

Constitution of The North American Society for Sport History

ARTICLE I : NAME

Section 1: The name of this society shall be The North American Society for Sport History.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section 1: The purpose of the Society shall be to promote, stimulate and encourage study and research and the writing of the history of sport: to support and cooperate with local, national, and international organizations having the same purposes; to organize and arrange meetings and issue publications (semi-annual or annual publications or proceedings).

Section 2: The Society shall conduct its activities solely for scholarly and literary purposes, and not for pecuniary profit.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: There shall be four classes of members. Active Members, Nonresident Members, Honorary Members, and Constituent Members.

Section 2: Active members may be designated as Contributing or Sustaining Members by the payment of additional dues, as established in accordance with Article VII. In all other respects, the rights and duties of the Contributing and/or Sustaining Members shall be that of other active members.

Section 3: Any resident in Canada, Mexico, or of the United States of America, its territories and possessions, who is interested in the history of sport shall be eligible for Active Membership.

Section 4: Any person interested in the history of sport who is not a resident in Canada, Mexico, or of the United States of America, its territories and possessions, shall be eligible for Nonresident Membership.

Section 5: Honorary Membership may be conferred upon any person who has made outstanding contributions to the history of sport upon the nomination of the Council and election by the Active members at the annual meeting, provided that names of proposed candidates for Honorary Membership shall be submitted in writing to the members of the Council at least thirty days before the annual meeting. Honorary Members shall have all the privileges of Active Members.

Section 6: Any organization in Canada, Mexico, or the United States of America, its territories and possessions, such as society, club, institute, or library, having purposes similar to those of the Society, shall be eligible for membership as a Constituent Member upon nomination in writing by an Active Member and election by the Council. Each Constituent Member may choose one delegate to attend the annual meeting of the members, who, on that occasion, shall have the same voting rights as Active Members.

Section 7: Membership shall not become effective until the Treasurer has received the first year's dues.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the Society shall be a President, President elect, Secretary and Treasurer, Publications Editor, and three members-at-large, all of whom shall be Active Members of the Society. All officers shall be elected by the Active Members at an annual meeting for two-year terms by plurality of members voting, in person or by proxy. Their terms of office shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they are elected and terminate at the close of the meeting at which their successors are elected.

Section 2: The officers shall have the powers and duties customarily incident to their respective offices, in similiar organizations and also such as shall specifically be delegated to them by the Council.

ARTICLE V: COUNCIL

Section 1: Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, the management of the Affairs of the Society shall be vested in a Board of Directors which shall be known as the Council.

Section 2: The Council shall consist of the officers of the Society and the immediate past President. The President shall act as Chairman of the Council. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Council.

Section 3: The Council shall hold an annual meeting not more than one week preceding the annual meeting of the Society at a time and place designated by the President. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or by any five members of the Council upon at least two weeks' written notice to each member of the Council.

Section 4: The Council shall provide for filling the unexpired term of any vacancy that may occur in any office or in the Council.

Section 5: Except as otherwise provided by law and these Bylaws, decisions of the Council shall be by majority vote of those members of the Council present and voting.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1: There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the Society at which time officers and members of the Council shall be elected. This meeting shall be held at a time and place designated by the Council. The President shall arrange the order of business.

Section 2: The Secretary shall mail notice of the annual meeting of the Society to each member entitled to vote not less than thirty days before the annual meeting. Such notification shall state the time, place, and general purposes of the meeting, together with the nominations made in accordance with Article X, Section 2, and any amendments proposed in accordance with Article XIII, Section 1, of these Bylaws.

Section 3: The Council of the Society shall present at the annual meeting a report dated as of the close of the last complete fiscal year, verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the members of the Council. This report shall also show the names and addresses of the persons and organizations who have been admitted to membership during such year. This report shall be filed with the records of the Society and an abstract thereof entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the annual meeting at which the report is presented. The President shall appoint an Active Member of the Society, who shall not be a member of the Council to act as auditor, who shall examine the annual report referred to in this section prior to the annual meeting and express his opinion thereon at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII: DUES AND FINANCES

Section I : The amount of the annual dues for all classes of membership shall be determined by vote of the Active Members, except that Honorary Members shall pay no dues.

Section 2: The Council shall set the date of the annual payment of dues.

Section 3: Members who are full-time students shall be assessed 50% of the annual dues.

Section 4: Members who have been dropped for nonpayment of dues may be reinstated at any time before the close of the year in which they were dropped upon payment of the dues for the year.

Section 5: The Council of the Society shall set the dates of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE VIII: PUBLICATIONS

Section 1: There shall be an annual Proceedings published. other publications may ensue as later may be desirable as determined by the Council and Active Members.

Section 2: All members shall receive regular subscriptions to the Proceedings or other official publications of the Society.

ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

Section 1: The President shall appoint annually a Membership Committee consisting of three members, the Chairman of which must be a member of the Council.

Section 2: The President shall appoint a Budget and Fiscal Committee of three members, the Chairman of which shall be the Treasurer. An annual report shall be given at the annual business meeting of the Society.

Section 3: The President shall appoint a Program Committee of three members, the Chairman of which shall be the President elect.

ARTICLE X:

NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: In every odd year at the time of the annual meeting of the Council the President shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the Council, a Nominating Committee consisting of three Active Members, none of whom shall be members of the Council, who shall continue in office for two years or until their successors are appointed.

Section 2: The Nominating Committee shall present a list of nominations to the Secretary for the elections to be held at any annual meeting not less than two months before such meeting, and the Secretary shall mail the list to all members of the Society approximately thirty days before the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made in writing to the Secretary by any five members at any time previous to the voting providing written permission of the candidate is available.

Section 3: The voting in all elections for officers and members of the Council shall be held at the annual meeting called and shall be by written ballot, unless in any particular case only one person has been nominated for a particular position. A brief (one page) vitae of each candidate shall be available at the time of elections.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

Section: Any five Active Members may propose changes in the Bylaws by presenting their proposals to the Secretary in writing not less than two months prior to any annual meeting. The Secretary shall send them to the Active Members approximately thirty days before the meeting. The proposed changes shall then be considered at the meeting and shall become effective by a two-thirds vote of the Active Members voting.

Section 2: Upon the recommendation of the Council the Bylaws may be changed without prior notice by a two-thirds vote of the Active Members voting at any annual meeting.

ARTICLE XIII:

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1: The rules of procedure contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern meetings of the members of the Society so far as they are applicable and when not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIV: SEAL

Section 1: The seal of the Society shall be that adopted by the Council and shall be used on all official transactions and publications. The seal must include at least (a) identification, (b) date of origin, and (c) symbol depicting purpose of organization, etc.