

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

- C. A school becomes a member when final approval for membership is approved by the League Executive Committee and upon payment of its dues according to Section 5 below.

Section 3 Classification and Membership

- A. The membership will be divided into a minimum of three classifications determined by enrollments in grades 9-12. The reclassification process will use the 135 ADM from each school during the spring semester of the odd numbered years. The realignment will become effective the fall semester of the following even-numbered year, for a period of two years.
- B. The number of classifications will be determined by the Executive Committee. In making this decision the Executive Committee will consider the number of schools to be in each of the resulting classifications and the number of regions

7. A representative of the associate members of the League, elected by these members.
8. A representative of the certified game officials of the South Carolina High School League, elected by the game officials which person is actively serving as a game official.
9. A representative of the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association, elected by the said Association and currently serving as an athletic director at the high school level.

Section 3 Vacancies on Executive Committee

- A. Should a vacancy occur in the office of the president in the interim between Legislative Assembly meetings, the vice-president shall succeed him/her.
- B. If an Executive Committee representative changes his/her status so that he/she is no longer a member of the group which he/she was elected to represent, he/she must relinquish his/her place on the Executive Committee and a new representative will be selected in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

Section 4 Meetings

- A. The Executive Committee will have four scheduled meetings each year. These will be held on or around August 15, November 25, January 15 and February 25.
- B. Other meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called at the discretion of the president or at the request of any five members of the Executive Committee.

Section 5 Powers and Duties of the Executive Committee

- A. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the League, deciding all questions and performing all duties not delegated in the constitution. The Executive Committee will have the authority to interpret sections of the constitution using notes and examples where appropriate. No note or

Section 6 Powers and Duties of the Commissioner

- A. The commissioner shall be employed by the Executive Committee who shall determine the term of employment, duties, salary and expenses.
- B. The commissioner will have charge of all funds of the League and he/she or his/her designee will make a detailed report at the regular meeting of the Legislative Assembly of all monies collected and paid out by the League. He/she shall pay out all monies under instructions from the Executive Committee, and shall furnish bond in the sum of \$100,000.00. The League will pay this premium.
- C. The commissioner shall have control of all protests, contests, and appeals, subject to review of the Executive Committee which can, for cause, overrule his/her decisions.
- D. The commissioner may set aside the provisions of the governance documents concerning eligibility if he/she determines that special conditions exist.

ARTICLE VII - LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Section 1 Delegates

- A. The legislative power of the League shall be vested in a Legislative Assembly, composed of delegates representing the membership.
- B. Each classification will have one delegate representative from each region.
- C. Each classification will be permitted one vote for each 1,000 (or major part of 1,000) students represented by the class.

3. The Executive Committee will publish the proposed amendments, including recommendations for permanent placement of notes and interpretations, in the January Bulletin of the League with its recommendations on each proposal.
- C. The president and the commissioner, or a designee, shall be speaker and secretary respectively of the Legislative Assembly. The secretary shall record the minutes of all Legislative Assembly meetings and provide copies to each member school.
 - D. The Legislative Assembly, by majority vote, may edit any amendment or resolution submitted for legislative action.
 1. A two-thirds majority shall be required for adoption of a proposed amendment to the Constitution and/or Bylaws and a majority shall be required for the adoption of a resolution.
 2. The president, in case of a tie vote, shall cast the deciding ballot.
 - E. A delegate must be present at the Legislative Assembly in order to vote.
 - F. Any delegate speaking must first give his/her name and the school area represented.
 - G. The League, as determined by the Executive Committee, will pay expenses of the delegates.
 - H. Any superintendent or principal who has submitted a proposed amendment may speak to the amendment if he/she, has made a request to speak in writing at least one week prior to the annual meeting of the Legislative Assembly. Said speaker is limited to five minutes.
 - I. The most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised will govern the procedures of the Legislative Assembly, and the Executive Committee will employ a professionally certified parliamentarian.
 - J. The Executive Committee will have the responsibility of clarifying amendments by using interpretations and notes. The interpretations and notes of the Executive Committee shall be effective for only twenty-four months unless adopted by the Legislative Assembly as a portion of the Constitution or Bylaws.
 - K. The Legislative Assembly recognizes and appreciates that any change in state or federal law which affects the activities of this organization shall supersede the governing documents of this organization which are its Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE VIII APPELLATE PANEL

Section 1 Powers and Duties

The Appellate Panel shall be the final authority in all appeals involving member schools. Member schools must have the ability to appeal a ruling of the subdivisions, conferences, or regions of the League. The Appellate Panel must provide the final ruling in any appeal brought against a decision on appeal from the Executive Committee of the League. Decisions of the Appellate Panel shall be the final administrative appeal.

Section 2 Membership

The Appellate Panel shall consist of seven members who shall serve four-year terms. Members are appointed in the following manner: One person appointed by the legislative delegations of each congressional district. Members of the Appellate Panel may not concurrently serve as officers of any League subdivisions, conferences or regions and may not have served as a member of the Executive Committee within the last three years.

Section 3 Evidence

In order to support a position before the Appellate Panel using newly discovered evidence, the party seeking to use newly discovered evidence must establish that the newly discovered evidence:

1. will probably change the result if considered by the Appellate Panel,
2. has been discovered since the Executive Committee hearing,
3. could not have been discovered with due diligence before the Executive Committee hearing,
4. is material to the issue, and
5. is not merely cumulative or impeaching.