matters will be addressed to and received at that address.

ARTICLE 4

MEMBERSHIP

1. The members of the Association will be persons interested in the objectives and purposes for which this Association is organized;
2. A member of this Association must also be a member of the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association;
3. Membership in this Association will be by written application to the Board of Directors, on a standard form prepared by the Board of Directors, accompanied by the payment of dues;
4. One must be a member of OKC METRO OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION to take part in any testing, participate in any business meeting, obtain voting privileges, or hold any office;
5. One must be a member of any local association recognized by the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association to have attendance at local rules meetings forwarded to OSSAA;
6. Membership in this Association entitles a person to participate in the objectives and purposes of the Association, and does not obligate the Association in any way regarding the scheduling of any games;
7. Honorary membership is conferred upon individuals according to terms specified by the Board of Directors. No dues are paid by honorary members;
8. Any member may be suspended for a time or expelled, for adequate reason by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors. Failure to pay dues or to meet the criteria for membership is presumed to be adequate reason for expulsion and does not require advance notice to the member and deliberation by the Board. Any member proposed for suspension or expulsion for another reason, is to be given advance notice including the reason for the proposed suspension or expulsion, opportunity to contest the proposed suspension or expulsion in writing or in person before the Board of Directors, and final written notice of the Board's decision.

ARTICLE 5

BOARD OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

The governing body of the Association is the Board of Directors, which will consist of the elected Officers of the Association, which will be:

1. President
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Vice-president: One for each recognized sport.
5. Technical Advisor: One for each recognized sport.

ARTICLE 6

ELECTIONS

1. The election for offices of President, Secretary, and Treasurer will take place at the Annual Business Meeting.
2. The election for the offices of vice-president(s) and Technical Advisor(s) for each recognized sport will take place at the business meeting for that particular sport.
3. The business meeting for each particular sport will be the last regularly scheduled meeting for that particular sport.
4. All Officers are elected for a term of one (1) year, and will take office on July 1 following their election.
5. Only members of this Association may vote and take part in the business meetings, be it the Annual Business Meeting or the business meeting of a particular sport.
6. All elections will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.
7. A majority vote of members present will constitute an election decision.

ARTICLE 7

VACANCY OF AN OFFICE

1. If a vacancy occurs among the Officers, for any reason, the position is filled for the unexpired term by the Board of Directors.
2. Any Officer may be removed for adequate reason by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present. Any Officer proposed for removal is to be given advance notice including the reason for the proposed removal, opportunity to contest the proposed removal in writing or in person before the Board of Directors, and final written notice of the Board's decision.

ARTICLE 8

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

The duties of the Officers will be provided in the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE 9

AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to this Constitution must be presented to the Board of Directors no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Business Meeting of the Association.

A proposed amendment must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at the Annual Business Meeting.