

BY-LAWS
of the David B. Eavenson Chapter of PIAA-Registered
Track and Field/Cross Country Officials

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this Chapter shall be the David B. Eavenson Chapter of PIAA-Registered Track and Field/Cross Country Officials.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1 – To unite by a common bond, all PIAA-registered officials dedicated to the sport of track and field/cross country.

Section 2 – To study appropriate NFHS rules and PIAA statewide rules’ interpretations, to discuss their intent for uniform interpretations, and to progressively improve the quality of track and field/cross country officials through the study of approved techniques.

Section 3 – To establish, promote, and maintain a code of officiating ethics, and to conduct each track and field/cross country meet as an instrument in the development of character, good sportsmanship, and good citizenship.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Membership in this Chapter will be open to all PIAA-Registered Track and Field/Cross Country Officials who are in good standing with PIAA and elect to affiliate with this local Chapter.

Section 2 – No initiation fee will apply to the membership of this Chapter. The amount of the annual dues shall be specified at the beginning of each PIAA-defined track and field season, payable by the first (1st) regularly scheduled Chapter meeting of the season. Dues paid AFTER the first (1st) regularly scheduled Chapter meeting of the season shall include a \$5.00 late payment fee. Dues will be set by the Executive Committee unless a majority of the membership votes to set a different amount at the first (1st) regularly scheduled Chapter meeting of the season. New officials and “Junior Officials” will have local Chapter dues waived their first (1st) year of membership.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1 – The officers will be PIAA-Registered Track and Field/Cross Country Officials who are members of the Chapter in good standing and will consist of President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer) and Recording Secretary. The offices of Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer may be held in combination by the same person.

Section 2 – The term of office will be for one (1) year, beginning July 1st next following their election and ending on the immediately following June 30th, or until a successor is elected and qualified. Any officer is eligible to succeed himself/herself.

Section 3 – In addition to the officers mentioned above, a minimum of one (1) rules' interpreter, who will serve as a Chapter officer, will be elected at the same time and from the Chapter membership.

Section 4 – The duties of each officer will be those pertinent to the office or as may be directed by the President of the Chapter.

Section 5 – The Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer may receive monetary compensation to be voted upon each year by the Executive Committee.

Section 6 – If any office becomes vacant anytime during the year following an election, the President shall have the authority to name a person to fulfill the unexpired term, upon notification to – and with the concurrence of – the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES

Section 1 – An Executive Committee shall exist, according to PIAA guidelines, and composed of all elected officers and three (3) members at large. The Executive Committee shall meet at least two (2) times a year outside of the PIAA-defined track and field season and be responsible for decisions that need to be made regarding finances and organization that must be made outside of the season. The Executive Committee is specifically charged with setting meeting dates for the coming year and setting annual Chapter dues levels.

Section 2 – Committees, either standing or special, shall be appointed by the President or presiding officer from time to time as deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Chapter. These should include a committee on nominations of more than one (1) person.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1 – The Chapter will meet at least one (1) time prior to the first regular season contest date of the PIAA-defined track and field season, and at least five (5) times during the PIAA-defined track and field season at a place and time agreed upon by the Executive Committee.

Section 2 – To remain in good standing, Chapter members must attend at least four (4) of the regularly scheduled Chapter meetings (one of which must be attended in the month of April), in addition to an Annual Mandatory Rules' Interpretation Meeting, as required by PIAA. (See **ARTICLE IX**)

Section 3 – Toward the end of each PIAA-defined track and field season, a meeting will be held and known as the Annual Business Meeting, wherein election of officers for the

next season and necessary Chapter business will be completed. If a quorum is not present at the meeting when the election is scheduled to take place, a substitute method of balloting may be used at the direction of the President. That method may be an electronic ballot via email or other suitable vehicle that permits participation by all members, as authorized by PIAA.

Section 4 – Official business can be conducted at any regularly scheduled meeting where a quorum is present: a quorum being one-half (1/2) of the current active membership. Each member at the meeting will have one vote, and the vote of the majority will prevail in all matters.

ARTICLE VII – UNIFORMS

Section 1 – The official uniforms, described herein below, will be worn at all meets wherein the Chapter is participating in an official capacity, and will be worn completely in all respects.

Section 2 – The uniform for general officiating will consist of a white polo shirt, full-length Navy-blue trousers or shorts, optional dark belt, and appropriate sneakers or shoes. An official PIAA hat (Navy-blue) shall also be worn. Suitable outerwear may be worn overtop the uniform during inclement or cold weather. Officials serving as starters should wear an orange shirt (with any outer garment covering the shirt also in orange) and PIAA orange hat. Additionally, wearing an orange sleeve with short sleeves is recommended.

Section 3 – The PIAA OFFICIAL emblem will be worn on the left shoulder. The American flag may be worn on the right shoulder.

ARTICLE VIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

These By-Laws will not be interpreted to supersede or conflict with the General PIAA Constitution and By-Laws, which will be referred to as required for governance of the Chapter. The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order will be used as a guideline for parliamentary procedure and meeting order, as required.

ARTICLE IX – ATTENDANCE

PIAA rules regarding attendance will be strictly enforced. Members may attend Chapter meetings at another Chapter to receive credit but are responsible for making sure that the other Chapter records his/her attendance. Attendance at the Annual Mandatory Rules' Interpretation Meeting may also be completed at another Chapter's meeting or by the PIAA online rules' interpretation option for a fee. Any member who is deficient in meetings will automatically be reported to the PIAA via the online attendance register.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

These By-Laws can be amended at any scheduled meeting of the Chapter by a majority vote, providing that a quorum is present AND that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at a previous meeting or by email at least five (5) days in advance.

ARTICLE XI – TERM OF EXISTENCE

The David B. Eavenson Chapter of PIAA-Registered Track and Field/Cross Country Officials shall continue in existence in perpetuity, unless dissolved by the Executive Committee or by vote of 80% of the membership. If for any reason the Chapter is dissolved and terminated, the Executive Committee, after paying or making provision for payment of all the known liabilities of the Chapter, may transfer or dispose of the Chapter's assets and property to one or more Chapters of PIAA-Registered Track and Field/Cross Country Officials, which are organized and operated exclusively for purposes consistent with those of the Chapter. No private individual or entity shall share in the distribution of any Chapter assets and property upon its dissolution.

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