

ARTICLE 2 Organization of the Association

2.1 MEMBER SCHOOLS

Consists of any educational institution (K-12) in Arizona that has been accepted for membership by the Executive Board.

2.1.1 Members - Educational institutions (K-12) in Arizona.

2.1.2 Associate membership - Educational institutions that only send students to member schools to compete on their school teams.

~~**2.1.1.1** Exception: High School Basketball – Open Division – a team may be entered into this division with approval from the Executive Board.~~

2.2 TERMS OF CAA MEMBERSHIP – The terms of CAA membership for public, private, parochial, and BIE schools shall be as follows:

- Public Schools – The attendance zone boundaries shall be determined by the governing board of that school.
- Private, Parochial, and Public Charter Schools – The attendance zone boundaries shall be the county in which the school is located.
- BIE Schools – The attendance zone boundaries shall be determined by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- All member schools shall voluntarily abide by all rules and regulations of the CAA.

2.2.1 Should the CAA Executive Board determine that a member school has willfully or persistently violated the CAA Constitution and Bylaws, it may expel said school from the CAA.

2.2.2 The CAA Executive Board shall assign member schools to the proper Divisions according to the CAA Constitution and Bylaws. The association shall assign the member school to a Region.

2.2.3 Membership becomes official and operative after the payment of dues at the beginning of the school year in which a membership application was submitted and approved.

2.2.4 The school may schedule interscholastic athletics and activities for the school year following the approval of membership.

2.2.5 A CAA member school may be a member of any other interscholastic association or organization that sanctions or regulates any sport or activity sanctioned by the CAA

2.3 VOTING RIGHTS

CAA member schools that have paid all fees, have participated in the league for one year, and have played at least one sport in two out of the three seasons will be considered member schools and have voting privileges.

2.3.1 Junior high schools are only eligible to vote on junior high-specific issues.

2.3.2 High schools are only eligible to vote on high school-specific issues.

2.3.3 Associate members have no voting rights

2.3.4 Member Schools that have on file with the association a declaration form regarding membership that states they will be returning for the following school year are only allowed to vote and attend the annual Athletic Director's Constitution Meeting.

2.4 CAA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Based on a rotating number of board seats available each year, the CAA membership will elect members (s) to serve on the Executive Board. The Board consists of seven members representing the CAA member schools. The Executive Board oversees all operations of the CAA and has oversight of the Executive Director and CAA Staff.

2.4.1 Refer to Article 3 for responsibilities

2.5 CAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & STAFF

The CAA consists of one Executive Director who hires assistant director(s) and staff to operate the CAA. The Executive Director and employees serve at the leisure of the voting membership, along with the Executive Board members.

2.5.1 Refer to Article 3 for responsibilities.

2.6 CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES AND BYLAWS

The Executive Director will be responsible for updating and proposing any changes to the CAA Constitution.

2.6.1 Articles and Bylaw proposals or revisions will be voted on by the member schools at the annual CAA Constitutional meeting.

2.6.1.1 Members must attend the meeting to cast a vote; no proxy votes will be allowed.

2.6.2 If a bylaw change is needed to protect the association's integrity or liability, the Executive Board can make this change by a majority vote at either a monthly scheduled meeting or an emergency session.

2.7 OFFICIALS - Consists of independent contractors who support member schools' interscholastic competitions.

2.7.1 Refer to Article 7 for responsibilities