

# MIDWEST HIGH SCHOOL SKI CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION

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The organization of school districts comprising the **Midwest High School Ski Conference** has been developed to provide a means of coordinating intended downhill ski races in interscholastic matters among the districts named. It is intended that conference activity will involve the areas of participation herein described and any unforeseen matters the conference may consider germane to its supervision.

Application of purposes and rules governing activity of this conference has been provided in the framework of the following constitution and bylaws. The welfare of the students in the districts involved shall always be the major consideration in conducting any conference activity.

This document refers specifically to the operation of the district's high school(s). Other arrangements may be made for other areas of administrative organization in the member districts.

## **ARTICLE 1: Name**

The organization will be known as the Midwest High School Ski Conference (herein referred to as the MHSSC)

## **ARTICLE 2: Purpose**

- A. To organize, develop, direct and control a high school interscholastic ski program, which will protect, conserve and promote the health and physical welfare of its participants.
- B. To emphasize interscholastic skiing as an integral part of the educational process and to cultivate high ideals of good citizenship and sportsmanship.

## **ARTICLE 3: Membership**

Section 1. Membership in the MHSSC will include:

- A. Southeastern Wisconsin High School
- B. Other schools may be admitted under Article 3, Section 2. Every fall we will generate a list of schools that can accept students from other high schools and keep it up-to-date.

Section 2. Changes in MHSSC Membership

- A. Any accredited three or four-year High School may apply for membership at the regular fall MHSSC meeting. The team must have an adult advisor.

Section 3. MHSSC Membership Limitations

- A. A team consists of a maximum of six (6) participants for boys and six (6) participants for girls. Co-ed teams will be allowed for boys' Varsity and Junior Varsity. In the event a school cannot field a girls' team, a girl may ski on boys' teams, but boys will not be permitted on girls' teams. All team members must attend the same school, except under Article 9, section 3.
- B. Once a girl has elected to ski on a boys' team at the varsity level, she will not be

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able to participate on her girls' team or as an individual girl at the conference or State Meets. Even if she has already qualified as such.

- C. Cooperative teams between schools will be allowed when one or more of the schools has an inadequate number of participants to field their own team, or does not have school support. Re-application for the cooperative teams must be made at the fall MHSSC meeting each year and approved by a majority of all member schools. Once a school has enough athletes to field a team, and has school support, they should form their own team.
- D. Only member schools will be allowed to compete in "VARSITY" MHSSC meets.
- E. The Conference Director assigns member schools bib numbers.
- F. Member schools are permitted to enter up to five (5) teams total. Two (2) Varsity Teams (1 of each gender) and 3 Junior Varsity teams. At the fall meeting written requests can be made to run six (6) teams and this must be approved by the conference membership. Each school may have no more than 2 total Exhibition racers per gender.
- G. All racers shall race with their home school team. If a racer attends a school that does not sponsor a team, the individual may request in writing to be allowed to race with the closest school team to their attended high school (or the next closest school should first closest not be available, and so on), once the request is granted, said permission shall be approved for the duration of the student's high school career until his home school begins a team.
- H. Only eligible students, grades 9 - 12, from MHSSC schools will be allowed to compete in MHSSC meets. Home-schooled students are eligible to race in the MHSSC.

## Section 4: Gender

- A. The MHSSC is committed to ensuring that transgender student athletes have opportunities to participate in MHSSC sponsored events.
- B. Member schools shall ensure that all students have access and opportunities to participate in athletics without discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression.
- C. MHSSC is committed to providing a fair and fun inclusive sporting environment where people of all backgrounds can contribute and participate. People who identify as transgender or transsexual should be treated fairly and with dignity and respect at all times.
- D. The student's member school will be the point of contact for determining the student's eligibility to participate in MHSSC sponsored interscholastic athletics. Member schools should utilize the WIAA Transgender Participation Policy for determining eligibility or their own internal policies for determining eligibility.  
<https://www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/Eligibility/WIAAtransgenderpolicy.pdf>
- E. Once the member school has rendered a decision, a school administrator shall communicate with the MHSSC Director in writing of the decision.
- F. At State Competition it is recognized that documentation or evidence may be required to show the stated gender is sincerely held and is part of a person's core identity.
- G. Medical privacy must be preserved.

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## **ARTICLE 4: MHSSC Officers**

Section 1. MHSSC Officers will be a Conference Director, one or more Assistant Directors, and a Secretary.

Section 2. MHSSC Officers will be elected annually at the beginning of the regular spring MHSSC meeting by the majority of the MHSSC members. Officers will be elected without regard to a rotation of school or succession of officers.

Section 3. The Director or Assistant Director can act as Treasurer or we can elect a Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE 5: MHSSC Meetings**

Section 1. There will be a minimum of two (2) MHSSC meetings each school year. The first two meetings will be held prior to the start of the ski season. A third meeting may be held at the end of the season.

Section 2. Additional meetings may be called by the Conference Director if the need arises.

Section 3. The presence of a simple majority of the member schools constitutes a quorum.

Section 4. Robert's Rules of Order will be followed at all MHSSC meetings.

Section 5. Each member school will be represented at each MHSSC meeting by a team advisor or by a delegated representative of the school. Each member school will have one vote by the team advisor or the delegated representative of the school in attendance at the meeting. No proxy vote will be allowed. Major issue votes - anyone can request a roll call vote.

Section 6. The MHSSC Conference Director will set the agenda, a date, and preside at all MHSSC meetings.

## **ARTICLE 6: Finances**

Section 1. There are no annual dues for membership in MHSSC. MHSSC expenses are assessed from each member school as determined at the fall meeting.

Section 2. The cost of trophies/medals will be borne by MHSSC.

Section 3. The MHSSC Director, Assistant Director or Treasurer will collect the assessment from each school.

Section 4. There are no salaried positions in MHSSC.

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## ARTICLE 7: Rules

- A. A Rules and Waiver Committee of a minimum of three (3) people will review all rule infractions and waiver requests. Requests for waivers must be made in writing to the Conference Director. Election process: Each spring members will be elected. The term is for one (1) year.
- B. A document entitled "MHSSC Race Rules" shall contain all conference rules, award, and scoring criteria for the safe and successful operation of conference races.
- C. The "MHSSC Race Rules" document may be modified or amended.

## ARTICLE 9: Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution may be introduced at any MHSSC meeting. If the amendment is passed, (it must be voted on at two separate meetings to pass), it will be incorporated for the upcoming season.

Section 2. Schools may request hill preferences. These preferences are granted when possible. They are not guaranteed.

Section 5. Any changes that are made to the constitution require a 2/3 of a quorum vote to ratify the change.

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