

# ***Eastern Cincinnati Conference***

**“ECC”**



## **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**



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# **The Constitution**

## **Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Eastern Cincinnati Conference (abbreviated as "ECC").

## **Article II. Purpose**

Interscholastic activities are an integral part of the total educational process and opportunities for such competition shall be provided for both boys and girls of the member school districts of this organization. The purpose of this conference shall be to organize, supervise, control, and encourage the activities and insure the promotion of good sportsmanship, the advancement for the common good and complete harmony for all of its members.

## **Article III. Membership**

**Section 1:** Members of the ECC are Anderson, Glen Este, Kings, Loveland, Milford, Turpin and Walnut Hills (including associated middle school/junior high programs).

**Section 2:** All member schools must maintain good standing in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA).

**Section 3:** In order for a member school to withdraw from the ECC, a written request must be made no less than two years (four semesters) prior to the date of withdrawal. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from conference/division championships, all league teams, and a monetary penalty not to exceed three times the current annual league dues.

**Section 4:** A current member school may be removed from the ECC if at least 3/4 of the member schools vote to do so.

**Section 5:** A new school may be admitted to the ECC if at least a 3/4 of the current member schools vote to do so.

**Section 6:** 2/3 of the member schools shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 7:** Sports/Activities officially recognized by the ECC:

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Coed</u>
Baseball	Basketball	Academic Team
Basketball	Bowling	
Bowling	Cross Country	
Cross Country	Golf	
Football	Soccer	
Golf	Softball	
Soccer	Swimming	
Swimming	Tennis	
Tennis	Track	
Track	Volleyball	
Wrestling		

**Section 8:** In sports/activities that require conference meets or tournaments (i.e. cross country, golf, track and wrestling), the ECC considers schools as "participating" if the schools have assigned coaches and any number of participants.

**Section 9:** Sports/Activities may be added or dropped as officially recognized by the ECC if at least a majority of the member schools vote to do so.

**Section 10:** An "Expansion Committee" shall exist and will be comprised of each member school's Athletic Director. The following will be among the factors to be used in the review of schools under consideration for entry into the ECC: proximity to current ECC schools, curriculum structure, high school and junior high school programs, financial stability, ticket revenue generation potential, facilities, school size, competitiveness in conference sports/activities, commonality of purpose and additional extracurricular activities. This list is not necessarily all-inclusive and the Expansion Committee may take into consideration other relevant factors.

#### **Article IV. Dues**

Conference dues shall be determined annually by at least a majority vote of the member schools and shall be payable in September of each year.

#### **Article V. Bylaws**

The activities of the ECC shall be regulated by and in accordance with the bylaws established through the Board of Control.

#### **Article VI. Management**

**Section 1:** It is expected that each member school send a representative to all meetings unless prevented by weather conditions.

**Section 2:** The management of the affairs of the ECC shall be vested in a Board of Control, consisting of the Superintendent from each school or his/her Principal Designee. Districts that have more than one high school will have one vote per high school.

**Section 3:** The Board of Control shall select by at least a majority vote a "President" and "Vice-President" from its membership. These officers shall serve for a period of one year beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>. There are no term limits.

**Section 4:** All operating aspects and functions of the ECC shall be overseen and attended to by the Athletic Directors of the member schools. The Athletic Directors shall select by at least a majority vote a "Chairperson" and "Vice-Chairperson" from its membership. These officers shall serve for a period of one year beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>. There are no term limits.

#### **Article VII. Officers and Duties**

**Section 1:** Board of Control

**A.** The President will preside over all Board of Control meetings, call special meetings as needed, manage conference employees and perform all other duties assigned to him/her by the Board of Control.

**B.** The Vice-President will perform the duties of the President in his/her absence along with all other duties assigned to him/her by the President.

**Section 2:** Athletic Directors

**A.** The Chairperson will conduct all Athletic Director meetings, call special meetings as needed, manage conference employees in conjunction with the President and perform all other duties assigned to him/her by the Athletic Directors.

**B.** The Vice-Chairperson will perform the duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence along with all other duties assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**C.** The Athletic Directors shall hold regular, consistent meetings for the purpose of attending to the operation of the ECC.

**D.** It is the responsibility of the Athletic Directors to see that the constitution, bylaws and regulations of the ECC are carried out and adhered to. The Athletic Directors shall make recommendations as needed to the Board of Control concerning changes in the constitution or bylaws for improving the function of the ECC.

### **Article VIII. Conference Contractors and Duties**

**Section 1:** The Board of Control shall have the power to annually contract with a Commissioner and other conference service providers as needed for the ECC. All contractors and their annual salary/compensation shall be approved by at least a 3/4 vote of the member schools.

**Section 2:** The Commissioner shall be the secretary/treasurer of the conference. ECC contractor duties and job descriptions shall be outlined in the bylaws and set forth in the individual contracts.

### **Article IX. No Discrimination**

The ECC and its members shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national/ethnic origin or in any way contrary to law in the administration of its policies, admissions and programs.

### **Article X. Suspensions**

Any member school of the ECC for reason of its refusal or inability to conform to the constitution or bylaws, or for any other just cause, can be suspended from the conference by at least a 3/4 vote of all member schools, provided the school has been given an opportunity to defend its position at a regular or special meeting. This suspension may affect an individual sport at the school or the school's entire athletic program.

### **Article XI. Amendments**

**Section 1:** This constitution may be amended by at least a 3/4 vote of the member schools at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Control. The bylaws may be amended by at least a 2/3 vote of the member schools at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Control.

**Section 2:** Proposed amendments shall be sent to all member schools at least 10 days prior to the regular or special meeting of the Board of Control for vote consideration.

**Section 3:** In extreme circumstances, the constitution and bylaws may be amended immediately at any Board of Control meeting by a unanimous vote of the member schools.

### **Article XII. Dissolution**

Upon at least a 3/4 vote of the Board of Control, the organization may be dissolved pursuant to any and all applicable provisions of the laws of the State of Ohio. Upon dissolution, the organization shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities, dispose of all assets equally among current member schools.