



**CONSTITUTION
OF
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION**

To enhance the health and well- being of District of Columbia students and to promote the educational significance of interscholastic athletics with fair competition at a state level among participating schools, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education establishes through this Constitution, the District of Columbia State Athletics Association.

**ARTICLE I.
NAME**

The name of the association is the District of Columbia State Athletics Association (“DCSAA”).

**ARTICLE II.
DURATION**

The period of DCSAA’s duration is at the pleasure of the State Superintendent of Education perpetual until otherwise disbanded.

**ARTICLE III.
PURPOSES**

- A. The DCSAA serves students attending public schools, including public charter schools and those independent school members who agree to abide by the rules and regulations governing interscholastic athletics in the District of Columbia.

- B. DCSAA provides leadership and support for state athletic programs seeking to enrich the health and educational experience of all student athletes by:
 - 1) Promoting athletics to enhance students educational experience through team sports;
 - 2) Ensuring that interscholastic sports are compatible with the educational mission of the District of Columbia and member schools;
 - 3) Promoting participation of all students in state athletics and activities;
 - 4) Providing for fair competition;
 - 5) Promoting sportsmanship and ethical behavior;





- 6) Establishing and enforcing standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials and spectators;
 - 7) Promoting the physical well-being of student athletes and teaching healthy adolescent lifestyles; and
 - 8) Promoting safety, student participation and best practices by aligning the DCSAA with the National Federation recommendations.
- C. To these ends, the DCSAA participating schools will work in cooperation with the State Superintendent of Education and the State Director of Athletics toward full implementation of the rules and regulations governing interscholastic athletics in the District of Columbia.

ARTICLE IV.

COMMITMENTS

- A. No part of the net earnings of the DCSAA will inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons; except that, the DCSAA is authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in ARTICLE III.
- B. No substantial part of the activities of the DCSAA shall be devoted to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise, and the DCSAA shall not participate, or intervene, directly or indirectly (including the publication or distribution of statements), in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the DCSAA shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

ARTICLE V. DIRECTORS

- A. The State Superintendent delegates to the Statewide Director of Athletics the power and authority to manage the affairs of the DCSAA, only as enumerated in the bylaws and DCMR, Title 5-A, Chapter 27.





- B. The State Superintendent shall appoint residents of the District of Columbia to serve as members of the DCSAA Board of Directors, consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in the DCSAA Bylaws.

- C. The Board of Directors shall consist of a minimum of five (5) members with a maximum of fifteen (15) members, including the State Director of Athletics and four (4) additional members appointed by the State Superintendent of Education. The number of directors may be increased or decreased pursuant to the Bylaws of the DCSAA as long as the total number of Directors is an uneven number. A quorum of a three (3) directors shall be required as a quorum to conduct official business.

- D. Voting may occur by any efficient means, so long as each members vote is documented in writing or recorded. and

- E. Directors shall meet at a minimum one (1) time quarterly during the calendar year, to carry out the duties of the DCSAA. At least two (2) of the meetings shall contain agenda items addressing increasing school sports and activities participation for all students, including without limitation female students and students with disabilities.

- F. Nothing shall preclude a director from participating in an Athletic Appeals Panel (AAP), except that the Statewide Director of Athletics may not be a member of the AAP.

**ARTICLE VI.
INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the DCSAA shall be set forth in the by-Laws.

**ARTICLE VII.
LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY**

- A. No director of the DCSAA shall be personally liable for his or her actions taken within the responsibilities of a duly appointed Director of the DCSAA, except for the following:
 - 1. Acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law by the director;





2. Any transaction from which a director receives or is likely to receive a benefit in money, property or services as related to membership functions and responsibilities of the DCSAA.
- B. Any amendment to or repeal of this Article shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the DCSAA for or with respect to any acts or omissions of such director occurring prior to such amendment or repeal.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENT

The State Superintendent reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in this Constitution.

Dated: July 2, 2012

