

ARKANSAS HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Arkansas High School Coaches Association

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the association shall be to promote and help amateur competition in the junior and senior high schools of Arkansas, to foster a closer professional relationship among the coaches of Arkansas, and to work in an advisory capacity with the Arkansas Activities Association, the Arkansas Department of Education, and the Arkansas Officials Association.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active (voting). A certified coach under a coaching contract with an Arkansas Activities Association member school is eligible to become a member of this association and shall be listed in the AAA Directory if application is received prior to August 1.

Section 2. Retired – Inactive (non-voting). Former coaches with fifteen (15) or more years of membership in the Arkansas High School Coaches Association may continue to be members without voting privileges upon payment of the regular dues.

Section 3. Associate (non-voting). All in-state college coaches may become associate members with payment of the regular membership dues.

Section 4. Active Coach with Lifetime Card (voting). All coaches who have had 25 years of membership in the Arkansas High School Coaches Association shall become Lifetime members with all benefits thereof and shall not be required to pay dues. They must pay \$13.00 annually for NFHS insurance if they are actively coaching.

Section 5. Retired Lifetime Coach (non-voting). Former coaches with 25 years or more of membership in the Arkansas High School Coaches Association may continue to be members without voting privileges. Lifetime members must register each year to retain their membership.

Section 6. Retired Lifetime Coach (voting/Arkansas High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame). Former coaches with 25 years or more of membership in the Arkansas High School Coaches Association may vote on Hall of Fame ballot. Retired Lifetime (voting/Arkansas High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame) must pay \$10.00 annually.

ARTICLE IV – MEETING

The annual business meeting of the Governing Body shall be in conjunction with the summer coaching clinic. Special meetings may be called by the President.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Officers)

Section 1. Membership. The Executive Committee shall consist of the president and five vice presidents, the chairman of the Girls All-Star Committee, and the six previous presidents who are designated as ex officio members. There shall also be an executive secretary.

Section 2. Election. The officers of the association shall be elected at the annual business meeting and shall be representative of each Arkansas Activities Association school classification, and an additional member shall represent girls' athletics. Each officer may serve a maximum of six years. Only active members shall be eligible to serve on the Executive Committee and they shall be required to have a minimum of ten years coaching experience including five years as a head coach. The Executive Director of the Arkansas Activities Association shall serve as the Executive Secretary.

To fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee, an appointment shall be made from the open classification by the remaining members. This coach shall serve until the next annual business meeting when a replacement shall be elected.

Section 3. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to manage the association when the Governing Body is not in session. The committee shall represent the association in all activities undertaken in cooperation with other organizations. It shall be charged with the supervision, control, and preparation for the annual coaching clinic and All-Star activities. The committee shall also serve as an advisory committee to the Arkansas Activities Association.

Section 4. Officers.

- A. The president shall preside at all meetings and shall be the official representative at all functions. He shall make all committee appointments unless otherwise provided for.
- B. The vice president(s) shall serve in the absence of the president and preceding vice president(s).
- C. The executive secretary shall be the custodian of all funds and records. He shall make the proper reports to the Executive Committee as needed. He shall publish an All-Star financial report in the AAA Bulletin.

Section 5. Meetings. The full Executive Committee shall meet twice a year and the officers shall meet as necessary.

ARTICLES VII – MEMBERSHIP DUES

The membership dues shall be set by a two-thirds majority of the members voting.

ARTICLES VIII – AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended at the annual business meeting by a two-thirds majority of the voting members present. Amendments must be submitted to the executive secretary at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees. Girls All-Star Committee members shall be nominated by the membership from each Arkansas Activities Association school classification and approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE II – COACHING CLINIC

The Executive Committee shall organize and supervise an annual coaching clinic.

ARTICLE III – OUTSTANDING COACHES

There shall be an election by the AHSCA voting members to select the outstanding coaches in football, basketball, track, baseball, gymnastics, volleyball, tennis, soccer, golf, and softball as well as the Lowell Manning Award. Nominee's names shall come from the football basketball conferences. State champion coaches will be added to the list of conference nominations if not already on the list.

Each year the Curt King Award recipient shall be selected at the spring meeting by the Executive Committee and awarded to a coach who epitomizes the ideal coach. Criteria for selection: (1) Recipient shall have had twenty-five years active coaching in Arkansas high schools; and (2) Recipient shall now be retired from active coaching.

ARTICLE IV – ALL-STAR ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The AHSCA shall sponsor All-Star activities for boys and girls as sanctioned by the Arkansas Activities Association in conjunction with a coaching clinic.

Section 2. The date and site shall be set by the AHSCA Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Arkansas Activities Association shall manage and underwrite the finances of the All-Star activities.

Section 4. Selection of coaching staffs for football and boys and girls basketball.

- A. All All-Star coaches must be members of the AHSCA.
- B. Head coaches shall be nominated by their conferences. State champion coaches will be added to the list of conference nominations if not already on the list.
- C. An e-mail or mail ballot of nominees shall be conducted of all AHSCA voting members.
- D. Nominees shall be listed on the ballot by class with each member being permitted to vote for one coach in each classification of their division and the coach with the highest number of votes in each class being on the staff. A second ballot will be conducted containing the names of the coaches selected to name the head coach.
- E. A coach who has been an assistant the previous year shall be eligible to be voted head coach, but if not selected as the head coach, the coach receiving the next highest number of votes in that classification shall be named to the staff as the replacement. The previous year's head coaches shall not be eligible to serve the following year.

- F. In football only the new head coach may name one of his school's assistant coaches to the staff. If that coach declines, the coach with the next highest number of votes will be named as an assistant coach.
- G. If an elected coach refuses the All-Star position, that coach will not be eligible for nomination again for two years. State champion coaches will be added to the list of conference nominations if not already on the list.

Section 5. Selection of coaching staffs for baseball, softball, and soccer.

- A. All All-Star coaches must be members of the AHSCA.
- B. Nominees shall be listed on the ballot by classification. Each AHSCA member may vote for one in each classification, only in that member's division (East or West). The nominee in each class, both East and West, receiving the greatest number of votes shall be on the staff. The state championship coaches are automatically on the All-Star coaching staff if they are members of the AHSCA. The head coach is named on a rotating basis by classification.
- C. A coach who has been an assistant the previous year shall be eligible to be head coach, but if not selected as the head coach, the coach receiving the next highest number of votes in that classification shall be named to the staff as the replacement. The previous year's head coach shall not be eligible to serve the following year.

Section 7. Selection of players.

- A. Each conference shall nominate All-Star players from graduating seniors.
- B. Each coaching staff shall select no more than two players per sport per school from the conference.

Article V – AMENDMENTS

The bylaws may be amended at the annual business meeting by a simple majority of the voting members present. Amendments must be submitted to the Executive Secretary at least 15 days prior to the meeting.