

**CONSTITUTION
MACOMB AREA CONFERENCE**

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Macomb Area Conference.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Macomb Area Conference shall be to promote and administer interscholastic activities of common interest to the member schools. Specific objectives of the conference shall be to:

SECTION A. Develop a structure and a set of procedures that will allow the conference to adjust to changing demographic patterns.

SECTION B. Develop a broad base of participation so that member schools may be assured of competition and cooperation in a wide range of activities.

SECTION C. Foster understanding, good sportsmanship and friendly relationships among the member schools.

All of the structure, functions and activities of this conference shall be in accordance with the provisions of section 501(c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. (See addendum I.)

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A: MAKE-UP

1. Members of this conference shall include the ten schools of the former Macomb Athletic Conference, and the seven schools of the former Bi-county League, and those other schools admitted in accordance with the provisions hereinafter stated. (ARTICLE III., SECTION B)
2. Member schools must comply with all rules and regulations of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

SECTION B: ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

1. At the beginning of a non-alignment year, based on the recommendation of the MAC Athletic Commission or MAC Principals, the principals shall review the criteria for admittance to the conference, as outlined in the application form, and vote on whether applications for membership to the league will be accepted for the next two school years. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the member schools would be required to accept applications during the next two years.
2. School desiring membership shall submit an application, in writing, to the secretary of the Macomb Area Conference.
3. New applicants must agree to abide by the constitution and all by-laws, policies, rules and regulations of the Macomb Area Conference.
4. Applicants shall become active members as soon as scheduling permits.
5. Applicants must secure an affirmative vote three-fourths (3/4) of the current member schools to gain admittance.
6. All voting shall be by written, closed ballot.

SECTION C: WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

1. A school desiring to withdraw must notify the Executive Council of its interest in writing. The withdrawing member must complete the conference schedule through the school year in which it notifies the conference of its intent, plus the schedule for the following year. No publicity shall be released until the request has been acted upon by the Executive Council.
2. The member school requesting withdrawal shall retain its conference standing and receive all earned awards while completing the required schedules.

ARTICLE IV: DISCIPLINE OF MEMBER SCHOOLS

SECTION A: A member school may be censured, suspended, placed on probation, or expelled from the conference for violating the stated or

implied letter or spirit of the constitution and /or by-laws.

SECTION B: In all such instances, the member school in question must be notified in writing of the charges against it.

SECTION C: A hearing before the Executive Council must be provided if it is requested by the member school being charged.

SECTION D: Any disciplinary action taken against a member school must be approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the remaining member schools.

ARTICLE V: ORGANIZATION

SECTION A: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. Final authority for all matters pertaining to this conference shall be vested in an Executive Council.
2. The Executive Council shall consist of the principals of the member schools.
3. The officers of the Executive Council shall interpret advice on, supervise and coordinate all conference policy.
4. The officers of the conference shall include the president, secretary and treasurer.
 - A. The president shall:
 - (1) Preside over all meetings of the Executive council.
 - (2) Conduct all meetings in accordance with simplified Roberts' Rules of Order.
 - (3) Appoint all committees.
 - B. The secretary shall:
 - (1) be responsible or recording the proceedings of meetings, and distribute agendas, and minutes of past meetings of the Executive Council.
 - (2) Receive, maintain, and report on all correspondence directed to the conference.

(3) Be responsible for all correspondence as directed by the president.

(4) compile, record, and distribute to member schools, all policy statements, memos, communiqués, etc., which are approved by the Executive Council.

C. The treasurer shall:

(1) Receive and disburse all conference funds.

(2) Report at each meeting of the Executive Council the current financial status of the conference.

SECTION B: ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICERS

1. Newly elected officers shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the last regularly scheduled meeting of the school year.
2. The Executive council shall determine the terms of office, and the process for election.

SECTION C: MEETINGS

1. The Executive council shall meet at least twice each year. The first meeting must take place prior to November 1 and the second no later than May 15.
2. Special meetings may be called by the president, or by a majority of the members of the Executive Council.
3. A simple majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
4. All meetings shall be run in accordance with Simplified Roberts' Rules of Order.

SECTION D: COMMISSIONS

1. The Executive Council shall establish such commissions as are necessary to implement competition and/or programs in the

- various co-curricular activities.
2. Commissions may establish divisions to facilitate the scheduling of activities.
 3. Commissions shall develop their schedules, fees, awards, etc., subject to the approval of the Executive council.
 4. All by-laws, procedures and internal organizational structures of commissions shall be established by them, and shall be subject to the approval of the Executive council, and in strict conformance with this constitution and its by-laws.
 5. In the regular exercise of their constitutional duties and responsibilities, all decisions made by the commissions regarding their internal affairs will be final, and may not be appealed to the Executive Council: except that if any action should violate their own, or the MAC constitution and/or by-laws, that decision may be appealed.
 6. If the Executive council agrees to hear such an appeal, the president of the council shall appoint a committee of five principals to hear the appeal and make recommendations to the whole body in a timely manner.
 7. No person who is officially associated with any school, or person involved in the issue shall serve on the appeal committee.
 8. The above language notwithstanding, the Executive Council may review any action taken by a commission, and may alter that action if it so chooses.

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SECTION A: The Executive Council shall appoint an interview committee comprised of three principals and two athletic directors. The interview committee shall bring its recommendation to the Executive Council for approval. The Executive Council can approve and contract with a person to assume the position.

SECTION B: The executive director shall serve as a coordinator of all commission activities.

SECTION C: The executive director shall carry out all duties assigned by the Executive council. Such duties shall include the planning special athletic commission and principal events, and the ordering and distribution of all athletic awards.

SECTION D: The executive director shall attend all meetings of the Executive Council, and serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Council and the various commissions.

SECTION E: The Executive Council shall determine a stipend to be paid for this position.

ARTICLE VII. DISSOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE

SECTION A: If the Macomb Area conference should be dissolved, all cash assets shall be divided equitably among the then current member schools in good standing. "In good standing" shall be construed to mean that all conference dues and fees are paid.

SECTION B: Any physical assets, such as the computer, its peripherals and software, shall be disposed of by sale or by donation, as determined by the Executive Council. Any proceeds from the sale of the assets shall also be divided equitably among the member schools that are in good standing.

SECTION C: The various commissions shall develop, and include in their by-laws, language describing a procedure for the distribution of assets in the event they are dissolved.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENT

SECTION A: This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Executive Council.

SECTION B: Before action to amend can be taken, proposed amendments must have been submitted in writing at a prior meeting.

ARTICLE IX. RATIFICATION

SECTION A: This constitution shall be considered ratified when three-fourths (3/4) of all seventeen charter member schools of the Macomb Area Conference vote in the affirmative.

AMENDMENT I: DISSOLUTION

SECTION A: Said organization is organized exclusively for educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to

organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

SECTION B: No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and disbursements in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on, (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the internal revenue code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

SECTION C: Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal revenue Code, or any corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

AMENDMENT II: NON-DISCRIMINATION

SECTION A: The Macomb Area Conference complies with all federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination, and all requirements pertaining thereto.

SECTION B: No person, on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin or ancestry, or handicap shall be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, or otherwise denied the benefits of any program or activity that the conference sponsors.

SECTION C: Any person who thinks he or she has been discriminated

against may direct a complaint to:

Ernie Scullo, Executive Director