

Northern Nevada Officials' Association Swim Chapter by Laws

ARTICLE I-Name

The name of this organization shall be the Northern Nevada Officials Association Swim Chapter

ARTICLE II-Purpose

The purpose of the Association shall be to:

- 1) Unite all qualified swim officials into a unified Northern Nevada Association.
- 2) Study rules and to discuss their intent for uniform interpretations; to progressively improve the quality of officiating.
- 3) Promote and maintain officiating ethics; to conduct each athletic contest as a way of developing character and good sportsmanship.
- 4) Cooperate with the National Federation Interscholastic Officials Association and the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association.
- 5) Elevate the standards of the Northern Nevada Officials Association -Swim Chapter.

ARTICLE III -Organization

- 1) The Association at the last scheduled meeting of each season shall elect an Executive Board consisting of a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and member {s} at large. The term of each office shall be two years. The President and Secretary Treasurer shall be elected on even number years. All other officers shall be elected on odd numbered years.
- 2) A member at large shall be elected for every 25 members of the Northern Nevada Officials Association -Swim Chapter.
- 3) The NIAA Swimming Commissioner shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Board.
- 4) Duties of the officers shall include but not limited to:

A. President:

1. Conduct all regular Association and Executive Board meetings.
2. Represent the Association in business matters with the Commissioner of Officials and/or the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association

B. Vice-President:

- 1) Perform the duties of the President in his/her absence.
- 2) Be responsible for supervising all elections or balloting of the Association.
- 3) be responsible for the instructional portions of the clinics and scheduled meetings.

C. Secretary Treasurer:

- 1) Keep minutes
- 2) Maintain financial records
- 3) Maintain a checking account
- 4) Order educational materials as needed.
- 5) Maintain membership of the Association with the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association and the National Federation Interscholastic Officials Association.
- 6) A vacancy may occur on the board if a member resigns, fails to re-certify, or is removed for just cause. In the event of a vacancy on the Board the President shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the outstanding term.
- 7.) Upon approval of the annual budget by the membership any financial obligation incurred by any officer must be authorized by the majority of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV -Membership

- 1) Each official shall be required to take an annual prescribed swimming official examination.
 - A. Exam dates shall be set by the Commissioner.
 - B. A written test shall be taken in a true examination setting and passed before being assigned meets.
 - C. A minimum score of 70 will be considered passing. One make up test may be taken each year. A second score less than 70 will result in loss of certificate.
- 2) Dues must be paid before receiving education materials, test or duty assignments.

ARTICLE V -Voting

- 1.) Each member of the Association shall have one vote on all questions and the vote of the majority present shall prevail in all matters.
- 2) A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of one over half of the votes cast. In the case of an odd number of board members the Commissioner shall have no vote except to break a tie in the case of the absence of one or more board members..

ARTICLE VI -Uniform

- 1) The uniform of the swim officials shall consist of blue pants, (except Zone and State when they shall be white), white shirt or blouse. The Nevada State Officials Association patch shall be part of the uniform. The patch shall be placed on the left breast, above the pocket. The uniform shall also bear an American flag patch approximately 1 3/4 inches by 2 1/2 inches placed on the right sleeve in a centered position. It is recommended that those officials working Zone or State meets wear a dress white shirt or blouse with red tie.

ARTICLE VII -Attendance and Meetings

- 1) The Association shall not meet less than two times each season, dates to be determined by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII -Dues and Assessment

- 1) The Executive Board shall set the dues to procure the educational materials and maintain membership in the National Federation Interscholastic Officials Association and the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association.
- 2) The Association may approve an assessment in order to conduct the business of the Association.

ARTICLE IX -Loss of Membership

- 1) The Executive Board may remove from the membership any official found guilty of any of the following:
 - A. incompetent officiating skills
 - B. unfair or biased decisions
 - C. unprofessional or unethical conduct on or off the deck
 - D. use of intoxicating beverages or illegal substances 12 hours before a meet in which the official is scheduled to work.
- 2) Any official removed by the Executive Board may appeal within 10 days.
 - A. The Executive Board shall be required to state the reasons for dismissal in writing.
 - B. Said official must submit their appeal in writing.
 - C. If the Commissioner concurs with the Executive Board, the official may then appeal to the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Executive Director in writing.

ARTICLE X -Complaints

- 1) A member's complaint shall be taken to the Executive Board in writing.
- 2) The written complaint may also be accompanied with a request to appear before the Executive Board.
- 3) If the Executive Board cannot resolve the problem the matter may be taken to the Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association Executive Director

ARTICLE XI -Amendments

- 1) Any portion of these By-laws may be amended by a majority of the total membership of the Association at a general membership meeting.

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