

SHORE TRACK & FIELD OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC.
A Non-Profit Organization Incorporated June 12, 2001
NEW JERSEY TRACK & FIELD OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME

Sec. 1 The organization shall be known as the SHORE TRACK & FIELD OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC.(STFOA), as incorporated by the State of New Jersey, Division of Revenue, Department of the Treasury, as a Not-for-Profit business entity (State Tax ID *0100853152).

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

Sec. 1 To function as a certified official's organization of the National Federation of High Schools(NFHS) under the direction of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA); primarily serving the Shore Conference of High Schools.

Sec. 2 To provide NJSIAA certified officials for all interscholastic competitions related to the sports of Cross Country and Track & Field (Indoor / Outdoor programs).

Sec. 3 To instruct and educate officials in new and improved techniques of officiating by conducting periodic clinics and annual recertification exams for its members.

Sec. 4 To promote uniformity in the management and operation of all meets at the high school level related to the aforementioned sports.

Sec. 5 To provide member schools of the NJSIAA and Shore Conference of High Schools with a roster of officials in "good standing" and encourage the schools' hiring of these certified officials.

Sec. 6 To comply with the NJSIAA and its member schools in matters pertaining to the aforementioned sports.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1 Membership is open to any individual who has applied and met the requirements set forth by the (NJSIAA) and the (STFOA). Candidates must successfully complete the Cadet course of training and pass the annual NFHS examination. Certification must comply with the regulations set forth according to the published Handbook of the NJSIAA and the By-Laws of the STFOA.

1-a Applicants from out-of-state Associations who were not required to pass the NFHS examination will be required to do so.

Sec. 2 Members must pay dues, the amount which is established by the Executive Committee annually. Annual dues must be paid prior to February 1st every year to remain a member in “good standing” for the following school year (July 1 to June 30).

2.1 Failure to pay dues will result in removal from the Chapter’s Active Member Roster submitted each year to the NJSIAA for recertification purposes. In addition, any individual removed from the roster will not be assigned to any meets until their active status has been restored.

Sec. 3 Members may choose to become an “Inactive” member and pay dues whose amount is set by the NJSIAA (currently \$13.00). These members will not receive a rule book, case book or officials manual or be permitted to officiate. The procedure for restoring a member’s status from inactive to active is covered in the By-Laws of the STFOA.

Sec. 4 The STFOA shall conduct supervised cadet program(s) for new officials and/or those who wish to regain their active membership

ARTICLE IV: ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 1 The official business of the STFOA shall be conducted by the Officers and the Board members, hereafter referred to as the Executive Board. All elected members of the Executive Board shall have one vote.

Sec. 2 The Executive Board shall have all powers granted to it or necessarily implied by the By-Laws to carry out policy, make regulations regarding property and finances, and to make decisions necessary for the governing of the General Membership.

Sec. 3 The Executive Board shall consist of:

3.1 Officers. These shall be the: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer or, Secretary/Treasurer, Past President.

3.2 Six elected at-large Board members from the Association Chapter. These members shall be elected by the membership for 2 year terms (staggered) with three members being elected each year. The Secretary and Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected in the same year.

3.3 Five elected delegates to the NJSIAA TRACK & FIELD EXECUTIVE BOARD will be elected for 3 year terms (staggered 2 – 2 – 1).

3.4 Appointed positions, the Rules Interpreter and Chapter Assignor, who are appointed by the President with the advice and consent of 2/3rds of the Executive Board members present of the STFOA.

Sec. 4 The duties of the officers and Executive Board Members shall be provided for in the By-Laws of the STFOA.

4.1 All members of the Executive Board must be in good standing in accordance with the provisions set forth in the By-Laws.

4.2 All members of the Executive Board must attend 3 of 5 Executive Board meetings to remain in good standing on the Executive Board.

Sec. 5 An elected or appointed member of the Executive Board, may be removed, with or without cause using the following procedure.

A petition for removal shall be introduced by 2 members of the Board. At the introduction, a reason for removal may be given by the introducing members. The member, who is subject to the removal, shall be provided an opportunity to present their position and will be heard without comment for a period not to exceed 5 minutes. Upon conclusion, a summary discussion among the non-participating members, shall take place immediately followed by a recorded vote. Removal shall require a vote of 2/3rds of the Executive Board present.

Should the member be removed, a replacement Chapter member in good standing will be elected to fill the balance of the term at the meeting in which the removal occurs. If the replacement position is appointed rather than elected, the successor shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of 2/3^{rds} of the Executive Board present.

If a request to remove an Executive Board member is initiated from the General membership, that request must be submitted in writing, signed by a minimum of 10 active members to the First Vice President, who will follow the procedure listed above. If the anticipated removal involves the First Vice President, the request must be made to the Second Vice President. It is the responsibility of either the First or Second Vice President to query the Chapter member as to the cause for their petition in order to present their position prior to the vote.

Sec. 6 The effective date for newly elected Officers to the Executive Board to take office shall be prior to the Executive Board meeting after the annual elections.

Sec. 7 With the unanimous agreement of the Executive Officers and a majority approval of the Executive Board, the President may serve a maximum of two, consecutive 2-year terms.

ARTICLE V: VOTING PROCEDURES

Sec. 1 All members “in good standing” shall be entitled to vote on all motions presented by the Executive Board to the membership in which a voting decision is required.

1.1 A minimum of 40 active members must be present to vote and render a decision on any business matter of the STFOA.

1.2 A 2/3rds majority of the active members present is required to endorse or reject a decision.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1 Amendment(s) to the Constitution and/or By-Laws may be proposed by any member(s) of the STFOA in good standing.

Sec. 2 Such amendment(s) must be submitted to the Chapter President, Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer, four months prior to the Chapter Annual Business Meeting. There shall be a First and Second Reading of the amendment(s) followed by a vote.

Sec. 3 A quorum consisting of 40 members present shall be required to make a constitutional change(s) requiring a two-thirds vote of those members present to endorse or reject the change(s).

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Respectfully submitted

The Constitutional/By-Laws revision committee