

# CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE 1

### PHILOSOPHY, OBJECTIVES AND DUTIES

- 1.1 NAME OF ORGANIZATION** - The name of this corporation, incorporated under the laws of the state of Arizona, shall be Arizona Interscholastic Association, Incorporated, referred to hereinafter as the "AIA", the "corporation" or the "Association".
- 1.2 OFFICES** - The principal office for the transaction of business of the corporation shall be at Phoenix, Arizona, but the corporation may transact business elsewhere in the state of Arizona.
- 1.3 PHILOSOPHY** - The philosophy of Arizona Interscholastic Association, Incorporated, a voluntary association of high schools, is that interscholastic activities are beneficial to the total education program.
- 1.3.1 The AIA is committed to the inclusion of equitable interscholastic opportunities for both girls and boys in all Arizona high schools.
- 1.3.2 The AIA believes there is a need for maintaining a proper balance between the academic programs and extracurricular activities of the member schools.
- 1.4 OBJECTIVES** - The AIA seeks to supplement the overall aims and objectives of secondary schools by organizing, developing, directing and regulating activities and competition among member schools in athletics, spiritlines (cheerleading), music, speech, debate, theatre, chess and Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (J.R.O.T.C.). The objectives of the AIA shall be as follows:
- 1.4.1 To approve, direct and develop all athletics, music, speech, debate, theatre, chess and Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (J.R.O.T.C.) activities of a competitive nature which involve more than one school when a championship, winner or rating is to be determined.
- 1.4.2 To initiate and pursue policies that will safeguard the educational value of interscholastic contests and cultivate ideals of cooperation, friendship and good sportsmanship among member schools.
- 1.4.3 To ensure that interscholastic activities remain an integral part of the knowledge, skills, attitudes and proper emotional patterns of high school youth.
- 1.4.4 To prevent the exploitation of high school youth and of the programs of member schools by special interest groups, firms, organizations, institutions and outside organized agencies whose purposes are contrary to those of AIA.
- 1.4.5 To protect the best interests of AIA member schools in all contest and activity areas under AIA jurisdiction.
- 1.4.6 To strengthen and write uniform eligibility rules governing participation in interscholastic contests.
- 1.4.7 To continue to regulate activities programs as requested by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement State Committee until such time as another agency or organization can and will accept this responsibility.

**1.5 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES** - The duties and responsibilities of the AIA shall be as follows:

- 1.5.1 To accomplish its stated objectives, the AIA is authorized to buy, own, sell, lease, sublease, manage and mortgage such real and personal property as may be reasonably necessary in the operation of the corporation as a nonprofit membership association; to borrow money, contract for credit, and operate such incidental business activities as may be necessary for realizing its objectives.
- 1.5.2 The Corporation shall abide by all laws and requirements relating to nonprofit corporations **and shall make all reasonable efforts to operate in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.**
- 1.5.3 The Corporation shall conduct its affairs through a Board of Directors, consisting of a President, Vice President, Executive Director, and such additional Directors as may be permitted by the laws of the corporation and the state of Arizona. The Executive Director shall also serve as Treasurer.
- 1.5.4 It shall be the responsibility of this Association to develop and employ procedures according to the terms of this Constitution as hereinafter set forth to realize the stated objectives of the Association.
- 1.5.5 All books, records and documents of the AIA shall be open and available.

**1.6 INDEBTEDNESS** - The highest amount of indebtedness or liability, direct or contingent, to which the corporation may at any one time subject itself is one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00).**1.7 DISSOLUTION** - In the event of dissolution of this corporation, all assets remaining after payments of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to the member schools.