

**BYLAWS OF THE  
DEEP SOUTH LACROSSE CONFERENCE**

**PREAMBLE**

**Section 1.** We, the members of the Council of Presidents of the Deep South Lacrosse Conference believe:

- (A) In a strong conference composed of small liberal arts colleges with similar philosophies.
- (B) That the chief executive officer has the responsibility of providing leadership in establishing the athletic philosophy and direction of the Conference.
- (C) That the primary purpose of the Conference is to enhance the educational mission of its institutions through the sport of Lacrosse.
- (D) That the proper resources and commitments to Lacrosse must be made by the member institutions to provide the kinds of educational experiences that we collectively value.
- (E) That all member institutions should commit themselves to participating fully both in spirit and in resources to the idea and concept of a competitive NCAA Division II Lacrosse conference.

**Section 2.** We, the members of the Council of Presidents of the Deep South Lacrosse Conference strongly affirm the aforementioned goals and beliefs as an expression of our commonly held athletic philosophy and adopt the following as the Bylaws of the Deep South Lacrosse Conference.

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Deep South Lacrosse Conference herein referred to as the Conference.

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Conference shall be to develop, perpetuate, and enhance the educational mission of its member institutions through a regional association of senior liberal arts colleges of higher education and a common dedication to excellence in the sport of Lacrosse. The specific objectives of the Conference shall include the following:

- (A) To establish a common set of academic standards.
- (B) To legislate through bylaws and operating policies to ensure the honorable conduct of Lacrosse offered within the Conference.

- (C) To enhance community, student and public interest in the sport of Lacrosse.
- (D) To establish the Conference as a outstanding small college athletic conference serving to support the sport of Lacrosse.

### ARTICLE III. OFFICES

**Section 1. Principal Office.** The principal office of the Conference shall be in a location determined by the Presidents of the member institutions for the purposes of administering the activities of the Conference.

### ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Section 1. General Powers and Composition.** The affairs and property of the Conference shall be managed by the Board of Directors which shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Council of Presidents". The Council of Presidents shall consist of the chief executive officer of each member institution or his designee. (Athletic Directors only)

**Section 2. Delegation of Certain Powers to Committees.** The Council of Presidents is the governing body of the Conference with final authority for all matters. The Council of Presidents will focus on policy development and delegate operational responsibility for the Conference to the extent by law to the Athletic Director Committee, except for the following powers which are reserved:

1. All financial matters,
2. Academic standards,
3. Eligibility policies,
4. Selection and employment of the conference commissioner, and/or Conference to be sub-contracted with for services).
5. Conference membership,
6. Scholarship limitations.

The Council of Presidents will delegate to the Faculty Athletic Representatives Committee responsibility for implementation of eligibility policies and regulations and responsibility for developing recommendations operating to both academic standards and eligibility. (The Council of Presidents, the Athletic Directors Committee and the Faculty Athletic Representative Committee may be sometimes hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Governing Committees".)

The Council of Presidents, by resolution adopted by a majority of the then existing member institutions, may designate one or more additional committees which shall be vested with such powers as may be delegated to them in such resolution.

## ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

### **Section 1. Athletic Directors Committee.**

- (A) The Athletic Directors Committee shall consist of the Athletic Director of each member institution.
- (B) Each member institution shall have one vote in the Athletic Directors Committee.
- (C) Authority for operational decisions and actions taken by the Conference resides with Athletic Directors Committee, except those powers reserved by the Council of Presidents or assigned to the Faculty Athletic Representatives Committee.
- (D) The Athletic Directors Committee shall conduct the business and administrative affairs of the Conference in accordance with the general policies and bylaws of the Conference.
- (E) The Commissioner will assist the Athletic Directors Committee with their operational duties.
- (F) Operational duties that have not been assigned in this document will become the responsibility of the Athletic Directors Committee.
- (G) The Athletic Directors Committee shall be a recommending body to the Council of Presidents.
- (H) The chair will be elected by the committee or serve in rotation by institutional alphabetical order.

### **Section 3. Faculty Athletic Representatives Committee (the "FAR Committee").**

The Faculty Athletic Representative from each member institution will be a member of the FAR Committee with one vote each.

**Section 4. Governing Committee Chairs.** Governing Committees may be chaired in rotation by institutional alphabetical order, with a drawing at the start of the rotation or elected by the committee. The term shall be for two years.

### **Section 5. Coaches Committee.**

- (A) A Coaches Committee for the sport of lacrosse shall be sponsored by the Conference.
- (B) Each institution will have the head coach of the sport of lacrosse as a representative member of the group.
- (C) The Coaches Committee shall be a recommended body to the Athletic Directors Committee.

## **ARTICLE VI. OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER**

- (A) The Office of the Commissioner shall be located at a place designated by the Council of Presidents.
- (B) The Commissioner shall report to the Council of Presidents.
- (C) The Commissioner shall present a budget for consideration to the Athletic Directors Council at least two weeks prior to the spring meeting of the Council. Athletic Directors are responsible for obtaining Presidential approval.
- (D) The Commissioner shall have the powers necessary for the effective performance of his duties.
- (E) The Commissioner's duties shall be:
  - (1) Serve as the chief administrative officer of the Conference.
  - (2) Have the responsibility of interpreting and enforcing all rules and regulations of the conference and its national association.
  - (3) Serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of all committees.
  - (4) In cooperation with the committee chairs, issue the call for meetings and on his own motion call special meetings if necessary.
  - (5) Reprint the Constitution and Bylaws of the Conference from time to time as may be necessary.
  - (6) Study athletic problems of the Conference, offer advice and assistance in their solution, and encourage and promote friendly relations which should exist among the member institutions, their students and alumni.
  - (7) Receive and review all NCAA forms and reporting procedures.
  - (8) Purchase awards and trophies awarded by the Conference.
  - (9) Conduct, through the press, radio, television, periodicals, various meetings, and the general service of his office, a continuing educational program to promote the development of better sportsmanship, respect for the amateur spirit, and understanding of the values of lacrosse.
  - (10) Serve as the conference treasurer, handle all conference accounts and reporting procedures.
  - (11) Administer through the conference office all sports information activities to include media guide publications, press releases, and statistical reports.

## ARTICLE VII. ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE

**Section 1.** The Commissioner shall receive in writing and investigate reports of alleged violations of rules and regulations of the Conference and of its National Association. He shall interpret and rule upon General and Special Regulations.

**Section 2.** The Commissioner shall be the principal enforcement officer of the Conference Rules and Regulations.

**Section 3.** The Commissioner shall be authorized to investigate cases involving unsportsmanlike conduct of coaches, institutional officials, participants on teams or members of the team party representing member institutions; and, if sufficient evidence is found that they have been guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, he shall be authorized to impose such penalties as in his judgement the case warrants.

**Section 4.** Penalties imposed by the Commissioner shall become effective immediately and shall remain in effect until and unless set aside by the Presidents Council on appeal. The Athletic Directors Committee shall decide if an appeal shall be heard by the Council of Presidents.

## ARTICLE IX. MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1. Initial Member Institutions.** Charter members of the Deep South Lacrosse Conference are Catawba College, Pfeiffer University, Wingate University, Limestone College, St. Andrews Presbyterian College, and Lees McRae College.

**Section 2. Qualification.** To be a member of the Conference, institutions must be fully accredited senior institutions of higher education and must be members in good standing of the National collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

## ARTICLE X. MEETINGS

**Section 1. Chair of Meetings.** All meetings of the Governing Committees shall be presided over by the chair of the respective committee.

**Section 2. Duties of the Commissioner.** The Commissioner shall be present at the annual meeting of the governing committees (Presidents, Athletic Directors, Faculty Athletic Representatives) and shall be responsible for the recording, transcribing and distribution of the minutes of said meetings to the appropriate personnel of the member institutions.

**Section 3. Agenda.** The chairs of the Governing Committees, through the Commissioner's office, shall publish the meeting agenda to all members.

## ARTICLE XI. ELIGIBILITY RULES AND ACADEMIC STANDARDS

**Section 1. General Policy.** The eligibility rules and academic standards of the Conference shall be the same as those utilized by the NCAA.

## **ARTICLE XII. RULES OF PRACTICE AND PLAY**

**Section 1. Limitations** All NCAA Division II guidelines will be followed.

## **ARTICLE XIII. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 1. Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the Conference shall be July 1 through June 30 of the academic calendar.