

Articles of Incorporation

North Coast Athletic Association, Inc.

ARTICLE ONE - NAME

The name of the organization is the North Coast Athletic Association, Inc.¹

ARTICLE TWO - PURPOSE

The purposes of the corporation are for pleasure, recreation, education and other non-profitable purposes and charitable activity as those terms are understood for the purposes of Section 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Within the scope of the foregoing purposes, the corporation is also organized for the following specific purposes:

- A. To be a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of amateur athletics for all persons regardless of age, race, creed, religion, sex, national origin, with special emphasis on the participation of members of the gay community.
- B. To establish uniform athletic rules and regulations for the organization's members.
- C. To collect, invest, transfer, transact, spend, donate, receive and maintain a fund or funds for the promotion and purposes of this Corporation, which shall include; if necessary, the payment of all necessary expenses to furtherance of such purposes.
- D. In general, to carry on any other activities connected with or incidental to the forgoing objects and purposes and to have and exercise all the powers conferred by the laws of the State of Ohio upon corporations formed under the State of Ohio Nonprofit Corporation Act.
- E. The objects, purposes, and powers of the Corporation are each and all subject to the limitation that this Corporation is a nonprofit corporation without capital stock, no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any officer of the Corporation or any private individual, except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation effecting one or more of its purposes.

ARTICLE THREE - MEMBERSHIP

Membership consists of active and associate members.

1. As amended 20 October 1984

ARTICLE FOUR - LEAGUE OFFICERS

4.01 The League Officers are: President or Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Treasurer, Secretary, and Recruiter.

4.02 Elected League Officers will hold office from November 1 until October 31. ¹

4.03 Elected League Officers may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members, or the Executive Council.

4.04 Associate membership may hold two elective offices in the league. ²

ARTICLE FIVE - EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

5.01 Each team shall be represented by a sponsor or his/her representative.

5.02 These members and the League Officers shall be known as the Executive Council.

5.03 The Executive Council shall meet as required during the regular playing season for the proper conduct of league business.

ARTICLE SIX – ELECTIONS

6.01 A committee of nominations shall be appointed by a majority vote of the officers. The Nominations Committee will present a slate of at least two candidates for each office, one month before the election. Nominations will be open to the floor before the election.

6.02 The Officers shall notify all members declaring when and where the election will be held and the nominations for each office.

6.03 Elections shall be held after the last season game, but before November 1. ¹

6.04 If any elective position becomes vacant, with the exception of the Commissioner, the remaining Officers shall choose a member to fill the vacancy for the unexpired part of the term.

6.05 In case the office of Commission becomes vacant, the Vice-Commissioner will automatically become the commissioner.

1. As amended 20 September 1986. 2. As amended 20 October 1984.

ARTICLE SEVEN - DISSOLUTION

7.01 All funds, upon dissolution of this organization, will be contributed to a charitable organization as determined by the officers.

ARTICLE EIGHT - AMENDMENT

8.01 These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at the general meeting for elections by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members.

8.02 Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the League Officers one (1) month prior to the election meeting.

8.03 The Officers shall decide by a majority vote, if the proposed amendment shall be presented to the general membership for a vote.

8.04 Proposed amendments shall be presented to all members prior to the election meeting.