

**ARTICLE 1:
CAA Philosophy & Responsibilities**

1.1 NAME OF ORGANIZATION – The name of this corporation, incorporated under the laws of the state of Arizona, shall be Charter Athletic Association, Incorporated, DBA Canyon Athletic Association referred to hereinafter all the “CAA”, 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 Charter Athletic Association, Incorporated, DBA Canyon Athletic Association, a voluntary association of high schools and junior high schools, is that interscholastic activities are beneficial to the total education program.

1.3.1 The CAA is committed to the inclusion of equitable interscholastic opportunities for both girls and boys in all CAA member high schools.

1.3.2 The CAA 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 CAA seeks to supplement the overall aims and objectives of educational institutions by developing, directing, organizing and regulating activities and competitions among member schools in athletics, spirit lines, speech, debate, chess, Esports, robotics. The objectives of the CAA shall be as follows:

1.4.1 To regulate athletics, speech, debate, chess, Esports, robotics and spiritline activities of a competitive nature which involve more than one educational institution when a championship, winner or rating is to be determined and authorized by its member schools.

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 protect the best interests of all CAA member schools in all contest and activity areas under CAA jurisdiction.

1.4.4 To strengthen and write uniform eligibility rules governing participation in interscholastic contests.

1.5 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES – The duties and responsibilities of the CAA shall be as follows:

1.5.1 To accomplish its stated objectives, the CAA is authorized to buy, own, sell, lease, sublease, manage and mortgage such real, personal, and intellectual 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 an Executive Board, consisting of a President, Vice President, Executive Director, and such additional board Members 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.

1.6 INDEBTEDNESS – The highest amount of indebtedness or liability, direct or contingent, to which the corporation may at any one time subject itself is one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).

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.

1.8 MEMBER SCHOOL COMPLIANCE – All member schools of this corporation agree to abide by this Constitution and the Eligibility Standards, Sports Standards, Modified Program Rules, Officiating Standards, in all inter school competition as adopted by the Executive or Legislative Council or approved by referendum of member schools.

1.9. VIOLATIONS AND SNACTIONS – Any school violating the constitution, amendments, bylaws, rules, regulations, or sports standards of the association may be suspended or expelled from the association by the CAA Executive Board per the guidelines found in Articles 9 and 10.

1.10 SCHOOL LEADERSHIP – All superintendents, principals, and athletic directors of member schools are advisors of the association. They are eligible to serve on committees and are entitled to make recommendations to the CAA staff and Executive Board on all matters pertaining to the conduct of interscholastic athletics.