

BY-LAWS
KENTUCKY INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 9/29/2009

ARTICLE I

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call of institutions
3. Reading of the minutes of preceding meeting(s)
4. Report of the Commissioner
5. Report of the President
6. Report of the Treasurer
7. Report of the special committees
8. Old business
9. New business
10. Rules education
11. Appointment of special committees
12. Election of officers (spring) and approval of budget (fall)
13. Date announced for next meeting
14. Adjournment

ARTICLE II

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers of the Conference shall be elected for two-year terms by ballot at the regular semi-annual meeting in the spring. Officers shall continue in office until their successors are chosen. A vacancy occurring between meetings of the Conference shall be filled by the Commissioner.

ARTICLE III

NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS

Each member of the Conference shall send the Secretary and Commissioner, not less than six weeks before the semi-annual meeting, notice of any proposed amendments to the constitution, and the Commissioner is required to send complete copies to all members two weeks before the semi-annual meeting. Proposed constitutional changes must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee. If such proposed constitutional changes are approved by the Executive Committee, they must also be approved by two-thirds majority vote of the Council of Presidents to be ratified.

ARTICLE IV

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Associate member schools are recognized as those schools which sponsor less than the required minimum of recognized conference sports.

ARTICLE V

ATTITUDE TOWARD ATHLETICS

Section 1. The members of this Conference agree to promote and control student athletics in order to maintain them at a high standard of personal honor, scholarship, eligibility, fair play, and to remedy whatever abuses exist.

Section 2. Whenever a player is suspected of athletic irregularities, the Director of Athletics of his/her institution shall use every means possible to adjudicate the case. Upon failure to arrive at satisfactory remedies, the case shall then be submitted to the Commissioner who may seek the advice of the NAIA, Conduct in Competition Oversight Committee, and/or the Executive Committee in settling the issue.

ARTICLE VI

DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility rules of this Conference shall apply to every student representing a KIAC institution in any athletic contest, as defined by the NAIA.

All eligibility rules and standards of conduct of the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference will be the same as or may exceed those of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

ARTICLE VII

CONTRACTS

Contracts for conference contests in all sports are required.

MODIFYING A CONTRACT

Any team canceling or modifying a contract for a game with another institution without consent must be reported to the Commissioner for discipline. Appeals of his/her decision may be made to the Executive Committee.

FULFILLING A CONTRACT

Members will have fulfilled their obligation on a contract commitment when the visiting school has traveled to the site of the home team or when the visiting team has incurred any travel and/or meal expense en route as a result of an attempt to meet any contract obligation.

ARTICLE VIII

ADOPTED RULES

The rules and standards of conduct adopted by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics shall apply when a question of interpretation is posed that is not covered in the conference constitution and bylaws.

ARTICLE IX

CONFERENCE FINANCES

A budget shall be presented by the Treasurer at the fall meeting and voted on by the Executive Committee. The budget must then be approved by the Council of Presidents.

STIPENDS

Stipends for the President (paid semi-annually), Commissioner (paid monthly), President-Elect/Secretary (paid semi-annually), Eligibility Chair (paid semi-annually), Web-Master (paid monthly) and Conference Sport Information Director (paid monthly) shall be reviewed and set annually.

ARTICLE X

SCHOLAR ATHLETIC TEAMS

All players having a cumulative 3.25 grade point average after at least two semester of attendance at the KIAC institution shall be automatically named to the All-KIAC Scholar Athlete Team. The names of team members shall be sent to the Commissioner and Conference SID by their respective athletic directors by no later than May 31 of each school year.

ARTICLE XI

SPORTS GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS

All sports guidelines and regulations shall be compiled separately as an Appendix to the bylaws. All proposed sports regulations changes shall be due four weeks prior to the fall or spring meetings. The sports bylaws are to be reviewed annually by the respective sports' coaches and the sport chairs. The regulations will be approved on an annual basis by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XII

FINANCIAL REPORTS OF CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS

All necessary financial reports shall be submitted to the Commissioner no later than 30 days following the request.

ARTICLE XIII

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY FOR OUTDOOR SPORTS AND SWIMMING

When thunder is heard or lightning has been seen, the following procedure shall be followed and enforced by the official, athletic trainer, and/or any host event manager. If any of the above individuals recommend not resuming play, play cannot be resumed.

1. Suspend practice or competition immediately.
2. Clear the site immediately, and if possible move everyone to an indoor shelter. If swimming, everyone should get out of the water and move a safe distance away.
3. Remain inside for 30 minutes following the last thunder or lightning observance.

Following the 30 minute suspension of practice and/or competition, play may resume, only if there are no signs of threatening weather. If threatening weather conditions still exist, suspension of play and/or competition will continue, or competition may be canceled at the discretion of the official and/or home management.

ARTICLE XIV

SANCTIONS

Institutions which have been found in violation of these bylaws shall be subject to disciplinary action including possible suspension from the Conference.