

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

- SECTION I Any public school district that is a member of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association may be considered for membership. ECIC is currently a member of Section VI of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.
- SECTION II A school desiring membership shall send a letter of request to the President of the ECIC, **prior to September 1st**, properly signed by the Superintendent, Principal and Director of Health Physical Education Recreation/Director of Athletics. Membership shall be considered from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. Membership must be approved by three-fourths of the members of the Athletic Council who cast a vote.
- SECTION III All dues shall be paid by **September 1st**. On that date, the Treasurer will notify the delinquent schools in writing. Schools who have not paid dues by **November 1st** will lose voting privileges and will not be allowed to represent ECIC in sectional competition for the winter season and shall be dropped from membership for the spring season. Schools on austerity budgets may pay by the season on a pro-rated basis.
- SECTION IV Membership dues for each secondary school shall be computed as follows: There will be a base fee for 500 pupils (grades 7-12), an additional fee for each additional pupil (grades 7-12), a per sport fee and an office maintenance fee. (Appendix, I) Dues structures are to include pro-rated dues determined by the Athletic Council. Enrollment figures used for dues computation will be the Basic Educational Data System (BEDS) reports submitted to the State Education Department and will include ungraded handicapped students. Dues for partial member schools will be based on the above formula pro-rated by sport season. (Appendix, J)
- SECTION V Any school violating the By-Laws, eligibility rules, contest rules, or game conditions may be suspended (sport specific and level specific) from the conference by the Athletic Council and barred from participating in any of the authorized activities for a period of one season.

ARTICLE III- VOTING

- SECTION I A majority of representatives who cast an affirmative vote is required to pass a resolution.
- SECTION II Voting privilege will be based on membership in good standing of the current school year. Each member school has one vote. The President shall determine if a vote is a ballot or roll call vote. A postcard ballot authorized may be used if approved by the Athletic Council or in emergency situations by the Executive Committee. The minutes shall indicate the number of yes and no votes on any vote.
- SECTION III A majority vote of the total league membership in attendance must vote in the affirmative/negative in order to pass/defeat a general motion.
- SECTION IV Quorum- a majority of legal members in good standing.

ARTICLE IV- BUDGET

- SECTION I The annual budget will be presented at the November Athletic Council Meeting and approved at the January Athletic Council Meeting
- SECTION II All actions that affect the budget and league dues of a school district must be presented no later than the second Athletic Council meeting of the school year if they are to become effective during the following school year.
- SECTION III The Athletic Council has the authority to adjust the budget presentation guidelines by a majority vote.

ARTICLE V- ATHLETIC COUNCIL

- SECTION I The governing body of the ECIC shall be the Athletic Council
- SECTION II The Athletic Council should consist of: The Executive Committee (See Article V) and a representative/alternate from each school appointed in writing by the district.
- SECTION III The President of the Athletic Council shall serve a two year term which will be rotated between the Athletic Directors and the School Principal's.

SECTION IV

Duties- The Athletic Council Shall:

Item 1- Formulate policies for conference athletic activities

Item 2- Organize, Supervise and approve all conference athletic activities.

Item 3- Promote the general objectives and policies of the NYSPHSAA and the regulations of the Commissioner of Education regarding HPER and interscholastic sports.

Item 4- Approve the budget for the following year at the annual November meeting.

Item 5- Conduct the annual preseason coaching meetings

SECTION V

Meetings- The Athletic Council shall meet at least four (4) times each year preferably one week prior to Section VI Athletic Council meeting. The date, time and location will be determined by the President.

SECTION VI

Special Meetings- If necessary, the President may call special Athletic Council meetings for the purpose of conducting ECIC business.

ARTICLE VI- OFFICIERS, REPESENTATIVES AND REPONSIBILITES

SECTION I

The Executive Committee of the ECIC shall consist of:

1. President
2. President-Elect
3. Chairperson- Boys Activity Board
4. Chairperson- Girls Activity Board
5. Boys Representative to Section VI
6. Girls Representative to Section VI
7. President of Athletic Directors Association
8. Superintendent / Assistant Superintendent
9. High School Principal Representative
10. Junior High/Middle School Principals Representative
11. Immediate Past President (**Appeals Chairperson**)

A. The Executive Committee shall have the power to handle all matters not covered by the By-Laws

- B. Emergency Power- The Executive Committee shall have the authority to act on matters of immediate concern which cannot wait until the next Athletic Council Meeting or when it is unrealistic to call an emergency Athletic Council Meeting
- C. Positions (1-6) of the Executive Committee are elected by the Athletic Council. Positions (7-11) of the Executive Committee are approved by the Athletic Council.
- D. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have 1 (one) vote during executive session.
- E. The President of the Athletic Council shall have the authority to cast a tiebreaker vote. Each school district shall be afforded one vote in all Athletic Council matters. In the event of a tiebreaker vote and a Director is President and representing their school; the tie breaking vote will be cast by the Immediate Past President.
- F. All the above elected officials (1-6) shall be for two-year terms, to be elected at the May Meeting
- G. A slate of officers and representatives will be presented by the Nominating Committee at the March meeting. At that time, nominations may be presented from the floor.
- H. The newly elected officers will take office July 1st following the election of officers at the last meeting of the school year.

SECTION II

The President shall preside at all meetings and perform such duties as usually come under the office. The President shall be the official representative of the ECIC and shall have the majority approval of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE on any conference matter. The President shall have overview responsibility for the Executive Secretary.

The President-Elect shall preside in the absence of the President, and shall preside at hearings, appeals, etc., as designated by the President

SECTION III

Chairpersons of each Activity Board will call a meeting at least once each sport season. The Chairperson will forward minutes and any recommendations to the Activity Boards, Athletic Directors, and ECIC Office in an appropriate timeline for action at the Athletic Council Meetings.

SECTION IV Vacancies of any office positions shall be advertised and appointed by the Athletic Council.

ARTICLE VII- BOYS AND GIRLS ACTIVITY BOARD

SECTION I Boys' Activity Board will consist of six (6) representatives (one from each division where possible). The board will nominate a chairperson representative to be elected to the Executive Committee by the Athletic Council.

SECTION II Girls' Activity Board will consist of six (6) representatives (one from each division where possible). The board will nominate a chairperson representative to be elected to the Executive Committee by the Athletic Council.

SECTION III It will be the responsibility of each chairperson to conduct meetings during the school year

SECTION IV Each Activity Board Member will have one vote

SECTION V Based on the recommendation of the Activity Board an Activity Board Members' term may be extended for an additional year with the approval of the Athletic Council.

SECTION VI Each activity board will present nominations (at the January meeting and voted on at the March meeting) for Boys' / Girls' ECIC representatives and alternatives to Section VI meeting to the Athletic Council for approval.

SECTION VII The Activity Board Chairperson shall present a report of the activity board activities and recommendations to the Athletic Directors. (Prior to Athletic Council Action)

SECTION VIII The Activity Board shall recommend proposed schedules, rules on protests, recommend or not recommend coaches' suggestions, interpret the By-Laws, policies, sports standards, etc. for their respective coaches.

ARTICLE VIII- ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

- SECTION I The duly appointed Athletic Director of each member school, or appointed designee, will review and research all recommendations and concerns as presented by the Girls' Activity Board, Boys' Activity Board, Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent and Secondary School Principals prior to the Athletic Council Action.
- SECTION II Each Athletic Director shall be the liaison between member schools and his/her own Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent, High School Principal, and all his/her coaches.

ARTICLE IX- SPORTS CHAIRPERSON

- SECTION I Item 1: The varsity and modified coaches of each ECIC sport (example: Girls Basketball) shall submit nominee (s) for sports chairperson to the Activity Boards for a two (2) year term.
- SECTION II Item 2: The Chairperson or designee shall meet with the Activity Boards following the annual pre-season meeting and submit post-season meeting minutes to the Activity Board.
- SECTION III Item 3: The Chairperson or designee shall inform in writing within 10 days any recommendations and concerns as they arise during the course of the year to the Activity Board Chairperson.
- SECTION IV Item 4: A rotation of schools participating in each sport will be created. In the event a chairperson cannot be appointed, the school next on the rotation will assume the responsibility of the chairperson for that season.

ARTICLE X- AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

- SECTION I An affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the ECIC membership casting a vote is required to amend any part of the constitution or by-laws.
- SECTION II Proposed changes may be presented in writing to the President at any regularly scheduled Athletic Council meeting. Action will be taken at the next regular Athletic Council meeting, following the meeting at which the proposal was submitted. Approved changes will be effective immediately except where budget expenditures

are involved unless approved by the Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent.

ARTICLE XI- NOMINATING COMMITTEE

SECTION I The President shall appoint a nominating committee in January which will present a slate of officers at the March meeting for election at the last regular Athletic Council meeting of the school year.

ARTICLE XIII- SANCTION

SECTION I Any school in violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, and General Rules- Regulations and Policies may be sanctioned by the Athletic Council.

