

West Central Ohio Track Officials' Association
WCOTOA

Article I Name

Section 1 This organization shall be known as the West Central Ohio Track Officials' Association

Article II Objective

Section 1 The objectives of this organization are:

- A** to promote good fellowship among its members
- B** to evaluate the standards of officiating
- C** to provide means for the correct interpretation of the rules
- D** to provide for uniformity in officiating

Article III Officers

Section 1 The officers of this association shall be President, President-elect, Secretary/Treasurer, Rules Interpreter

Section 2 The duties of the officers are as follows:

A President

- a** Preside over all meetings of the Association
- b** shall appoint the regular committees provided for in Article IV and V
- c** shall appoint such other committees as he/she deems necessary or appropriate.

B President-elect

- a** shall perform the duties of the president in the event of the president's absence or inability to act.
- b** He/She will become president
- c** He/She will also serve as a second Rules Interpreter.

C Secretary/Treasurer

- a** He/she shall keep records of the proceedings of the Association and of the executive committee
- b** shall keep an account of all business that he/she has transacted for the association.
- c** At least monthly, he/she shall make a complete report to the association.
- d** He/she shall receive and have charge of all fees and dues.
- e** He/she shall deposit the money of the Association into a fund from which the expenses of the Association shall be paid, subject to approval of the Executive Committee.

D Rules Interpreter

- a** shall explain any rules not understood or find out what the official ruling would be from the OHSAA.
- b** He/she will also attend the State Rules Meeting for Interpreters and report back to our association.

Section 3 Elections and Terms of Office

A The term of office for the officers shall be two years.

B The positions of President-elect, Secretary/Treasurer and Rules interpreter will be elected as follows

- a** At the first meeting of an even calendar year, nominations will be accepted
- b** The president will ensure that all members are informed of these nominations
- c** Secret ballot elections will occur at the third meeting on an even calendar year

- d New officers will take their positions July 1 of that even calendar year
- C The President-elect will become President July 1 after serving two years as President-elect.

Article IV Executive Committee

Section 1 Composition and Meetings

- A The group of officers as listed in Article 3 Section 1 shall compose the executive committee.
- B The Executive Committee shall hold such meetings as the business of the association may require.
- C The President shall call such meetings of the committee when necessary.

Section 2 Committees

- A The committee is also empowered to transact business by electronic correspondence.
- B The president may create and assign membership to various committees as the Executive Committee deems necessary.

Section 3 Compensation

- A Anyone required to attend a special meeting will be compensated at \$.50 per mile for one way
- B Meals will be compensated at the lesser of \$15.00 or the actual amount.

Article V Amendment of the Constitution

Section 1 Prior to an amendment, the proposal must have been submitted by at least five members

Section 2 The proposed amendment must be sent to all members at least two weeks before the vote allowing at least one meeting for questions to be answered and for any clarifications.

Section 3 The amendment will pass if at least two-thirds of the votes cast are affirmative.

- o These votes may be submitted electronically.

Article VI Membership in the WCOTOA

Section 1 To maintain an active membership, the member shall:

- A Meet all of the requirements set forth by the Ohio High School Athletic Association
- B Pay the required WCOTOA dues

Article VII Dues

Section 1 Amount and Dates

- A The annual dues shall be fifteen dollars (\$15)
- B The dues shall be paid in full on or before April 1st.
- C The membership shall run from April 1st to March 31st of the following year.

Section 2 Failure of Dues Payment

- A A member who fails to pay his/her annual dues before April 1 is automatically suspended
- B The Secretary-treasurer shall remove his/her name from the membership of the Association.
- C Any member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues may petition for reinstatement.
- D Upon payment of the amount in arrears existing at the time of the suspension, a suspended member may be restored to membership by the Executive Committee.

Article VIII Misconduct, Dismissal and Reinstatement

Section 1 Misconduct

A Any act of misconduct by a member should be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee.

B The Executive Committee will verify the facts to determine guilt.

Section 2 Dismissal

A The member may be expelled from the association at a regular meeting or at a special meeting as called by the President

B If two-thirds of the votes cast are in favor of dismissal, the member will be expelled from the association.

Section 3 Reinstatement

A An expelled member may be reinstated if:

a he/she presents a recommendation for reinstatement signed by five active members.

○ This statement should include the reasons for reinstatement.

b The Executive Committee finds in favor for reinstatement

c The member may be reinstated into the association at a regular meeting or at a special meeting as called by the President

d If, at this meeting, two-thirds of the votes cast are in favor of reinstatement, he/she will be reinstated.

Article IX Special Meetings

A The President may call special meetings when deemed desirable by the Executive Committee

B The Membership may initiate a special meeting

a The request is made by at least five members.

b Such a request shall specify the object of the meeting.

c Notice of the meeting shall be sent to all members at least two weeks before the time selected

d This notice shall specify the purpose of such a meeting

Article X Suggested Order of Business for Regular Meetings:

A Call to Order-President

B Introductions and Recognitions

C Executive announcements

D Reading of minutes and Secretary's report

E Treasurer's Report

F Unfinished Business (Old Business)

G New Business, Member Announcements

Article XI Internet Presence

A The association should maintain a web site to provide necessary information for the membership.

Article XII Meeting Attendance

A The number of local meetings that are required to maintain OHSAA rating shall be determined by the OHSAA.