

CONSTITUTION

of the

SAN DIEGO COUNTY TRACK STARTERS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this Association shall be the San Diego County Track Starters Association, and shall be referred to in this Constitution and the By Laws hereafter as the Association.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association shall be to provide quality Track Starter Officiating service, to maintain and strive to improve through and education and training programs; to promote fair play and sportsmanship among people involved in Track & Field meets; and to encourage good fellowship among members of the Association and others interested in Track & Field.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

A. Eligibility:

Membership shall be available to any person interested in Track Starting Officiating provided they fulfill the requirements of membership and have complied with the ethical standards of the Association. Members may not currently be enrolled in grades K-12.

B. Membership Classification:

1. **Probationary:** Application for membership shall be made in accordance with the procedures and requirements as outlined by the Board of Directors. On approval by the Board, the applicant becomes a Probationary member with neither office-holding nor voting privileges.
2. **Transfer:** Transfer membership status will be acknowledged by the Board of Directors on receipt of a letter of recommendation from another recognized and accredited Track Starters Association.
3. **Certified:** Certified membership may be voted a Probationary member by a three-fourths vote of the Board of Directors provided the member has: (1) served at least two years as a Probationary member, (2) met all the requirements stipulated by the Board of Directors and, (3) the joint recommendation of the Instructional and Rating Chairpersons.

4. **NCAA:** Certified members may be voted a NCAA certification by a three-fourths vote of the Board of Directors provided the member has met the requirements contained in the San Diego County Track Starter Assignments, Policies and Procedures Manual.
5. **Associate:** Associate members are non-officiating members. Requests for Associate membership must be made to the Board of Directors in writing. An Associate member shall pay dues, but may neither hold office nor vote. Associate members may be restored to officiating status on written request to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall determine the status, Probationary or Certified, when an Associate member resumes officiating.
6. **Honorary:** Honorary members are those people who have been so identified by the Board of Directors because of their service to the Association. Included are those people who wish membership in the Association, but do not elect to participate in the activities of the Association. An honorary member shall be exempt from payment of dues, and shall not be eligible to hold office or vote.

ARTICLE IV – GOVERNING BODY

A. Membership:

The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and the immediate Past President. These members shall be the governing body of the Association and shall be referred to in the Constitution and the By Laws as the Board.

B. Board Powers and Duties:

The Board shall:

1. Control and be responsible for all property and funds of the Association.
2. Fix membership dues, initiation fees and assessments.
3. Determine requirements of membership.
4. Determine qualifications and policies for assigning Track Starters.
5. Initiate education and training programs.
6. Have the authority to interpret and execute the various provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE V – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Procedures for Nominating and Election of Officers:

Each year, new association officers shall be elected. Elections shall be held at the last scheduled meeting of the year by secret ballot. Results of the election shall be announced at the annual Association Banquet. All Certified Members in good standing who wish to have their name included on the ballot shall notify a member of the Board prior to the last General Meeting.

Election to the office of President requires the elected member to be in good standing and have been a member of the Board the prior year.

Election to the offices of Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer are open to all Certified members in good standing.

B. Election of Officers:

The Secretary shall deliver to each Certified member present at the last regular meeting, an election ballot containing the list of candidates soliciting election for office.

The *candidate* receiving the greater number of votes by the Certified membership present shall be elected to the office indicated on the ballot. Ties shall be broken by lot by the President.

The Secretary shall maintain a record of the election results and all returned ballots shall be retained.

Elected officers shall serve a term of office of one year.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

A. President:

The President shall be the presiding officer at Association meetings and shall be Chairman of the Board.

The duties and powers of the President shall be the same as are usually attached to such office and other duties as the Constitution, the By Laws, or Board directs.

B. Vice-President:

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President. The duties and powers of the Vice-President shall be the same as are

usually attached to such offices and other duties as the Constitution, By Laws, or Board directs.

C. Past President:

The Past President will act as a resource person to the President, and the Board. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Past President shall assume the duties of the President.

D. Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer shall have such duties as outlined and directed by the Board and shall be responsible to the Board for the conduct of the assignment service. The Board may appoint subordinates to assist the Secretary/Treasurer in his/her duties. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible to the Board for the conduct of the Association business and shall be responsible for safekeeping and accounting of Association funds. The Secretary/Treasurer may be compensated for services as determined by the Board.

ARTICLE VII – ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to appoint officers as needed for an annual term subject to reappointment at the discretion of the Board as needed for conducting Association business. The Board shall outline the duties and responsibilities of these officers and these officers shall be responsible to the Board for their performance in such duties and responsibilities.

Positions shall be advertised when vacancies occur at a time, place and method determined by the President. Interested applicants shall be considered by the Board and ensuing appointments shall be for a period of one year subject to reappointment as provided above.

Compensation for the services of the officers shall be determined on a yearly basis by the Board.

Officers may, with Board approval, appoint subordinates to assist them in their duties. Officers will serve as ex-officio non-voting members of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

The President, with board approval, *may* appoint committee Chairpersons and Members. Committees shall perform such duties and responsibilities as outlined by the Board and shall be responsible to the board for their performance in such duties and responsibilities. Committees shall serve during the term of the President.

**ARTICLE IX – RATIFICATION AND AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION
AND BY LAWS**

This Constitution and the By Laws shall be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the Certified members of the Association membership.

This Constitution and the By Laws shall have been distributed and noted in the records of the Certified membership meeting at least seven days before a date is set for voting.

The Constitution and By Laws may be amended by following the same procedure as formulated in the ratification of the Constitution.

ARTICLE X – LIABILITY

No member or Officer shall have authority to bind or obligate the Association unless specifically authorized by the Board of Directors.

A. Existence:

This Association shall continue in perpetuity unless terminated by a vote of two-thirds of its Certified members.

B. Assets on Dissolution:

Upon dissolution, any assets of the Association shall be liquidated after paying expenses of termination of its affairs. Any balance shall be distributed equally among the Certified members so designated at the last official meeting held.

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