Western Athletic Conference
2026-2027 Constitution

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Article I Name and Purpose

Sec. 1 Name: The name of the league will be the "Western Athletic Conference."

Sec. 2 Purpose: The purpose of the organization is to enable member schools to more efficiently adhere to the rules of eligibility, sportsmanship, competitions, and to enable membership to have the satisfactory means for arranging schedules for competition.

Article II Membership

Sec. 1 Membership in this league will consist of the area secondary schools assigned by the Board of Managers of the Sac-Joaquin Section of the California Interscholastic Federation.

Sec. 2 Application for membership of this league will be in writing addressed to the Secretary of the Sac-Joaquin Section of the C.I.F. who will present it for consideration to the admission committee.

Article III Government and Organization

Sec. 1 Organization: The governing board of this league will be an executive board and shall consist of a Principal or Administrative Designee and Athletic Director of each school. One of these delegates will be the Principal or Administrative Designee. Voting will be by school with one vote per school.

Sec. 2 Qualifications of Members: This board will be the judge of the qualifications of its own members, provided, however, that no member will be expelled from the Board without due hearing and without the assent of at least two-thirds of the entire membership of the Board.

Sec. 3 Names of Officers: The Executive Board will elect a President School, a President elect, a representative to the Board of Managers, and such other officers as it sees fit. A Commissioner will be hired to function as treasurer and secretary. The Principal of the President School will be President of the Executive Board.

Sec. 4 Election: The officers named above will be selected on a rotational basis.

Sec. 5 Terms: Officers will serve two years or until their successors are duly elected.

Rotation of League President & President-Elect

2026-2027	2027-2028	Johansen
2028-2029	2029-2030	Lathrop

Sec. 6 Duties of Officers and Commissioner:

A. The President shall serve as the chief officer of the League, provide leadership and direction to the League, and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee or required by these Bylaws.

B. The president-elect shall perform the duties and exercise the authority of the President in the President's absence or inability to serve and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or Executive Committee.

C. The Commissioner shall administer the day-to-day operations of the League, conduct all League meetings, appoint committees as directed by League policy, and perform such duties as assigned by the Executive Committee. The Commissioner will also be responsible for the following:

1. Distribute an updated accurate copy of the WAC by-laws and Constitution at the first WAC meeting each year. He/she will send out a notice and agenda to league meetings to all league members.
2. Record and distribute minutes of league meetings.
3. Be responsible with the league president for the budgetary operations of the Western Athletic Conference.
4. Present a financial report at each league meeting and be the custodian of all money belonging to the league. The Commissioner will deposit all money in a Commercial or Savings Bank and read a written report of receipts and payments at each meeting of the League Board. All bills of this league will be paid by check, signed by the Commissioner. The Commissioner must always be prepared to open his/her books for examination by any delegate of the League. Dues may be waived based on a decision of the Executive Board.
5. Present at the last meeting of the year an itemized account of the expenditure necessary to conduct the league business.
6. Work with the league sport representatives to draw up league schedules to be presented to the Executive Board for approval at the first league meeting two weeks after the last league contest of each sport season.
7. Serve as a resource person for the interpretation of the league's Constitution and by-laws.
8. Keep the Constitution and Bylaws updated and distributed to each league member. The original and new versions are to be distributed for the second meeting's approval.
9. Attending (with the league representative) Sac-Joaquin Section CIF meetings.
10. Order and distribute all-league awards.
11. Serve as a resource for league meets, league tournaments and play-offs (work with meet director).
12. The Commissioner will keep a file and record of all items relevant to the league operations (minutes, league meet rotations, records, correspondence, protests, appeals, etc...) called for by this Constitution.
12. The Commissioner's position and job performance will be evaluated each year by the Executive Board.
13. Perform other duties as assigned by the league president.

D. Other officers and committees will perform duties assigned to them by the League Board or by the President.

Article IV Meetings and Quorum

Sec. 1 A schedule of meetings for the year will be established by the first meeting of the year. Special meetings may be called by the President at his/her discretion and notification will be sent out by the Commissioner not later than five (5) days prior to the meeting.

Sec. 2 A majority of the member schools will constitute a quorum.

Article V Finances

Sec. 1 Dues: To be a member in good standing of the Western Athletic Conference, a school must (a) have paid its annual assessment to the Sac-Joaquin Section of the California Interscholastic Federation and must be registered for that year in the California Interscholastic Federation, Sac-Joaquin Section and (b) have paid its league dues as established annually by August 31st of each year. Each school will be assessed the sum of $2000 annually, which will be used to compensate the Commissioner and meet any other financial obligations of the league (ex.: league expenses, website maintenance, purchase of awards, purchase of patches). Dues may be waived or reduced based on a decision of the Executive Board.

Sec. 2 League Playoff Games: In all contests conducted for the purpose of determining placement in the CIF-SJS playoffs, the expenses shall be the responsibility of the home school, and the home school retains all profits.

Sec. 3 League Championship Events: In all league championship events, the gate proceeds shall be collected by the host school, and expenses (such as officiating, custodial, and other game management costs) will be paid by the host school from these proceeds, unless otherwise arranged by the sport representative and the Commissioner. All profits will then be returned to the Commissioner to be deposited into the league account. In case of a shortfall in which expenses exceed gate proceeds, member schools will share the costs equally. Any monies made through the sale of concession stand items will remain with the host school.

Sec. 4 Any monies distributed to the league from the CIF-Sac-Joaquin Section will be deposited into the league treasury.

Sec. 5 WAC schools will pay their share of costs for the annual scholar-athlete luncheon and awards distributed at the luncheon. WAC schools will also purchase their school's scholar-athlete patches.

Article VI Registration of competitors

Sec. 1 Competitors in any sport held in this league must comply with the eligibility rules of the Sac-Joaquin Section of the California Interscholastic Federation and must be registered for that year in the California Interscholastic Federation, Sac-Joaquin Section.

Sec.2 The Western Athletic Conference requires all student-athletes who participate in the member schools to be enrolled in the school of participation. Students enrolled in necessary small schools, charter schools, or other alternatives may not participate in any athletic program of a member school unless enrolled as a full-time student.

Article VII Conditions to be Fulfilled at Time of Contest

Sec. 1 Competitors must be registered as indicated in Article VI and be eligible under California Interscholastic Federation rules and Regulations.

Sec. 2 Competitors must meet individual school standards in deportment and eligibility.

Sec. 3 Competitors must be accompanied by an employee of the school who has been delegated to have complete charge of the team, and who has responsibility for their conduct.

Article VIII Special Recognition Reservation by Northern Sections of the California Interscholastic Federation

Sec. 1 This league is an integral part of the Sac-Joaquin Section of the California Interscholastic Federation. As such, in all matters not specifically herein set forth, it declares itself to be governed by the Constitution and by-laws of the Sac-Joaquin Section of the California Interscholastic Federation and will pass no legislation in conflict with them.

Article IX Amendments

Sec. 1. Amendments to this constitution must be presented in writing at a meeting of the Executive Board. Approval of league schedule formats will also follow this process. To be adopted, an amendment or schedule format must receive the vote of a majority of the membership. If a majority decision cannot be reached after two or more attempts, the amendment will remain as it is currently listed, or if a schedule format, it will remain as either previously approved or what was used the previous season. However, if there is a need to break the tie based on what is in the best interest of the league, it will be the task of the Commissioner to break the tie.

Article X Penalties

Sec. 1 The Executive Board may institute penalties for infractions of the provisions of this constitution by a two-thirds vote of its membership.

Sec. 2 If a member school has been found guilty of a CIF by-law or league violation, by a league committee or CIF Section Appeal's Committee, any combination of the following suggested penalties may be imposed upon the school and/or involved program:

1. In-house action reported back to the league.
2. A written reprimand to the principal of the school.

3. The program (sport) involved is not eligible for the league championship or CIF-SJS playoff participation for one year.
4. A request by the league that the coach of the affected program be suspended by his/her principal.
5. A monetary fine was imposed upon the school.
6. Other penalties as determined by the section and league.

Sec. 3 Final decisions of the league may be appealed to the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Commissioner.

Article XI Protests

Sec. 1 The league Commissioner will function as the hearing officer for all protests submitted by member schools.

Sec. 2 Only such matters that the representatives of contesting schools cannot settle by mutual agreement may come before the Commissioner.

Sec. 3 All protests must be signed in writing by the principal of the protesting school, must contact the Commissioner not later than 72 hours after the date of the contest concerned, and must be accompanied by a $100 protest fee.

Sec. 4 No protest may be made upon the decisions of the referees or other game officials regarding facts or interpretations of the rules of the game except in the event of a clear misrepresentation of the intent of the rule. The game official will be the supreme authority on the field of play as far as the contest is concerned.

Sec. 5 All of the following protests concerning the eligibility of a player, the qualifications of officials, the peculiarities of ground or places for holding contest, or the equipment or furnishings used in contests, or any other fact which reasonable observations should discover, will not be considered by the Commissioner unless a statement has been made by the administrator or coach to the game official. All such defects are to be called to the attention of the official at the time or before the starting time of the contest.

Sec. 6 In the event of a protest being filed, notice will be given by the Commissioner to all schools involved (including upcoming opponents) informing them of the appeal. All schools involved will also be informed of the final decision regarding the appeal.

Sec. 7 In the event the protest is upheld, the $100 protest fee will be returned to the school. If the protest is denied, the fee will be retained by the league.

Article XII Appeal Procedures - Ejection from Contest

Sec. 1 The Western Athletic Conference will follow the sportsmanship/ejection policy instituted by the state *CIF office in June 2020*. There will be no appeals for single game ejections except for mistakenly identified players/coaches.

Sec. 2 No appeal may be made upon the decisions of the referees or other game officials regarding facts or interpretations of the rules of the game except in the event of a clear misrepresentation of the intent of the rule. The game official will be the supreme authority on the field of play as far as the contest is concerned.

Article XIII Guidelines for Awards and Recognition

Sec. 1 **Scholar Athlete Awards**: Individual schools will purchase scholar athlete patches. Patches will be awarded once in the spring of each school year. To qualify students must have a 3.5 weighted G.P.A. for the first three quarters of the school year.

Sec. 2 **Scholar-Athlete Luncheon:** In May of each year, the league will recognize the outstanding male and female scholar-athletes selected by each member school at the WAC Scholar-Athlete Luncheon. The student-athletes (usually seniors) will be honored with a plaque paid for by the league, and attendee costs for the luncheon will be paid by each school.

Sec. 3 **Dale Lacky Scholarship:** Schools will bring their students' applications, following section guidelines, to the *February* league meeting. The league Principals & Athletic Directors will decide which candidates the league will submit to the section.

Sec. 4 **Kerry McWilliams Athletic Excellence Award:** The league will award a banner to one school each year for athletic excellence based on league placing in every varsity sport. First place would count nine points, second place seven points, third place six points and so forth. Schools not fielding a varsity team would receive no points.

Sec 5 **All-League:** Each sport will select All-League Players based on the criteria outlined in the bylaws for each sport, the maximum number allowed as follows:

	Patch	
Baseball	16 – first team	9 – second team
Basketball Boys	10 – first team	5 – second team
Basketball Girls	10 – first team	5 – second team
Cross Country Boys	8 – first team	7 – second team
Cross Country Girls	8 – first team	7 – second team
Flag Football	19 – first team	14 – second team
Football	30 – first team	22 – second team
Golf Boys	6 – first team	5 – second team
Golf Girls	6 – first team	5 – second team
Soccer Boys	18 – first team	11 – second team
Soccer Girls	18 – first team	11 – second team
Softball	16 – first team	9 – second team
Swimming Boys	24 – event winners at league meet	

Swimming Girls		24 - second place
Tennis Boys	12 – first team	6 – second team
Tennis Girls	12 – first team	6 – second team
Track Boys	52 – event winners at league meet	
Track Girls		52 - second place
Volleyball Boys	9 – first team	6 – second team
Volleyball Girls	10 – first team	7 – second team
Water Polo Boys	8 – first team	8 – second team
Water Polo Girls	8 – first team	8 – second team
Wrestling Boys	14 – weight class	14 - second place
Wrestling Girls	14 – weight class	14 - second place

Honorable Mention: Each school will be allowed to name two Honorable Mention recipients per sport.

Sec. 6 The league will purchase the following:

1. Wrestling: Medals for first – fourth place finishers at the WAC tournament-boys and girls varsity.
2. Track: Medals for first - third place finishers at the WAC Meet-boys and girls varsity.
3. Swimming: Medals for first - third place finishers at the WAC Meet-boys and girls varsity.
4. Cross Country: Medals for first - eighth place finishers at the WAC league meet-varsity boys, varsity girls, JV boys, JV girls.

Article XIV WAC Financial Section

Sec. 1 The league is to issue its own passes. Fifty passes will be issued to each school and will be distributed by the principal. Student groups in uniform are to be granted free admission. The league commissioner is responsible for printing and distributing league passes. Passes should be alternating colors from year to year. Pass is good for bearer plus one guest.

Sec. 2 Admission

This admission scale represents a maximum. Schools may charge less if they wish. Schools may charge an additional $1.00 for one designated game per season; schools are expected to communicate this increase to the opposing school prior to the day of the event.

A. Football

Adults	$10.00
Students without A.S.B. card	$ 9.00
Students with A.S.B. card	$ 6.00
Elementary students with parents	$ 6.00
College students with A.S.B. card	$ 6.00
Elementary student w/o parents	$ 8.00

B. Sports other than Football

Adults	$9.00
Students without A.S.B. card	$7.00
Students with A.S.B. card	$6.00
Elementary students with parents	$6.00
College students with A.S.B. card	$6.00
Elementary student's w/o parents	$6.00
Senior Citizens	$6.00

Sec. 3 WAC and C.I.F. passes will be honored at all league contests. The honoring of passes from other leagues will be based on a mutual agreement of the principals of the competing schools.

Article XV Sportsmanship / Code of Conduct

The Western Athletic Conference expects that all member schools will exemplify the tenets of sportsmanship as outlined below:

CIF SAC-JOAQUIN SECTION
SPORTSMANSHIP RESOLUTION

The Sac-Joaquin Section will distribute a contract to each of its member schools requesting that the appropriate administrator(s) distribute, review and discuss the enclosed recommendations of the CIF State Federated Council with all members of each school's administrative staff, coaching staffs, athletic squads, spirit squads, booster clubs, drill team, marching band, faculty and any other school entity concerned or involved with interscholastic athletics.

CODE OF ETHICS

It is the duty of all concerned with high school athletics:
1. To emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
2. To eliminate all possibilities which tend to destroy the best values of the game.
3. To stress the values derived from playing the game fairly.
4. To show cordial courtesy to visiting teams and officials.
5. To establish a happy relationship between visitors and hosts.
6. To respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials.
7. To achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
8. To encourage leadership, use of initiative and good judgment by the players on a team.
9. To recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being of the individual players.
10. To remember that an athletic contest is only a game – not a matter of life and death for player, coach, school, officials, fan, community, state, or nation.

SPORTSMANSHIP PREAMBLE

The member schools of the CIF are committed to providing a sportsmanlike environment for students, coaches, and spectators. To that end, the CIF Federated Council has adopted the following sportsmanship and crowd control recommendations. Each school member is requested to commit to implementing these recommendations and completing the enclosed sportsmanship contract.

DEFINITION

A person who can take a loss or defeat without complaint, or victory without gloating and who treats his/her opponents with fairness, courtesy, and respect.

1. The following are expected to be role models always demonstrating sportsmanship:
    a. principal/administrative staff.
    b. athletic directors.
    c. coaches, players, and cheerleaders.
    d. faculty members.
    e. booster club members.
    f. band director.

2. Coaches, players, cheerleaders, and spectators will respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials.

3. The conduct of coaches, players and cheerleaders sets the tone for CIF contests. They will be expected to maintain the highest level of decorum at all CIF contests.

4. The following behavior is unacceptable at all CIF high school contests:
    a. berating your opponent's school or mascot.
    b. berating opposing players.
    c. obscene cheers or gestures.
    d. negative signs.
    e. complaining about officials' calls (verbal or gestures).

5. The following rules regarding noisemakers and bands are to be followed by all CIF Sac-Joaquin Section schools.
    a. Noisemakers at ALL indoor events are prohibited. Non-mechanical handheld devices (i.e., small cow bells and thunder sticks) are allowed at outdoor events, excluding baseball and softball. One authorized, school-sponsored air-powered/mechanical noisemaker (i.e., cannon) is allowed to be used by the home team at football games only, and only after a scoring play or the end of the game; this device may not be used if the point differential is 35 points or more or a running clock is in effect. This noisemaker must be approved at a league meeting. All other whistles, air horns and other air-powered/mechanically powered noisemaking devices are prohibited.
    b. Bands and sound systems are the sole responsibility of home schools at non-playoff contests. Visiting teams may bring school bands and sound equipment to non-playoff contests provided they receive prior administrative approval from the home school principal or designee.
    c. Bands are encouraged to attend and participate in playoff contests. The school visiting must make prior contact with the home team if they plan to bring a band to a playoff game to ensure appropriate seating. The Section office, prior to the event, must approve bands participating in neutral site Section finals.
    d. Bands are not allowed to play during the actual contest. In the sport of football, they may play during timeouts, halftime or in between plays. In the sport of basketball, the band may play during timeouts, at the end of each quarter or during halftime.
    e. It is the responsibility of the site administrators to make sure the above-stated regulations are enforced.
    f. The game officials may stop a game and seek help from the site administrators if they believe the regulations are not being enforced.

6. The following action plans are recommended.

a. A script should be provided to the announcer including:
    (i) welcome.
    (ii) sportsmanlike expectations.
    (iii) acknowledgement and introduction of the game officials.
    NOTE: There should be a short statement endorsing the officials as neutral people who have been certified as officials by the NCOA.
    (iv) introduction of players.
    (v) sponsorship recognition.

b. Include the CIF Code of Ethics in the game programs.

c. Each participating school's administration is expected to emphasize sportsmanlike behavior at all CIF contests.
    (i) This shall be directed at coaches, players, cheerleaders, and spectators on the day(s) prior to the contest.
    (ii) Rallies, team meetings, faculty meetings and spirit club meetings, school bulletins and P.A. announcements are all appropriate venues.
    (iii) Contact the principal or administrator-in-charge of the opponent's school at least one day prior to basketball and football games and other contests as appropriate to promote practical applications of the sportsmanship and to ensure the proper environment for the contest.

d. It is the responsibility of the administration of each participating school to designate an administrative representative:
    (i) Who will check in with the site manager 30 minutes prior to the game time and establish where he/she will be throughout the contest.
    (ii) Enforce the highest standards of sportsmanship within his/her own student body.
    (iii) Contact the administrative representative of the opponent's school to report any violations of sportsmanship by either school's supporters.

Additionally, it is expected that student rooting sections comply with the school rules and regulations of the host school at all athletic events. These regulations include, but are not limited to:

a. Sitting in the assigned student rooting sections as established and monitored by the host school.
b. Following the dress code as established by their school for normal school activities. (For example, face painting at an athletic event is allowed, but bare-chested body painting is prohibited).
c. Refraining from the use of profanity, vulgar/crude language, or personal attacks in cheers, comments, and exchanges with opposing players or opposing student groups.
d. Remaining in the stands during live action so as not to disturb the flow of play.