

Summary of LHCAA By-laws

These Bylaws govern the affairs of the Lubbock Homeschool Christian Athletic Association (LHCAA), a nonprofit corporation.

Mission Statement:

To God's glory and as ambassadors for Christ, out of love for our children, we desire to organize homeschool athletics in order to promote Godly character, excellence, and witness; and to provide the South Plains area homeschool athletics an association with a structure for accountability, direction and communication, so athletics for homeschoolers can grow and thrive in a positive way.

This association shall have the right to govern itself and to conduct its own affairs according to the standards set forth in the by-laws. This right specifically includes such matters as the election of the board and the conduct of its own general meetings. The government of this Association shall be vested in membership, who shall vote on the Board of Directors (Board). This athletic association will be autonomous in the conduct of its own affairs. No member or officer shall establish an affiliation between this association and any other organization, either formal or implied, without the consent of the Board by majority vote.

Member's dues, grants, fees, gifts, fundraisers, and voluntary contributions of the members and friends of the association shall provide all funds for the maintenance of the association.

Members

LHCAA will have two types of members.

(1) Regular Members: The parents or guardians of a home schooled child or home schooled children who enroll in a LHCAA sanctioned sport at any time during the calendar year, and pay the annual fee, are considered regular members. Regular members have one vote per family in all matters brought before the members at an annual or special meeting.

(2) Sustaining Members: Any person having no home schooled children participating in a LHCAA sanctioned sport who pays the annual fee, is considered a sustaining member. Sustaining members have one vote per family in all matters brought before the members at an annual or special meeting.

Annual Membership Dues

The dues are set by the Board on a per family basis and do not include the cost of participation in various sports. The fee is assessed once annually, and is not dependent upon the number of children in a family or the number of sports a particular child participates in. Failure to pay annual membership fees will result in ineligibility to participate in any sanctioned sporting activities. Dues are payable upon enrollment and by September 1st of each year.

Resolving Disputes

In any dispute between members relating to LHCAA's activities, all parties involved will cooperate in good faith to resolve the dispute. If the parties cannot resolve a dispute among themselves, they will cooperate to select one or more mediators to help resolve it. If no timely resolution of the dispute occurs through mediation, no party may demand binding arbitration.

Sanctioning, Suspending, or Terminating Members

The Board may, by a majority vote, impose reasonable sanctions on a member, or suspend or expel a member from LHCAA, for any reason deemed sufficient by the board.

Resignation

Any member may resign from LHCAA by submitting a written resignation to the secretary. The resignation need not be accepted by LHCAA to be effective. A member's resignation will not relieve him or her of any obligations to pay any dues, assessments, or other charges that had accrued and were unpaid before the effective date of the resignation.

Reinstatement

A former member may submit a written request for reinstatement of membership. The Board may reinstate membership on any terms that the Board deems appropriate.

Meetings

Annual Meeting

Beginning in 2005, the Board will hold an annual members' meeting at a time to be determined on the 31st day of May each year. If the day fixed for the annual meeting is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday in Texas, the meeting will be held on the next business day. At the annual meeting, the members will elect directors and transact any other business that may come before the meeting. If, in any year, the election of directors is not held on the day designated for the annual meeting, or at any adjournment of the annual meeting, the Board will call a special meeting of the members, as soon as possible, to elect directors.

Special Meetings

The president, the Board, or not less than one-tenth of the voting members may call special meetings of the members.

Notice of Meetings

Written or printed notice of any members' meeting, including the annual meeting, will be delivered to each member entitled to vote at the meeting not less than 14--nor more than 60--days before

the date of the meeting. Notice will be given by or at the direction of the president or secretary, or the officers or persons calling the meeting.

Eligibility to Vote at Members' Meetings

A member in good standing is entitled to vote. A member in good standing is one who has paid all required fees and dues and is not suspended as of the date of the meeting.

Quorum.

Members holding one-tenth of the votes that may be cast at a meeting and attend the meeting in person will constitute a quorum.

Actions of Membership

The membership will try to act by consensus. However, if a consensus is not available on a matter or proposal, the vote of a majority of voting members in good standing is enough to constitute the act of the membership. Voting will be by hand or ballot as determined by the board.

Proxies.

A member entitled to vote may not vote by proxy.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Management of Corporation

The Board will manage corporate affairs.

Number, Qualifications, and Tenure of Directors.

The number of Directors will be a number determined by the Board that is not less than three and not greater than eleven total Board Members. Directors must be Texas residents and members of LHCAA. Each director will serve for a term of one year or until the conclusion of the next regular annual meeting. No more than 25% of the Board may be comprised of sustaining members.

Nominating Directors

At any meeting at which the election of a director is held, a voting member in good standing or director may nominate a person with the second of any other voting member in good standing or director.

Electing Directors

A person who meets the qualifications for director and who has been duly nominated may be elected as a director. Directors will be elected by the vote of the membership. Each director will hold office until a successor is elected and qualifies. A director may be elected to succeed himself or herself as director. Directors will be elected at the annual meeting of the members.

Board Vacancies

The Board will fill any vacancy in the Board and any director position to be filled due to an increase in the number of directors. A vacancy is filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors, even if it is less than a quorum of the Board, or if it is a sole remaining director. A director selected to fill a vacancy will be serve for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor in office.

Duties of Directors

Directors will discharge their duties, including any duties as committee members, in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believe to be in LHCAA's best interest.

Actions of Board of Directors

The Board will try to act by consensus. However, if a consensus is not available, the vote of a majority of directors present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present is enough to constitute the act of the Board, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by some other provision of these Bylaws. A director who is present at a meeting and abstains from a vote is considered to be present and voting for the purpose of determining the Board's decision.

Proxies

A director may not vote by proxy.

Removing Directors

The Board may vote to remove a director at any time, only for good cause. Good cause for removal of a director includes the unexcused failure to attend three consecutive Board meetings. A director may be removed by the affirmative vote of 51 percent of the Board.

OFFICERS**Officer Positions**

The Corporation's officers will be a president, a secretary, assistant secretary, a treasurer, and an assistant treasurer. The Board may create additional officer positions, define the authority and duties of each such position, and elect or appoint persons to fill the positions. The same person may hold any two or more offices, except for president and secretary.

Election and Term of Office

The Corporation's officers will be elected annually by the Board at the annual Board meeting. If officers are not elected at this time, they will be elected as soon thereafter as possible. Each officer will hold office until a successor is duly selected and qualifies. An officer may if desired, be elected to succeed himself or herself in the same office.

Removal

The Board for any reason deemed sufficient by the Board may remove any officer elected by the Board. Removing an officer will be without prejudice to the officer's contractual rights, if any.

Vacancies

The Board may select a person to fill a vacancy in any office for the unexpired portion of the officer's term.

President

The president is the Corporation's chief executive officer. He or she will supervise and control all of the Corporation's business and affairs and will preside at all meetings of the members and of

the Board. The president may execute any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments that the Board authorizes to be executed. However, the president may not execute instruments on the Corporation's behalf if this power is expressly delegated to another officer or agent of the Corporation by the Board, these Bylaws, or statute. The president will perform other duties prescribed by the Board and all duties incident to the office of president.

Treasurer

The treasurer will:

- (a) Have charge and custody of--and be responsible for--all the Corporation's funds and securities.
- (b) Receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the Corporation from any source.
- (c) Deposit all moneys in the Corporation's name in banks, trust companies, or other depositories as these Bylaws provide or as the Board or president directs.
- (d) Write checks and disburse funds to discharge the Corporation's obligations. However, funds may not be drawn from the Corporation or its accounts without the signature of the president or a secretary in addition to that of the treasurer.
- (e) Maintain the Corporation's financial books and records.
- (f) Prepare financial reports at least annually.
- (g) Perform other duties as assigned by the president or the Board.
- (h) If the Board requires, give a bond for faithfully discharging his or her duties in a sum and with a surety as determined by the Board.
- (i) Perform the entire duties incident to the office of treasurer.

Secretary

The Secretary will:

- (a) Give all notices as provided in the bylaws or as required by law.
- (b) Take minutes of the meetings of the members and the Board and keep the minutes as part of the corporate records.
- (c) Maintain custody of the corporate records and seal.
- (d) Affix the corporate seal to all documents as authorized.
- (e) Keep a register of the mailing address of each member, director, officer, and employee of the Corporation.
- (f) Perform duties as assigned by the president or the Board.
- (g) Perform all duties incident to the office of secretary.