

CONSTITUTION
CENTRAL CONFERENCE
(Revised September 9, 2009)

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name:

The name of this organization shall be the Central Conference.

Section 2: Purpose:

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- ❖ To supervise and regulate interscholastic athletics and activities as determined by the members schools of the Central Conference.
- ❖ To promote good sportsmanship and fellowship in all Central Conference athletics and activity competition.
- ❖ To maintain the high standards of the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA)

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1: Membership:

Members in this Conference shall consist of the following schools: Aurora, Central City, Fairbury, Lakeview, Crete, Holdrege, Northwest, Schuyler, Seward and York.

Section 2: Divisions of the Central Conference:

The Central Conference shall be divided into two divisions:

East Division: Crete, Fairbury, Schuyler, Seward, Lakeview

West Division: Aurora, Central City, Holdrege, Northwest, York

Section 3: Additional Conference Members:

Schools may become members of the Central Conference by an affirmative vote of 70% of member schools.

Section 4: Active Membership:

Members of the Central Conference shall be considered “active members” by meeting the following criteria:

- ❖ Payment of dues when assessed
- ❖ Each member school participates in the activities of the Central Conference
- ❖ Has indicated a willingness to be a member of the Central Conference for the succeeding year

Section 5: Suspension and Reinstatement of Membership:

Any member school that refuses to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the Central Conference shall be suspended from the Conference. Suspension from the Central Conference shall be immediate if said school is suspended from the NSAA. A school that has been suspended from the Central Conference may be reinstated with all rights and privileges with an affirmative vote of 70% of member schools.

Section 6: Addition of New Members to the Conference:

Schools may become New members may be admitted to the Central Conference by a 70% affirmative vote of active members. New member schools to the Central Conference are required to pay a fee of \$200.00 in addition to regular dues, if assessed. Requests for membership must be submitted to the Central Conference Secretary, in writing, by Week 18 of the NSAA Calendar for membership during the following and subsequent years. The Conference Secretary shall submit copies of the request of membership to all member schools of the Conference three weeks prior to the next regularly scheduled Central Conference meeting at which time the vote to accept or deny the prospective school shall be held.

ARTICLE III

Administration

Section 1: Officers:

The officers of the Central Conference shall be comprised of a chairperson, two vice-chairpersons, one from each Division of the Conference, and a secretary-treasurer. The chairperson and vice chairpersons shall be selected from the administrators of member schools.

Section 2: Executive Committee:

The officers of the Central Conference shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Conference.

Any vacancy that may occur on the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Executive Committee. The Appointed members of the Executive Committee shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term of office.

Section 3: Term of Office for Officers:

Officers of the Conference shall be for a term of one year. The officers of the Central Conference shall be designated from member schools on an alphabetical rotation of schools alternating by the Divisions of the Conference. All officers assume their duties after the March meeting of the Conference. The minutes of the March meeting shall provide a list of Conference officers for the ensuing year. The sequence of member schools providing the officers shall be as follows: Aurora, Crete, Central City, Fairbury, Holdrege, Lakeview, Northwest, Schuyler, York, Seward.

ARTICLE IV

Duties of the Officers

Section 1: Chairperson:

The chairperson shall preside at all meetings. The chairperson shall appoint such committees as may be necessary to further the activities of the Conference.

Section 2: Vice-Chairperson:

The Vice- Chairperson of the Division of the Conference which the Chairperson is from shall preside in the absence of the Chairperson.

Section 3: Secretary-Treasurer:

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of all meetings and mail copies of the same to each member school. The Secretary-Treasurer shall notify each member school of the time and location of all Conference regular and special meetings, ad hoc committee meetings, coaches all-conference selection meetings and meetings involving any specific entity of the Conference, e.g., Activities Directors, Secondary Principals.

Section 4: Payment of Expenses Incurred:

Each officer of the Conference shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred while conducting business for the Conference.

Section 5: Conference Press Agent:

It shall be the prerogative of the Executive Committee to appoint a conference press agent.

Section 6: Remuneration Permitted:

The Secretary-Treasurer and Conference Web-Page coordinator shall be remunerated for the duties they perform. Such remuneration shall be determined annually by the Executive Committee of the Conference at its March meeting.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section 1: Regular Meetings:

The regular meetings for the Central Conference shall be on or around the third Wednesday in September, Week 11 of the NSAA Calendar, November, Week 20 of the NSAA Calendar, and March, Week 37 of the NSAA Calendar. The dates for the regular meetings shall be set by the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer and approved by members schools at the March meeting of the Conference. Meeting dates may be changed by a majority of member schools at any regular or special meeting. In the case of an emergency, a regular or special meeting date may be changed by the Executive Committee of the Conference.

Section 2: Special Meetings:

Special meetings of the Conference may be called by the Executive Committee.

Section 3: Quorum Required for Conducting Conference Business:

Six member schools must be present to constitute a regular, special or emergency meeting of the Conference. In the event of less than ten schools in the Central Conference, a majority of member schools must be present to conduct Conference business.

Section 4: Voting:

Each member school present at any regular, special or emergency meeting of the Central Conference, shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE VI
Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1: Amending the Constitution:

The Constitution of the Central Conference may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Conference. Proposed amendments shall require an affirmative vote of 70% of the member schools to be adopted. Proposed amendment(s) shall be in writing and be presented and discussed at a regular or special meeting of the Conference and voted upon at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 2: Constitution Review Committee:

The Chairperson of the Conference shall appoint a Constitutional Review Committee at the September meeting to consider and make recommendations for constitutional changes to be brought before member schools at the March meeting of the Conference.

ARTICLE VII
Amendments to the By-Laws

Section 1: Amending the By-Laws:

The By-Laws of the Central Conference may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Conference. Proposed changes shall require an affirmative vote of more than one half of the member schools to be adopted.

Section 2: By-Law Review Committee:

The Chairperson of the Conference shall appoint a By-Law Review Committee at the September meeting to consider and make recommendations for by-law changes to be brought before member schools at the March meeting of the Conference.

