

PENNSYLVANIA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Article I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Pennsylvania State Teachers College Athletic Conference.

Article II

Objectives

The objectives of this conference shall be the regulation, supervision, and control of all athletic contests between the colleges of the conference in order that athletic activities in the conference colleges may be maintained on an ethical plane in keeping with the dignity and high purpose of education. All action of the representatives of this conference shall be subject to the approval of the Board of College Presidents.

Article III

Membership

Section 1. The members of this conference shall be the Teachers Colleges of the State of Pennsylvania.

Section 2. Each College shall be entitled to one voting representative.

Article IV

Officers

Section 1. The officers of this conference shall be a President, Vice President and a Secretary-Treasurer elected annually.

Section 2. The officers of this conference and two additional members elected at large from the representatives shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Article V Meetings

Section 1. There shall be two regular meetings of the conferences held annually, the Monday preceding Thanksgiving vacation and the Monday preceding Easter vacation for the transaction of such business as may be necessary. These meetings shall be ehld in Harrisburg.

Section 2. Special meetings of the conference may be called at any time by the Executive Committee upon obtaining permission from the Board of College Presidents.

Section 3. The representatives of a majority of the members of this conference shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4. All regular meetings shall be open to faculty members of all Pennsylvania State Teachers Colleges.

Article VI Election of Officers

Section 1. All officers and members of the executive committee shall be nominated and elected by ballot at the Spring meeting.

Section 2. A vacancy in any office shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Athletic Committee of the Board of College Presidents.

Article VII Amendments

This constitution and by-laws may be amended at either of the regular meetings by a two-thirds vote of the member colleges, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing to the secretary of the conference at least four weeks before such meeting and provided that a copy of the amendment shall have been sent to each College representative at least two weeks prior thereto.

By-Laws Article I

Section 1. A. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Conference and of the Executive Committee and shall issue a call for a meeting of the Executive Committee whenever necessary, providing permission to hold this meeting has been approved by the Board of College Presidents.

B. The President shall receive from the secretary-treasurer formal complaints, and shall take such appropriate action as provided for in these by-laws.

Section 2. In case of the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.

Section 3. A. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep records of the meetings of the Conference and Executive Committee. He shall report at the regular meetings the actions of the Executive Committee since the last regular meeting. He shall have printed such matter as the Conference or the Executive Committee may determine. He shall give a detailed report at each regular meeting of all money expended by the conference.

B. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have printed and furnish to each college in the conference suitable eligibility forms for the registration of athletes in the Conference; one copy of which shall be exchanged by the competing Colleges, one copy sent to the Secretary-Treasurer to be filed and who shall upon request furnish copies to Conference members such information as shown by the form.

C. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive all formal complaints of suspected violations of eligibility and by-laws and shall notify the President of such formal complaints.

Article II

Section 1. Executive Committee shall be the executive body of the Conference, empowered to transact business of the conference in the intervals between meetings.

Section 2. All disputes shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee who shall give their recommendations to the Board of College Presidents.

Section 3. Any conference member which has been subject to disciplinary action by the Executive Committee may upon written application signed by their College President appeal to the Board of College Presidents for a special meeting with the Athletic Committee of the Board of College Presidents.

Section 4. Any member of the Executive Committee representing a school involved in an eligibility case or a dispute shall be ineligible to serve on such a case. This vacancy shall be filled by the Chairman of the Athletic Committee of the Board of College Presidents who will appoint a substitute member from a disinterested college.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall receive from the Conference Statistician at the close of the sport season which operates under the point system, the results of the conference's rating for that sport and they shall review and officially declare the conference standing.

Article III

Scheduling and Conference Rating

Section 1.

A. All contests shall be scheduled by mutual agreement between contestants. All conference contests shall be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer and Conference Statistician at least one month before the opening of their respective seasons.

Section 2.

- A. A football schedule of at least four conference games shall be necessary to secure a conference rating.
- B. A basketball schedule of at least eight conference games shall be necessary to secure a rating.
- C. A baseball schedule of at least four conference games shall be necessary to secure a rating.
- D. A soccer schedule of at least three conference games shall be necessary to secure a rating.
- E. Wrestling rating shall be decided by an annual tournament.
- F. Track rating shall be decided by an annual conference meet.
- G. A tennis schedule of at least three conference matches shall be necessary to secure a rating.
- H. A golf schedule of at least three conference matches shall be necessary to secure a rating.
- I. A swimming schedule of at least three swimming meets shall be necessary to secure a rating.

Section 3. The conference may be operated in any sport in which four or more members of the conference have teams.

Section 4. The Saylor system shall be used to determine a championship in sports in which tournaments are not being used.

- B. To determine the conference champions, member Colleges shall be ranked on the basis of points awarded for minimum number of required games for each sport - football (4), basketball (8), baseball (4), soccer (3), golf (3), tennis (3), and swimming (3). This minimum number must include all conference games in which a team has been defeated or tied.

To determine the conference champion, member schools shall be rated on the basis of the minimum number of conference games required for championship honors, or any number of games greater than the minimum. In any case all losses and ties shall be counted and as many wins as will give the school its highest rating. Schools shall be divided into three groups as follows:

- a. Group 1 shall contain all schools who have won more than two-thirds of their games.
- b. Group 2 shall contain all schools who have won two-thirds or less of their games and one-third or more of their games.
- c. Group 3 shall contain those schools who have won less than one-third of their games.

- d. To determine a place in these groupings, tie games shall count as half game won and half game lost.

Points shall be awarded as follows:

- a. for defeating a team in Group 1, a school shall be awarded 300 points.
- b. for tying a team in Group 1, a school shall be awarded 200 points.
- c. for losing to a school in Group 1, a school shall receive 100 points.
- d. for defeating a school in Group 2, a school shall receive 250 points.
- e. for tying a school in Group 2, a school shall receive 150 points.
- f. for losing to a school in Group 2, a school shall receive 50 points.
- g. for defeating a school in Group 3, a school shall receive 200 points.
- h. for tying a school in Group 3, a school shall receive 100 points.
- i. for losing to a school in Group 3, a school shall receive 0 points.

A school's rating shall be determined by adding the points it has earned from games played with schools on which it is being rated and dividing by the number of games upon which the school is being rated.

A school whose rating is highest in total points shall be the Conference Champion. In case of a tie, the tied schools shall be considered co-champions.

Article IV
Order of Business

1. Roll Call
2. Reading minutes of previous meeting
3. Reading of treasurer's report
4. Unfinished business
5. Reports, communications
6. New business
7. Election of officers (Spring meeting)
8. adjournment

Article V
Finances

Section 1. The annual dues shall be forty-five dollars.

Section 2. The annual dues are payable in advance on or before October 1.

Article VI
Statistician

Section 1. The conference statistician shall be selected and employed by the representatives of the conference.

Section 2. It will be the duty of the statistician to keep all athletic records of the conference in all sports. He shall receive the full cooperation of all Colleges and coaches.

Section 3. The statistician shall be required to file releases with all news services necessary for proper coverage, and his weekly releases shall be duplicated and mailed to each College.

Section 4. The statistician shall be paid a salary of \$300, and also be allotted a budget of \$250 annually.

Section 5. The statistician at the completion of the sport season which operates under the point system file the result of the conference ratings, with the executive committee.

Article VII

Eligibility Rules

Section 1. Eligibility rules are regulated by action of Teacher College Board of Presidents. The following rules were passed May 18, 1948.

- A. Responsibility. The President of each College shall be responsible for its athletic Program. He or his authorized representative shall accompany any team which represents the College in any athletic contest.
- B. Certified Eligibility Lists. At least four days before every official game, eligibility lists, certified by the President of the competing colleges, shall be exchanged, on forms provided by the Conference Secretary.
- C. Eligibility.

1. Years of Competition. A student shall not be allowed more than four years of intercollegiate competition.
2. A student must complete his intercollegiate competition within a five year period from the date of first matriculation at any college. This restriction may be waived in the case of a veteran or draftee.

Interpretation: In determining years of competition in all cases, the following provision applies: Participation, however brief, in any intercollegiate athletic competition in any college or junior college will cause that year to count as one of the allotted years of competition.

Note: The restrictions of Section III-A are waived in the case of a veteran. The year or years during which a student may have represented any College, as a service trainee in intercollegiate athletic competition shall not count in his total years of eligibility.

3. Academic Attainment. a. A student to be eligible must carry at least twelve (12) semester hours of credit courses.

b. A student to be eligible must have secured passing grades in at least twelve (12) semester hours of work during his preceding semester. A student having failed to pass twelve (12) semester hours in any semester may become eligible by attending summer sessions and securing a passing grade in twelve (12) semester hours of credit.

4. Transfer Student. No transfer student shall be eligible for intercollegiate athletic competition in varsity sports until he has completed satisfactorily a full year's or two semesters work at his college.

Interpretations:

- a. Attendance at summer sessions shall not be regarded as meeting the requirements of a semester's residence.
- b. The student who trains at a training camp with a College before the football season opens but who does not matriculate at the college is eligible to enter a teachers college and play that season.

Matriculation means payment of fees, completion of registration forms and attendance at one class.

c. A student transferring from a regularly accredited junior college shall not be affected by this rule.

4. Amateur Rule. A student competing in intercollegiate athletics shall be an amateur in good standing. An amateur sportsman is one who engaged in sports for the physical, mental, or social benefit he derives therefrom, and to whom the sport is an avocation. A student ceases to be an amateur and is therefore ineligible to participate in intercollegiate competition by the commission of any of the following acts:

a. Participation in any athletic competition under an assumed name, or otherwise with intent to deceive.

b. Directly or indirectly receiving money or remuneration for participation in any competition as a player or for coaching any sport.

c. Directly or indirectly receiving money for signing a contract with a professional team in any sport.

d. Signing a contract with a professional team in any sport, regardless of any subsequent cancellation or revocation, absence of payment, or lack of training with the team.

5. A student who is a squad member on the date of the first regularly scheduled contest, who engages in any athletic contest during a time the college is in session, not arranged or sanctioned by his college, shall not be eligible to represent his college in that sport during that semester, and he shall also be ineligible for the ensuing season in the sport in which he participated in an unauthorized contest. This includes Thanksgiving vacation and between semesters, but does not include Christmas Vacation.

D. Varsity Competition. A teachers college varsity team may compete only with varsity teams of four year degree granting Colleges in regularly scheduled games.

Interpretations:

1. Regularly scheduled games are games for which contracts are signed and/or admission charged.
2. Where scheduling difficulties are encountered, this rule may be waived by the Athletic Committee of the Board of Presidents.

E. Playing and Practice Season.

1. Pre-season practice in football shall not begin prior to September first of each year or prior to three weeks before the first regularly scheduled game, whichever is earlier, and the regular playing schedule shall be limited to a maximum of ten games in a season, exclusive of post-season competition.

2. Pre-season practice in basketball shall not begin prior to November first of each year; the first scheduled game shall not be played prior to December first, and the maximum number of regularly scheduled games shall not exceed twenty-six in a season, exclusive of post-season tournament contests.

3. Organized post-season practice in football shall be limited to twenty sessions in a period of thirty-six calendar days, vacation and examination days excluded.

4. Organized post-season practice in basketball shall be limited to twenty sessions in a period of thirty calendar days, vacation and examination days excluded.

F. These regulations shall become effective January 31, 1956.