

**Constitution
Mid-West Athletic Conference**

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1:

The name of this organization shall be the Mid-West Athletic Conference (MWAC).

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE:

Section 1:

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide the necessary rules, regulations, and procedures to govern the intercollegiate activities among its members.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1:

The members of this conference are:

Danville Area Community College	Danville, Illinois
Illinois Central College	East Peoria, Illinois
John Wood Community College	Quincy, Illinois
Heartland Community College	Normal, IL
Lewis & Clark Community College	Godfrey, Illinois
Lincoln College	Lincoln, Illinois
Lincoln Land Community College	Springfield, Illinois
Parkland College	Champaign, Illinois
Spoon River College	Canton, Illinois

Section 2:

Colleges will on a sport by sport basis become and remain a member in good standing by complying with the following rules and regulations:

- a. Be recognized by the Illinois Board of Higher Education and be a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association.
- b. Receive a simple majority vote of all the member colleges.
- c. Pay all the dues assessed by this conference, by October 15 each academic year. Failure to meet this deadline would prohibit the offending institution from competing for any conference championship during that academic year.

- d. Be a NJCAA member in good standing, and abide by all their rules and regulations as it pertains to Division II guidelines.
- e. Any restrictions or penalties deemed necessary by the NJCAA, the same restrictions must be upheld by the conference.

Section 3:

The college would be expected to comply with all rules and regulations of the conference and begin competition with other schools.

- a. Conference championships must involve a minimum of half the member schools. Each sport must declare, at the winter meeting, in accordance with the NJCAA two year divisional commitment to the conference.
- b. In order to participate in a conference sport, a school must have made a division II or lower commitment to the NJCAA in that sport. In sports where division I and division III are the only options, a member school can declare division I but must follow NJCAA division II guidelines.
- c. The activities of the conference shall consist of baseball (men), basketball (men and women), volleyball (women), softball (women), soccer (men) and golf (men).

ARTICLE IV

ADMINISTRATION:

- A. Commissioner:
 - 1. Interpret and rule on all questions regarding the Constitution and By-Laws and their enforcement. Be accessible, by telephone and/or mail and respond to any written request for an interpretation made by a conference athletic director or president. This response will be in writing within one week.
 - 2. Copies of all such written interpretation shall be mailed to the president and/or athletic directors of all conference colleges.
 - 3. Conduct such investigations as deemed appropriate, and provide input and or recommendations on penalties against member colleges, coaches, athletes and others for violations of the conference Code of Ethics, the MWAC Constitutions and By-Laws. He/she shall consult the NJCAA officials when appropriate. Enforcement actions shall be communicated in writing to all MWAC member institutions.
 - 4. Keep records of conference championships, all-conference teams and holder of records in recognized conference athletic activities.
 - 5. Distribute information to media in regards to post season pairing for tournaments, post season awards and any other information that can enhance our conference.
- B. Web Person:
 - 1. Initiate, develop and maintain a conference website to include up to day scores, standings, records and any other pertinent information. Include listings of past and present conference champions, all-conference, all-region teams, as well as All-American. In addition, appropriately recognize academic honors on the conference website.

C. Secretary:

1. Record the minutes of all conference meetings and distribute a copy to the respective schools within two weeks after each meeting.
2. Compile a conference directory of all athletic personnel.
3. Update Conference Constitution and By-Laws as needed.

D. Treasurer:

1. Treasurer shall submit an up-to-date financial report to each regularly scheduled meeting for action by the conference.
2. Keep a complete and current record of all financial transactions.
3. Deposit any of all money received in the name of the conference.
4. Pay budget items as required within the limits of amounts budgeted and approved by the conference.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS:

Section 1:

This conference shall hold four regularly scheduled meetings each school year.

Section 2:

Special meetings may be called by the Commissioner as he/she deems necessary.

Section 3:

For this conference to hold an official meeting, there must be a quorum. A quorum consists of one more than one-half of the member schools.

ARTICLE VI

FINANCES:

Section 1:

All funds and property of this conference shall be obtained, held, and administered in accordance with the procedures as stated in the by-laws.

ARTICLE VII

GRIEVANCE AND INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE:

The purpose of this article is to provide a formal procedure to investigate grievances brought by a member school against another member school within the conference. This article also provides penalties for schools knowingly violating the rules and regulations as outlined in the conference constitution and by-laws, as well as violating rules and regulations of NJCAA.

Section 1:

The procedure for filing a grievance is to send a letter consisting of all allegations to the Commissioner of the conference.

The Executive Committee of the conference will have the responsibility to investigate grievance charges made against a member school. Any Executive Committee member's school involved in a particular grievance charge shall not be involved in the investigation as an Executive Committee member. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Commissioner will contact all member institution's Athletic Directors with the finding of the investigation and if any further action needs to be taken.

Section 2:

Any college failing to comply to the constitution and by- laws may be placed on probation or removed from membership by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the remaining conference members. The conference reserves the right to establish the terms and conditions of the probationary period.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS:

Section 1:

The constitution shall become effective immediately upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of all the conference members.

Section 2: Each member college shall have one vote. The chief administrative officer of each member college shall have the right to choose the person who shall have the right to vote.

Section 3:

Proposed amendments shall be submitted to all member colleges and the conference secretary in writing.