

CONSTITUTION
of
The Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association

The Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association was founded in 1954 with the intention of providing service to competitive swimmers, divers, coaches and all interscholastic aquatic sport participants.

ARTICLE I **TITLE**

Section 1 The name of this organization shall be: “The Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association”.

ARTICLE II **OBJECTIVES**

- Section 1 The objectives of the organization are:
- A. To promote competitive swimming, diving, and water polo for boy and girls, generally and specifically in the state of Michigan.
 - B. To promote sportsmanship and quality personal conduct for athletes and coaches.
 - C. To promote personal growth and development of the student athlete.
 - D. To promote professionalism in our sport. We advocate honesty, integrity and professional growth and development for all members.
 - E. To take an active interest in the promotion of swimming pool construction in the state.
 - F. To promote the correct teaching, and a common understanding among coaches and instructors of aquatic programs.
 - G. To promote any and all good recreational pursuits in and on the water.
 - H. To promote the continued growth of aquatic program through cooperation with and recommendations to the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association and the Michigan State High School Athletic Association.
 - I. To disseminate information pertaining to aquatic programs in the State of Michigan.
 - J. To recognize outstanding interscholastic aquatic athletes and coaches.

Section 2 Non-Profit Organization:
Statement for application as a non-profit organization. “No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, officer, or director of the association or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the association affecting one or more of its purposes), and no member (other than a public high school) trustee, officer, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the associations assets on dissolution of the association.

Upon the dissolution of the association or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the association shall be distributed exclusively for educational purposes in accordance with provisions of Section 501© of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended. As a means of accomplishing its purposes, funds, to exercise such other powers which are or hereafter may be conferred by law upon the association organized for the purposes herein above set forth, or necessary or incidental to the powers so conferred, or conducive to the attainment of the purposes of the association,” (Adopted from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Handbook and the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Constitution. 04-05-76)

ARTICLE III **MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

- Section 1 Regular membership shall be limited to those who are or who have been actively engaged in coaching swimming/diving at a high school or Middle/Junior High within the state of Michigan

- Section 2 Associate membership is available to any other person interested in the betterment of Michigan High School Aquatic Programs. Associate members shall enjoy all privileges except the right to vote and hold office.

- Section 3 Honorary Members may be added by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at any regular meeting called by the President. An Honorary member shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of the Association except they shall not vote or hold office. This person shall pay no dues. Honorary membership shall be given to an individual outside the coaching profession who has rendered some special service to Aquatic Programs in the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE IV **OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND DUTIES**

- Section 1 The officers of the association shall include President, President Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, immediate past President, and N.I.S.C.A. State Delegate.

- Section 2 The Executive committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, Area Vice Presidents, Awards chair, Scholarship chair, Officials chair, Diving chair, Middle School/Junior High chair, Clinic chair, Water Polo chair, and MISCA High School meets chair.

- Section 3 The term of office in all cases shall be for two years.

- Section 4 Duties of the Officers:
 - A. The President shall preside at all regular, Executive Committee, and special meetings of the Association, but shall have no vote except in the case of a tie vote. The President may receive a stipend of \$250.00 for expenses incurred while

carrying out the duties of the office. The M.I.S.C.A. President shall receive a minimum of \$500.00 for expenses incurred in attending the N.I.S.C.A. meeting and functions as president; and, additional compensation may be given if receipts are turned in to the MISCA Treasurer which are deemed appropriate. The President may attend all Committee meetings.

- B. The President Elect shall perform the duties of the President in his absence. The President Elect shall be a member of all committees.
- C. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes and records of all meetings and committees appointed, and shall record and keep all records of committee reports, and perform all duties assigned by the association. The Secretary-Treasurer shall also notify the members of meetings and shall receive dues and other monies; shall pay all bills and expenses of the association; shall keep and show an account of all receipts and purposes of funds paid out; and shall keep vouchers for various items.
- D. The Past President shall have the right to opt in and serve as MISCA representative to the Michigan High School Coaches Association. If the past President chooses not to serve as the MISCA representative at the end of his Presidency, the general membership will nominate and elect a MHSCA Representative for the two-year term.
- E. The NISCA State Delegates shall have the responsibility to gather rule change proposals from the membership and must represent those proposals at the NISCA national meetings. The delegate also will be responsible for compiling and disseminating all NISCA Awards Chair. The state delegate will provide the Secretary-Treasurer complete and accurate results of the NISCA annual meetings. The delegate will promote membership in NISCA. The state delegate shall receive \$500.00 for expenses incurred in attending the National meetings; and, additional compensation may be given if receipts are turned in to the MISCA Treasurer which are deemed appropriate. The N.I.S.C.A. State Delegates shall report to the MISCA membership on rule changes.
- F. Other members of the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the President and approved by the executive committee in odd-numbered years at the Fall meeting. Members shall be appointed to insure representation of different state areas and high school classification.

Section 5 Election of Officers

- A. The President Elect will be elected on even numbered years at the Fall business meeting of the association. The Secretary-Treasurer will be elected on odd numbered years at the Fall business meeting of the association. A NISCA State delegate

will be voted on every year at the Fall business meeting of the association. The NISCA State delegate who is newly elected, in the first year of their term, is a non-voting office, but will have all other rights and privileges of the position.

- B. Nominating Procedure: Nominations shall come from the floor. Nominees shall be reduced by hand vote with the one (1) receiving the fewest votes dropped until the list is reduced to two candidates. A spokesman will speak for each of the final two candidates prior to voting.
- C. Officers shall be elected by written ballots cast by the individual members in person at the Fall meeting.

Section 6 Vacancy in Office

- A. A vacancy in office caused by any reason shall be filled by appointment by the President for the remainder of the unexpired term with membership approval at the next regular meeting.
- B. A vacancy in the Executive Committee (non-elected positions) caused by any reason shall be filled by appointment by the President and approved by the Executive committee at their next meeting.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS:

Section 1 The annual fall Business Meeting and Clinic of the Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association shall be determined by the Executive Committee based on available facilities and dates. The membership will receive dates and location by May 1 preceding the meeting and clinic. Other meetings can be called at the discretion of the President, but must be publicized to the membership at least two weeks before the date of the meeting.

Section 2 Twenty percent of the paid up members of the Association, plus the President or President Elect, and one member of the Executive Committee constitute a quorum.

Section 3 Executive Committee meetings shall be held prior to the Business Meetings and at the discretion of the President.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION:

- Section 1
 - A. Amendments to this Constitution must be submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer at least three weeks prior to the Fall Meeting.
 - B. Proposals will be included with the Agenda of the meeting sent to each other.
 - C. Amendments must receive a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all the membership present at a regular meeting.