

# Coastal Homeschool Athletic Association

## By-laws

### **Article I: Name**

This organization shall be known as “Coastal Homeschool Athletic Association.” (CHAA).

### **Article II: Purpose**

CHAA is organized to provide home-educated athletes in the coastal Georgia and South Carolina low-country an opportunity to participate in a Christ-centered athletic program and compete at the varsity and junior varsity levels.

### **Article III: Organization Type and Structure**

CHAA is incorporated in Georgia as a nonprofit corporation. The organization is member-based and governed by a Board of Directors.

### **Article IV: Membership and Eligibility**

- A. Membership constitutes a family that has an athlete that participates in one of the sponsored sport teams and has paid the appropriate participation fee.
- B. Eligibility is governed by the CHAA Eligibility Guidelines.

### **Article V: Board of Directors**

- A. Generally, the requirements considered for board membership are:
  - a. Must be a professing believer
  - b. Signed Statement of faith
  - c. Certify they have read, understood, and will support the:
    - i. CHAA Eligibility Guidelines
    - ii. CHAA Appearance Guidelines
    - iii. CHAA Expectations
- B. The Board of Directors will consist of a minimum of three members and a maximum of eleven as determined by the Board. A simple majority of the Board of Directors must be members of CHAA or Family Education for Christ.
- C. The Board may fill any vacancy by majority vote of a quorum of the Board. A quorum is defined as a majority of the total number of Directors.
- D. Directors will discharge their duties, including any duties as committee members, in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believe to be in the best interests of CHAA.
- E. The Board of Directors will seek consensus, but a majority vote of directors constitutes the action of the Board. A director may not vote by proxy.
- F. Any Director may be removed from the Board of Directors whenever, in the judgment of the Board, the interests of CHAA will be served by such action. Such removal will require that two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Board of Directors vote in favor of such removal.
- G. The primary functions of the Board of Directors will be to provide council to the Athletic Director, approve leadership/coaches applications, aid in dispute resolution, and provide a general vision and direction for the organization as a whole.

#### **Article VI: Officers**

- A. The Board of Directors will elect Officers at the first Board Meeting following the election of Directors. The Officers of CHAA shall be: President, Vice President, and Secretary. Additional officer positions may be created by the Board of Directors if needed.
  - a. The President shall preside over all meetings of CHAA, shall appoint and be an ex-officio member of all committees, shall be the designated legal representative of the organization on all written agreements and contracts, and shall perform such other duties as authorized by majority vote of the Board of Directors.
  - b. The Vice President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President during the absence or disability of the President. The Vice President shall perform other related duties authorized by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
  - c. The Secretary shall take minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall maintain an archive of such records. The Secretary shall be the second designated signatory (after the President) on any written agreement or contract requiring more than one signatory.
- B. If there is a vacancy in an Officer position, the Board of Directors, by a majority vote, will fill the vacancy as needed.

#### **Article VIII: Meetings of the Board of Directors**

- A. Meetings of the Board of Directors will be held as necessary to facilitate the business of the association. Meetings may be held in person, via teleconference, or via electronic mail.
- B. Special Meetings of the Board of Directors must be held in person and would typically be called to serve as Mediator for a membership complaint, an amendment to the by-laws, or the removal of a board member.

#### **Article X: Athletic Director, Commissioner, and Coaches**

- A. The Board of Directors by majority vote will establish an Athletic Director for the association and a Commissioner for each sport. The Athletic Director or the Commissioner will schedule events, coordinate officials needed for games, secure facilities, and choose and give oversight to all coaches.
- B. Appointment of the Athletic Director, Commissioners, and coaches is subject to Board approval.
- C. Coaches are accountable to the Board of Directors for their conduct.
- D. Generally, the requirements considered for the Athletic Director, Commissioners and Coaches are:
  - a. Must be a professing believer
  - b. Signed Statement of faith
  - c. Certify they have read, understood, and will support the:
    - i. CHAA Eligibility Guidelines
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#### **Article XI: Committees**

The Board of Directors, by majority vote, may establish standing and temporary committees as needed. In so doing, the Board shall stipulate the number of people to serve on the committee, its purpose, and duties, and establish reporting schedules. The Board shall have the authority, by majority vote, to dissolve or abolish any committee without cause. Committees which may be established include, but are not limited to, concessions, banquet, and fundraising.

#### **Article XII: Compensation**

- A. The Board Members of CHAA will serve without compensation during their terms of office.
- B. All volunteers of CHAA including the Athletic Director, Commissioners and Coaches will serve without compensation.

#### **Article XIII: Mediation**

- A. If a member of CHAA has a complaint against any Board Member, agent or employee of the association, they may register that complaint with any appropriate Board Member, Athletic Director or Commissioner for resolution on an informal basis.
- B. If a member complaint is irresolvable on an informal basis, then it shall be presented to the Vice President for formal resolution. The Vice President, the Athletic Director and Commissioner of the Association shall constitute the primary mediation board of CHAA.
- C. If they are unable to achieve a satisfactory resolution of a member complaint, then they shall request a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors for the purpose of airing and resolving said complaint.
- D. The Board of Directors shall be the final arbiter of all formal complaints. A Special Meeting called for the purpose of hearing a formal member complaint unresolved at the primary level will be concerned solely with that issue. In resolving a complaint, the Board of Directors will try to act by consensus. However, if a consensus is not possible, the majority vote of a quorum of Directors will determine the resolution of the complaint.

#### **Article XIV: Amendments**

These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors. All proposals for amending the Bylaws shall be presented in writing to the Board of Directors at least 30 days in advance of the meeting of the board.

#### **Article XV: Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution of the corporation without the creation of any successor organization, after satisfying all claims, all remaining assets shall be distributed to the Bloomingdale Alliance Church.

#### **Article XVI: Indemnity**

The Corporation will indemnify each Director and Officer of the Corporation, and their heirs, legal representatives and assigns, against expenses, costs and attorney's fees actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal, in which the Director or Officer is made a party by reason of being or having been an Officer or Director. The indemnification may include any amounts paid to satisfy a judgment or to compromise or settle a claim. The Director or Officer will not be indemnified if he or she is adjudged to have been guilty of willful misconduct or recklessness in the performance of his or her duty to the Corporation. Advanced indemnification may be allowed to a Director or Officer for expenses to be incurred in connection with the defense of the action, suit or proceeding, provided that the Director or Officer agrees to reimburse the Corporation if it is subsequently determined that the Director or Officer was not entitled to indemnification by reason of willful misconduct or recklessness in the performance of his or her duty to the Corporation.

#### **Article XVII: Statement of Faith**

- A. We believe the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired, inerrant, infallible, divinely preserved Word of God which constitutes completed and final revelation, and to be the

sole and final authority for faith and practice. (II Timothy 3:16-17, II Peter 1:21, Psalm 119:89, Psalm 12:6,7)

- B. We believe there is one living and true God - an infinite, intelligent Spirit, perfect in all His attributes, and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4, John 1:1-13, Matthew 3:16-17, II Corinthians 13:14, Revelation 1:8)
- C. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, His bodily resurrection from the dead, His ascension into Heaven, and His imminent bodily return in power and glory. (John 1:1,14, Luke 1:31-35, Philippians 2:6-8, I Corinthians 15:1-8, 15:21, I Peter 2:24, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 9:12, Acts 1:9-11, I Thessalonians 4:13-18)
- D. We believe that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin through the disobedience of Adam and is, therefore, lost, unable to justify himself before God. (Genesis 1:26,27, 2:16,17, 3:6, Romans 3:10,23, 5:12,18)
- E. We believe that salvation is the free gift of God given to the sinner by grace and received by personal faith in Jesus Christ alone, as Savior and Lord, whose substitutionary death on the cross paid the penalty for man's sin. This free gift of salvation is not received by any personal works whatsoever. (Ephesians 2:8,9, Titus 3:5, John 1:12, 5:24, Romans 5:15, 6:23, 10:9-13, Acts 16:31)
- F. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict and regenerate mankind, and to indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service. (John 16:7-14, Titus 3:5, I Corinthians 6:19, 12:13, Romans 8:14, Ephesians 5:18)
- G. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (John 5:28-29, I Thessalonians 4:16, Revelation 20:4-5, 20:12-15)

I hereby certify that the foregoing Bylaws of Coastal Homeschool Athletic Association are the By-laws of this Corporation, adopted by its Board of Directors at a meeting held \_\_\_\_\_.

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Secretary

ATTEST:

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Board Member

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