

New Jersey Interscholastic Ski Racing Association

By-Laws

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Article I

Duties of Officers

Sec. 1. **The President** shall have the power to call meetings of the association, and to preside over them. He/She shall have authority to call meetings of the Executive Council, and preside over them whenever in his/her judgment, the good of the Association demands it, or whenever a majority of the members of the Executive Council shall request him to do so. He/She shall work with the League Reps to help reschedule all postponed events. He/She shall be the hosting institution for the NJISRA State Race.

Sec. 2. **The Vice- President** shall, in the absence of the President, exercise all his/her duties.

Sec. 3. **The Administrator** shall keep the minutes of the Association and Executive Council meetings. He/She shall, at the direction of the President send notices of Association or Executive Council meetings.

He/She shall handle any correspondence for the Association, which the President directs. He/She shall send all contracts to member schools, unless another member is appointed by the President.

He/She shall handle the public and press relations of the Association, or, with the concurrence of the President, may further delegate such responsibility when it is deemed necessary or advisable.

He/She shall keep appropriate records of the Association.

Sec. 4. **The Treasurer** shall administer the financial affairs of the Association, under the direction of the Executive Council.

He/She shall prepare and render a financial statement at the Annual Meeting and to the Executive council at any time that he is so requested and shall disburse funds as voted by the Executive Council.

He/She shall prepare and render an annual budget at the Fall/Winter Meeting.

Sec. 5. **Association Representatives** He/She shall work with the President to help reschedule races, which have been postponed. Help coordinate conference points and win/loss records. Have voting rights on the executive board

The Executive Council will be comprised of the four officer positions, the immediate past president, and the three association representatives; all of whom shall have a vote on proposals brought to the executive council. The president shall break any tie votes with his/her vote.

Article II

Duties of the Executive Council

- Sec. 1. The Executive Council shall meet at the call of the President, and shall conduct such business as may be necessary or useful for furthering the interests of the Association.
- Sec. 2. The Executive Council shall direct the financial affairs of the Association, and shall appropriate such monies as may be necessary or useful for its operation – including the determination of annual member dues and the authorization of special assessments for whatever special purposes have met its approval.
- Sec. 3. The Executive Council may at its discretion, appoint other committees, to which it may delegate specific functions. Such committees may be formed from council members, from representatives of member schools, or from both provided that no more than one member be appointed from any one school. Committees should be odd in number in the event a vote is needed.
- Sec. 4. The Executive Council shall accept and act on applications for membership in the Association, and shall report to the Annual and Fall Meetings all applications that it has approved.
- Sec. 5. The Executive Council shall establish policies and procedures for implementing the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws.
- Sec. 6. The Executive Council shall handle all reported violations of the Constitution and By-Laws.
- Sec. 7. The Executive Council shall determine the Classification of representative school teams for league, tournament, and championship purposes, as well as determine locations of races.
- Sec. 8. The Executive Council shall be charged with responsibility for creating and implementing a standard body of rules governing all Association competition.
- Sec. 9. The Executive Council shall handle all protest appeals and matters of controversy stemming from competition or interpretation of the rules, and its decision shall be final.
- Sec. 10. The Executive Council shall settle all problems pertaining to athletic eligibility. In pursuit of this function, the Council may request at any time a list of eligible racers with their ages, to be furnished and certified by the principal, or headmaster of any member school.
- Sec. 11. The Executive Council shall approve all schedules of conference competition.
- Sec. 12. The Executive Council shall authorize all tournaments and championship meets, establish standards for conducting them, and, as deemed necessary, appoint committees for handling each in accordance with the established standards.
- Sec. 13. The Executive Council shall foster a Code of Ethics for member schools and their athletes in regard to participation in Association competition.
- Sec. 14. At the Annual Meeting, the Executive Council shall make an annual report of its activities to the Association.
- Sec. 15. At the NJISRA state Events, a quorum of the Executive Council shall be present and participate in the organization and running of such events.

Article III

Meetings

- Sec. 1. There shall be at least two meetings of the Association each year, one in Spring and one in the Fall.
- Sec. 2. The Administrator shall advise the membership of the time and place of pending meetings by at least two weeks prior to the event.
- Sec. 3. Each school holding membership shall have one vote on subjects before the meetings. Only one accredited delegate shall vote for each school.
- Sec. 4. A majority of member school representatives (one for each school) shall constitute a quorum on all subjects before the Association other than those elsewhere specified in the Constitution and By-Laws.
- Sec. 5. Association meetings shall be conducted in accordance with recognized rules of parliamentary procedure.
- Sec. 6. As a general policy, meetings of the Executive Council are to be open and public to any and all Association members who, at their own discretion and initiative, desire to attend, but the right to close certain meetings or portions of meetings is reserved to the Council at its discretion. Further, the Executive Council may invite to its meetings and seek the advice and counsel of any and all non-members of the association whose presence at a meeting may be anticipated by the Council to be constructive in furthering the best interests of the Association.

Article IV

Membership

- Sec. 1. To qualify for membership, a school must meet the specifications set forth in Article III, Sec. 1 of the Constitution, and the school, in order to be considered for or to retain membership in the Association, must be represented by a qualified adult, designated by the principal as the coach or advisor of its team or teams.
- Sec. 2. Any qualified school may be admitted to membership by having the proposal of membership made at a meeting of the Executive Council and voted upon at a second Council meeting at least two weeks later. A majority vote will admit a school to membership.
- Sec. 3. Each member school shall be represented on the Association by one or more approved adults, delegated by the principal, who shall have voice for their school in meetings. Each school, however, shall have but one vote in the decision of any matter.

Article V

Dues and Assessments

- Sec. 1. Member schools shall pay annual dues (School Contract), which will be decided annually by the Executive Council. Member schools that have not paid their bill from prior years of participation shall not be permitted to participate in the current year of competition until all past and present bills are paid.
- Sec. 2. Annual dues become payable on or before the first race of the season.
- Sec. 3. As authorized in Article II, Sec. 2 of the By-Laws, the Executive Council may, from time to time, make special assessments of the membership as it sees fit. The cumulative amount of such special assessments in any one year may not exceed the stated amount of annual dues.
- Sec. 4. Failure by member schools to meet financial obligations to the Association may result in suspension of membership and forfeiture of all competition privileges.

Article VI

Classification

In order to aid the Executive Council in its function of classifying representative school teams for competition and establishment of formal conference structure, member schools may be asked to provide information regarding their intentions and desires for future competition, records of team and individual performance in previous competition, and past, current, or projected team rosters, etc.

Article VII

Eligibility

Sec. 1. To be eligible for participation in any and all competition events of his/her Association, student-athlete contestants must be amateurs as defined in Article V, Sec. 1 of the By-Laws of the NJSIAA, and the student-athlete may not attain the age of nineteen prior to September 1, as further defined in Article V, Sec. 6 of the aforesaid By-Laws.

Sec. 2. Student-athletes of schools that have membership in either the Public Schools Division or Parochial Schools Division of the NJSIAA are further bound in regard to eligibility by the entire provisions of Article V of the NJSIAA By-Laws.

Sec. 3. Student-athletes of private secondary schools that have federated membership in the NJSIAA are further bound in regard to eligibility by the provisions of Article IV for the by-Laws of the New Jersey Independent Schools Athletic Association.

Sec. 4. Any student-athlete of a school that does not have membership in the NJSIAA will be further bound in regard to eligibility by the rules of his/her or her own institution and by the rules of the inter-scholastic athletic association or Conference to which his/her or her school belongs (if such affiliation is held), and a copy of the eligibility rules of the association in which affiliation is held must be forwarded to the Executive Council.

Sec. 5. Upon the request of the Administrator, schools must furnish the Executive Council with eligibility lists for their teams, as provided for in Article II, Sec. 10 of these By-Laws, and, when so requested, must provide whatever further information regarding student-athletes that may be deemed necessary by the Council to establish the eligibility of racers named on the list.

Sec. 6. Violation of the provisions of this Article may result in the suspension of Association membership and forfeiture of all competition privileges of the offending school.

Article VIII

Bylaw Race Rules

Sec. 1. Standing rules and policies governing all Association contests shall be adopted, compiled and published by the Executive Council at least annually on or before December 15. These rules may be set up and amended by majority vote at any official meeting of the Executive Council.

Sec. 2. The Association is bound by its own rulebook. (Except in the event the Executive Council declares the NJISRA rules are unclear or non-specific).

Sec. 3. At all Association contests where it is not possible to establish a formal Race Committee, all protests arising out of competition are to be handled immediately at the event by the Head Referee; it is anticipated that only protest appeals should reach the Executive Council for arbitration.

Sec. 4. All racers that have raced in 3 Varsity Conference races are not permitted to race JV Invitationals thereafter. In the case of an early season JV invitational; coaches should use

discretion as to who should race in a JV invitational.

Sec. 5. All athletes must have a minimum of 6 land practices with their coach in order to race in first race. All athletes must have a minimum of 3 practices on snow with their coach in order to participate in Conference Races or Invitationals. All athletes must have at least one day of training specific to the type of race during the official winter season (slalom or giant slalom in order to race in that particular type of race), in order to be eligible to race.

Sec. 6. The Number of All-Conference selections will be .333 of average # of varsity starters in all of the Conference races (rounded to nearest whole number). All State points shall be awarded for each Conference race, based on a 20-1 point system. 20 points awarded for a 1st place finish and 1 point for a 20th place finish. The top .333 point recipients overall will be awarded "All Conference" status and be qualified for New Jersey State Race of Champions invitational. Non-all-Conference athletes who are top .400 shall be considered "all-Conference honorable mention" and also qualify for Race of Champions. No one else shall qualify. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Sec. 7. All-State honors will be earned through this formula: All Conference races points multiplied by .25 plus points in earned in the ROC. The ROC shall be broken up into 4 separate races (runs) which athletes can earn points in. 2 runs of giant slalom and 2 runs of slalom. These races will be scored on a 20-1 basis with 20th place earning 1 point and first place earning 20 points.

Ties in races will be awarded the higher point total with the next places points being skipped. For example; if there is a tie for 1st, both athletes will be awarded 20 points, and the next place would earn 18. Top 6 racers in each Gender will constitute All State 1st Team, 7-12 placings constitute All State 2nd team, 13-18 placings constitute All State 3rd team. Ties in places will be broken by league place, then league points, then higher places in all-league races. No points will be earned from the NJISRA State Team Championship placings. State team for Eastern Regional will be developed from the final placings in this category and racers will be seeded based on coach's discretion.

State Coach will be the 1st place coach from each gender from previous year. If unable to go, it will go down to 2nd place coach and so on. Every effort will be made to have school appointed coaches from our association. Every effort should be made to have at least one USSA certified coach accompany the team to Eastern Regionals.

Sec. 8. The HSSKIREG administrator will provide the random drawing of teams for Invitational, All-League & Festival races.

STATE RACE

The Association President is the host of the State Race unless otherwise directed. The President is the host of the qualifying race or another member of the executive council. Teams will be chosen as such: The NJISRA will conduct races under a four conference system (A B C D). Each team will race in 6 Conference races. Wins and losses will be compiled for races. Wins and losses will count against qualifying teams. If and when a team qualifies as a team (4 boys, 3 girls), every race from that point on, throughout the rest of the season will count for wins and losses for that team and its opponents toward league standings. The qualifying team will retroactively receive losses for every previous race it did not qualify for, but wins will not be awarded to opponents for those previous races.

To be eligible for the New Jersey State TEAM Championship a team must attain a .500 winning percentage at the end of all Conference races. Seeding for the state TEAM championship will be based on end of year winning percentages. Seeding ties will be broken by a random draw.

RACE NUMBERS/BIBS

All teams will be furnished with team bibs that are to be used for all events. In the event that the bibs are not available the team will not be allowed to compete. Bibs must be visible at all times. Race of Champions races will use numerical ascending mountain-issued bibs.

Article IX

Code of Ethics

This Association endorses wholeheartedly, and pledges to honor and uphold in entirety, the provisions of Article X – Sportsmanship of the By-Laws of the NJSIAA, and further adopts the following Statement of philosophy in regard to the specific sport of skiing:

Skiing has historically been a purely amateur, idealistic, recreational sport that has respected and gloried in the gifts of nature, and has partaken of these gifts, not for the opportunistic personal aggrandizement of its' participants, but for sheer enjoyment through personal fulfillment of esthetic and physical well being. Skiing is a sport that has traditionally engendered mutual respect and courtesy towards fellow enthusiasts and has prompted friendly rivalry, wholesome camaraderie, and a human bonding sense of shared adventure among its devotees. Skiing is an eminently healthy sport, in the broadest possible interpretation of the term. We desire to keep it that way, and believe and intend that youthful initiates of skiing should be earnestly impressed to honor and reflect the traditional ideals of their sport. To this end, we resolve that all contests, practices, and affairs of the Association be conducted in an atmosphere of good sportsmanship, fair play, and high moral conduct, and that competitors be led by the example and instruction of their coaches and officials to extol the virtues of good character and to eschew behavior which is detrimental to the sport and the best interests of its participants.

Article X

Penalties

Sec. 1. The Executive Council, in discharge of its function of handling reported violations of the Constitution or By-Laws, may penalize offending individuals, teams or member schools as deemed advisable and fitting for the circumstances.

Sec. 2. Cases of flagrant or repeated willful violation, particularly of provisions of eligibility or ethics, by member schools of the NJSIAA will be further forwarded to that body for appropriate action. If the offender, in such cases, does not have affiliation with NJSIAA, the Executive Council will, in independent action, follow the guiding provisions of Article XI – Penalties of the NJSIAA By-Laws.

Article XI

Amendments

Sec. 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of members present at either the Annual or Fall Meeting of the Association.

Sec. 2. Notice of any amendment to the By-Laws shall be promptly communicated in writing (postal or email) to the membership by the Administrator, and the amendment shall become effective three school days after the date of mailing of such notice.