

Constitution of the South Iredell Young Athletes Association

Article I NAME, PURPOSE, AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the South Iredell Young Athletes Association (SIYAA).

Section 2: Purpose

- a. To sponsor and develop a complete athletic program for the many rather than the few with a major emphasis on teaching sportsmanship, basic skills, and teamwork.
- b. To develop strong boys and girls for improved health and personal appearance reasons.
- c. To develop individual competencies through the practice of individual skills.
- d. To learn the rules of various games.
- e. To insure each individual the opportunity to participate in an organized athletic program.

Section 3: Scope of Activities

- a. Sports
 1. The SIYAA shall sponsor contests in sports of Football, Flag Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Cheerleading, and T-Ball. We also offer Softball and Baseball through local organizations.

Article II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Conference

- a. The Association shall consist of one conference, namely, South Iredell Young Athletes Association. Other members may be added to the Association upon approval by a vote of the SIYAA board of directors.
- b. Any new school association granted membership into the SIYAA by majority vote will serve a one year probationary period (defined as August 1st through May 31st of that school year) in which they will be given full voting rights but cannot serve on the Executive Board or as a SIYAA Sport Coordinator. Full membership status will be reviewed and voted on at the conclusion of the school year.
- c. Any new member association joining the SIYAA will abide by the following disciplinary guidelines for the entire probationary year only: If a board member, head coach/assistant coach and/or coordinator gets ejected from a game by a league official, he or she will not be allowed to coach, coordinate or serve on their school association's board for an entire calendar year (1 full year from offense).
- d. Member teams will follow geographic school boundaries as outlined by present school policies, or those attending that particular school. Changes in geographic school boundaries and school grade assignments made by the Iredell County Schools will be reviewed by the SIYAA board as to how the changes will affect player eligibility.
 1. All member schools shall have each board member, coordinator of sport, coach, parent and player sign and date a SIYAA Code of Conduct each academic year to keep on file for the athletic year. Only one form per player is required for multiple sports each year.
- e. All members are expected to be in compliance with SIYAA Rules and Regulations at all times. Any members knowingly violating these rules or regulations may be subject to discipline by the SIYAA.

Article III

POWERS

This association shall have the following powers in addition to the powers expressly or implicitly conferred on it by law.

Section 1: The SIYAA shall make and enforce rules and regulations to govern itself on a local basis using the North Carolina High School Association Rules concerning sports as guidelines, with exceptions noted within the rules for each sport.

Article IV

OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1: Officers

- a. The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Coordinator of Football, Coordinator of Basketball, Coordinator of Cheer, Coordinator of Volleyball, and Coordinator of T-Ball.
- b. Elected officers will serve for two years and may be nominated and elected to serve consecutive terms.
- c. The election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting in May of each year. Any officers not filled at this time must be filled at the beginning of the next meeting in June.
- d. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, The Vice-President shall complete the un-expired term. A vacancy in the office of any Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer shall be filled by a vote of the SIYAA Board of Directors.

Section 2: Duties

- a. President
 1. Shall preside over all scheduled and any other called meetings.
 2. Will represent the SIYAA at any other pertinent meetings. i.e. Iredell County Recreation Department meetings, Iredell County Recreation Advisory Board meetings (as needed) etc.
 3. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President will preside at board meetings.
 4. Secure medical insurance for participants in football, cheer, volleyball, basketball and help with possible medical injury claims.
- b. Vice-President
 1. Preside over meetings when the President is unable to do so.
 2. Perform the duties of the President if the President cannot perform them.
 3. Assist/Direct the elected Coordinator of each Sport in performing the duties assigned to them.
- c. Secretary
 1. Accurate recording of minutes of all board meetings.
 2. Notify all board members of regular scheduled and special called meetings.
 3. Handling of all correspondence for the SIYAA board as needed.
 4. Be present at initial football weigh-in to verify and receive all birth certificates for Football Coordinator.
- d. Treasurer
 1. Pay all approved debts incurred by the Association.
 2. Present at each monthly SIYAA board meeting a current account of the Associations financial activities and monthly balance.
 3. Make arrangements to deliver before each day's game(s), pick-up after and make deposits of concession, and gate receipts.

- e. Coordinator of Sport (Football/Flag Football/Volleyball/Cheer/Basketball/T-Ball)
Will be in charge of coordinating all program activities associated with their sport to include the following as applicable:
 1. Securing game sites and times for games to be played.
 2. Scheduling concession workers, referees, security guards, medical personnel, clean-up crews, announcer(s), and other workers as needed.
 3. Overseeing verification of all players and participants according to SIYAA rules.
 4. Be present at all games to insure smooth operation of all facets of that day or evenings activities. He or she may pick a qualified replacement (i.e. Coordinator from member school board) to fill in should they not be able to attend.
 5. Order applicable trophies and certificates for participants to be presented at final games.
 6. See that all bills associated with either football or basketball program are presented to treasurer for payment as they come due during and after each season is completed.

* Remuneration

1. No officer shall receive any remuneration for his services.
2. The treasurer's books may be audited at any time by an auditing committee appointed by the President.

Article V **CONTROL AND REPRESENTATION**

Section 1: Control

- a. The general control of the Association shall be rested in the Board of Directors.
- b. Two thirds of the directors shall constitute a quorum of the Association meetings.
- c. All voting matters shall be decided by majority vote wins. The President will vote only in case of a tie vote.

Section 2: Representation

- a. Board of Directors shall consist of representatives from each member school.
- b. Each member school will be allowed 1 voting representative on the SIYAA Board of Directors.
- c. Representatives must be present at board meetings to be able to vote on board issues. No absentee voting.
- d. Only representatives that currently hold a board position with a member school will be allowed to vote.
- e. In the event of absence of a school's representative, current sports coordinator from that school's athletic board will be allowed to participate and vote. An up to date list of each school's athletic board members and sports coordinators should be on file with SIYAA Secretary. This list should include, name, position, e-mail address, and contact phone number.
- f. SIYAA President shall not be counted as a representative of any member school.

Article VI **MEETINGS**

Section 1: Meetings

- a. Meetings of the South Iredell Young Athletes Association shall be scheduled monthly meetings beginning at 7:00 PM and held at member schools on a rotating assignment.
- b. The annual meeting shall be held in May at a time and a place agreed on by the Board in its April meeting. Sport Coordinator's may call meetings to discuss rule changes or other matters pertaining to their respective sports. All proposed rule changes from these meetings must be approved by SIYAA Board of Directors before becoming final.

Article VII **DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS – Varsity & J.V ONLY**

If at the end of Football Season and again at the end of Basketball Season it is determined by the treasurer's reports that there is a net surplus of funds; these funds will be distributed to the member schools. Surplus funds are divided equally by the number of member schools participating, not by the number of teams. Should two member school's combine players to create a team, the member school that the team played under will be issued the distribution check, it will be up to the two schools to negotiate the division of funds.

Article VIII **AMENDMENTS**

Section 1: This constitution may be added to, altered, amended, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at any monthly or specially called meetings that SIYAA Board members and member schools have been notified to attend.

Amended: 06/28/2011

Amended: 08/28/16 Article II - MEMBERSHIP Section1, b &c per unanimous vote.

11/07/2011 Article VII - DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS per unanimous vote.

08/06/2012 Article II – MEMBERSHIP B1 add code of conduct per unanimous vote.