

MARIN COUNTY ATHLETIC LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The league shall be known as the Marin County Athletic League (MCAL) of the North Coast Section, California Interscholastic Federation.

ARTICLE II

Affiliations

The Marin County Athletic League is governed by the constitution, bylaws and other rules of the North Coast Section (NCS) and the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF). Any NCS or CIF rulings that govern all leagues automatically become part of this constitution. No rules or regulations under this constitution or by-laws shall be in conflict with NCS or CIF regulations.

Appeals and Hearings

The MCAL will follow all guidelines set forth by the NCS and CIF.

ARTICLE III

Authorization

The MCAL is a non-profit organization authorized by CIF. It is understood that no governing board of a member school will take action contrary to the constitution and by-laws of the MCAL without first advising all other boards of member schools of their intent, and thus permitting a reasonable time for a conference. If a governing board should take such contrary action, the member school(s) under their control shall be automatically suspended from membership in the league.

ARTICLE IV

Purpose

It shall be the purpose of the MCAL to promote, coordinate and regulate the student interscholastic athletic activities of member schools. Interscholastic athletics should be considered an important part of the educational program of high school students. Athletics should be considered an addition to the classroom instructional program and should not interfere with classroom activities except when deemed necessary and approved by the principal. It should foster appropriate conduct, ethics and sportsmanship for participants and spectators.

Interscholastic athletics should also engender respect for local, state and national rules and policies under which the school program is conducted. The following Code of Ethics shall govern the actions of all who are concerned with high school athletics:

Code of Ethics

- To emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
- To eliminate all possibilities which tend to destroy the best values of the game.
- To show cordial courtesy to visiting teams and officials.
- To stress the values derived from playing the game fairly.
- To establish a positive relationship between visitors and hosts.
- To respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials.
- To achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and standards of eligibility.
- To encourage leadership, use of initiative, and good judgment by the players on the team.
- To recognize that the purpose of educational athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well being of the individual players.
- To remember that an athletic contest is only a game – not a matter of life and death for the player, coach, school, officials, fans, community, state or nation.

ARTICLE V

Membership

Membership of the MCAL is determined by the NCS, CIF and Marin-Sonoma-Mendocino Conference policies. Current membership includes:

The Branson School
Justin-Siena High School
Marin Catholic High School
Novato High School
Redwood High School
San Marin High School
San Rafael High School
Sir Francis Drake High School
Tamalpais High School
Terra Linda High School

Dues

Each member school will be expected to pay annual dues to defray costs incurred by the league. These dues will be determined annually by the MCAL Board of Managers and must be paid in September of each year. Special assessment may be made when deemed necessary by the Board of Managers. At the Commissioner's discretion and by action of the Board of Managers, any dues not paid the following January meeting of the Board of Managers will cause the delinquent school's teams to be ineligible for further competition until such time as the dues are paid. Any contests scheduled within the delinquent period would be forfeited to the scheduled opponent.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

A. Officers of the MCAL shall be as follows:

1. President: two-year term
2. Past President: one-year term following Presidency
3. President-elect: one-year term preceding Presidency

The president-elect shall be a member of the Board of Managers and shall be elected every other year. Presidents may serve no more than two consecutive terms of office.

- B. The president and past-president/president-elect are the executive officers of the league and direct the activities of the league and the Commissioner.
- C. In the event of a vacancy in the office of president, the president-elect shall assume the office. In years where there is no president-elect, the past-president shall assume the presidency. An election shall be held as soon as possible to fill the vacant office.
- D. The MCAL shall employ a Commissioner and an Assistant Commissioner to administer the work of the league according to the job descriptions established by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VII

Board of Managers

- A. The government of the MCAL shall be vested in the Board of Managers consisting of the principals of member schools.
- B. It is the responsibility of each member of the Board of Managers to communicate league issues to various constituencies including superintendents/counterparts; booster groups, parents, coaches, athletes or others interested in athletics.
- C. Each school will be entitled to one vote on all questions before the Board of Managers.
- D. Regular meetings shall be scheduled throughout the school year. The meeting schedule will be published in May of the preceding year. The President shall have the power to call special meetings at his/her discretion or upon request from two member schools or to cancel regular meetings. All meetings are subject to compliance with the Brown Act.
- E. A quorum to conduct business shall be a majority of member schools. Business may be conducted by a majority vote of members present as long as a quorum has been achieved.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

- A. All amendments to the Constitution or By-laws must be passed by a two-thirds majority of all member schools. Amendments to the Rules of Sport must be passed by a majority of member schools present.
- B. Recommendations for changes to the Constitution or By-laws may come from the CIF, NCS, the Commissioner or members of the MCAL Board of Managers for consideration by the Board of Managers.
- C. Recommendations for change to the Rules of Sport must be presented to the league Commissioner by the coaches at their respective end-of-season meeting. Athletic Directions will review and make recommendations about these changes for action by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IX

Communications

- A. All agendas and minutes of MCAL Board of Managers' meetings shall be distributed to principals, athletic directors, superintendents (or equivalent) and local newspapers. They shall be posted in a public place at each member school site.
- B. All athletic directors and members of the MCAL Board of Managers are responsible for communicating proposed actions with appropriate constituencies (coaches, parents, athletes, parent clubs, superintendents, school boards) for input prior to actions of the Board of Managers.

- C. The Commissioner is responsible for sending all MCAL, NCS and CIF agendas and minutes to each superintendent or private school counterpart.

ARTICLE X

Fiscal Responsibility

1. A Finance Committee composed of the president, president-elect/past president and one additional member of the Board of Managers shall oversee the budget. Recommendations for the budget for the following school year shall be made at the March/April Board of Managers' meeting.
2. The Commissioner shall be responsible for managing the League finances.
3. MCAL books shall be reviewed annually.

ARTICLE XI

Non-Profit Status

Sec. 1 This organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

“Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) or (b) by an organization's contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).”

“Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future tax code), or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.”

The non-profit public benefit corporation number of the Marin County Athletic League is 2326737.

ARTICLE XI

Parliamentary Authority

The parliamentary authority for all MCAL business meetings shall be Robert's Rules of Order.