

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BIG SIOUX CONFERENCE

(Updated **January 2010**)

ARTICLE I / NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Big Sioux Activities Conference; referred to hereafter as the Conference.

ARTICLE II / PURPOSE

Section 1 – The purpose of the Conference shall be to promote a wide variety of co-curricular activities among member schools.

Section 2 – The intent of this activity conference is to supplement and not supplant the academic curriculum of the member schools.

Section 3 – The rules and regulations of the S.D.H.S.A.A. shall be observed in all Conference activities.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Member schools of the Conference shall be Beresford, Canton, Dakota Valley, Dell Rapids, Elk Point-Jefferson, Sioux Falls Christian, Tea Area and Tri-Valley. Alcester-Hudson was granted associate membership for wrestling for the 2009-2010 year.

Section 2 – Any other school is eligible for membership in the conference upon said school making written application for membership, and agreeing to conform to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Conference. A favorable vote according to the Conference voting guidelines in Article II of the by-laws is required for admission to the Conference. When another school is about to join the Conference on July 1st, the current treasury will be divided equally among the current members on June 30th. On July 1st, a new treasury will be started with all the schools who will be in the Conference for the coming year contributing \$600.00 to this new treasury.

Section 3 – A member school wishing to withdraw from the Conference must submit written notification, signed by their Superintendent, to the Conference Executive Secretary at least fourteen (14) months prior to the fall meeting of the year the withdrawal is to become effective. If the withdrawing school follows this procedure properly, then they will receive their proportionate share of the Conference treasury after all bills have been paid for the school year. If proper procedure is not followed, then the withdrawing school will forfeit all monies in the treasury, including their \$600.00 entrance fee.

Section 4 – Any school that reaches an enrollment of three hundred thirty-five (335) high school (9-12) students in any two consecutive school years shall have their membership in the Conference reviewed and voted upon. A favorable vote according to Conference voting guidelines in Article II of the by-laws will be required for said school to retain its membership. Further reviews and votes shall take place annually should the enrollment of said school remain at or above three hundred thirty-five (335) grades 9-12. Student counts shall be reported, and reviews/votes taken if necessary, at the August meeting of the Conference. Should schools form a cooperative, their combined enrollments shall be utilized. If a school is denied further membership, the effective date shall be July 1 of the following year.

Section 5 - A school may apply for associate membership in a specific activity. This membership vote will be administered according to Article II, Voting Guidelines of the Conference By-Laws. Associate schools will pay a \$50 fee per activity. Associate schools will not host conference tournaments. Associate membership guidelines will be voted on at the spring membership meeting each year.

ARTICLE IV / OFFICERS & DUTIES

Section 1 – The officers of the Conference shall be the President, President-Elect, and Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary will be reimbursed for serving in this capacity annually. The annual fee will be **\$2263** for the **2010-11** school year, with a 5% raise annually thereafter. The Executive Secretary will also be reimbursed at state rates for mileage and meals when he/she is conducting business that is sponsored by the Conference. Schools will provide individuals to hold these offices, except the Executive Secretary who will be selected by a vote of the member schools, based on the following rotation:

2008-2009 Tri-Valley
2009-2010 Beresford
2010-2011 Canton
2011-2012 Dakota Valley
2012-2013 Dell Rapids
2013-2014 Elk Point-Jefferson

Section 2 – The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Conference, and to perform such duties of the President as provided for in the Rules of Order or as modified by this Constitution and By-Laws. The President shall confide with the Executive Secretary and prepare and distribute a written agenda at least two weeks before all regular meetings. Those wishing to place items on the agenda should contact the President at least three (3) weeks before the meeting date.

Section 3 – The duties of the Vice-President shall be to preside at the meetings in the absence of the President.

Section 4 – The duties of the Executive Secretary shall be: (1) to record and distribute minutes of the Conference, (2) to disburse and account for all funds of the Conference, (3) to record and distribute financial reports, prepare agendas, publicity, prepare and submit statistics for the media, and (4) other duties as directed by the President or membership.

ARTICLE V / ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Section 1 – The advisory committees will be appointed by the President or membership as need arises.

ARTICLE VI / MEETINGS

Section 1 – There shall be three (3) regular meetings per year. The fall meeting shall be during week eight (8) of the SDHSAA Calendar, the winter meeting shall be on the Tuesday prior to the state volleyball tournament, and the spring meeting shall be during the week following the State “A” boys basketball tournament.

Section 2 – The President may call special meetings as necessary. Except in cases of emergency, notification shall be made at least one (1) week in advance.

Section 3 – All member schools are requested to have a Superintendent, High School Principal or Activity Director present at all meetings. One of these three people shall be the spokesperson and voter of each respective school.

Section 4 – A majority of the member schools must be present in order for official business to be conducted.

Section 5 – Each member school shall have one (1) designated spokesperson/voter. Others wishing to address the membership must do so through his/her spokesperson/voter.

ARTICLE VII / AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – The Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting by a favorable vote according to the Conference voting guidelines in Article II of the By-Laws of the member schools, provided written notice has been submitted to the Executive Secretary fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting, and that the proposed amendment has been forwarded to member schools at least seven (7) days before the meeting.

Section 2 – Proposed amendments may themselves be amended by a majority of the member schools represented at the meeting, provided such amendments to the proposed amendment don't negate the proposed amendment as originally submitted.

Section 3 – Amendments shall stipulate the date that they are to become effective.

Section 4 – In cases where a member school can't attend, a written vote may be sent to the Executive Secretary; however, it must be received prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII / ADMINISTRATION

Section 1 – All schools in order to retain membership, must abide by this Constitution and the By-Laws of the Conference.

Section 2 – Exclusion shall result upon a favorable vote according to the Conference voting guidelines in Article II of the By-Laws at a duly called meeting of the Conference.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

BIG SIOUX ACTIVITIES CONFERENCE

(Effective: July 1, 1998)

(Updated **January 2010**)

ARTICLE I/ GENERAL

Section 1 – The annual dues of all member schools of the Conference shall be fixed at the fall meeting. Dues shall be payable to the Executive Secretary on or before November 1 of the current year. Additional funding may be approved by a majority vote.

Section 2 – Failure to meet the financial obligations as stated in Section 1 of Article I of the By-Laws will require membership cancellation. Reinstatement shall occur only after a favorable vote according to the Conference voting guidelines in Article II and payment of a \$25.00 penalty.

Section 3 – In cases of grievance the President shall call a Conference meeting to resolve the disagreement.

Section 4 – Each member school should have available on the SDHSAA website - schedules, rosters, and other pertinent information in a timely manner.

Section 5 – Host schools shall report event results to news agencies as directed by the Executive Secretary.

Section 6 – The Executive Secretary shall provide the standings for the various sports to the news agencies on a timely basis. All Conference records shall be kept on file by the Executive Secretary for all sponsored activities.

Section 7 – Thirty-five (35) Conference passes, good for the holder and spouse, shall be given to each member school. The printing and distribution of the passes, at the fall meeting of each year, shall be the responsibility of the Executive Secretary. The Superintendent of each member school shall be responsible for local distribution.

Section 8 – Cheerleaders, in uniform, shall be admitted free. Students, with proper identification, shall be admitted at the student rate.

Section 9 – Each member is responsible for establishing their own admission fee, however, a poll should be taken at the fall meeting each year concerning anticipated fees for the coming school term. All member schools are encouraged to charge similar admission fees. Junior High Basketball and Volleyball hosts may collect admission of \$2 for adults and \$1 for students to help pay for tournament costs, there should not be an admission fee for the junior high track meet.

Section 10 – The general conduct of spectators shall be the responsibility of the host administration. No musical instruments, mechanical devices, confetti or obnoxious noise makers shall be allowed during the process of an event, other than those utilized by a pep band.

Section 11 – The major activities of the Conference are: Boys & Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Boys & Girls Track, Boys and Girls Cross Country, Boys and Girls Golf, and Volleyball. Each school must participate in all major activities. Participation in non-compulsory activities as addressed in Article I Section 12 of the By-Laws, is optional; however, these activities are financed by the Conference. Any exception to this rule has to be voted on and approved by member schools in accordance with Article II voting guidelines. Any withdrawal from a major activity follows Article II voting guidelines.

Section 12 – The Conference Executive Secretary shall purchase all needed trophies, medals, plaques, and materials. The following activity awards shall be presented by the Conference. Each school shall purchase their own plaque on which to inscribe championship emblems.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Individual Medals</u>
Football Conference Champs	None	40 for 1 st Place
Football All-Conference	None	28 All Conference (with eight schools)
Basketball Tourney Champs	Plate	20 for 1 st Place (for both boys and girls)
Basketball Conference Champs	None	20 for 1 st Place (for both boys and girls)
Basketball All-Conference	None	15 All Conference, 1 MVP (for both boys and girls)
Cross Country	Plate	20 Places (for both boys and girls)
J. V. Cross Country	None	10 Places
Volleyball Conference Champs	None	20 for 1 st Place
Volleyball Tourney Champs	Plate	20 for 1 st Place
Volleyball All-Conference	None	12 All Conference
Wrestling Conference Champs	None	20 for 1 st Place
Wrestling Tournament	Plate	4 for each weight class (14 weights)
Wrestling All-Conference	None	30 All Conference (number varies)
Golf Tournament	Plate	10 Places (for both boys and girls)
JV Golf	None	5 Places (for both boys and girls)
Track Meet	Plate	Individual Events – 8 Places Relays – 4 Places
Jr. High Track	None	Ribbons: Individual Events, 6 Places Relays, 5 Places
Academic Bowl	Plate	1 st and 2 nd Place Teams (6 Each)
Jr. High Academic Bowl	Plate	Ribbons for 1 st , 2 nd , & 3 rd Place Teams
Jr. High BB Tourney Champs	Plate	None
Jr. High Volleyball Tourney Champs	Plate	None

Plaques for Tournament Champions will be provided by the conference, plates will be engraved by the individual schools that win.

Section 13 – At conference tournaments and meets, there will be no special fundraising events or sales such as ½ time shoot outs, clothing, etc. Conference Events will be limited to ticket sales and concession stands.

ARTICLE II / VOTING GUIDELINES

When a vote is called for, the following number of favorable votes will be needed to pass a motion:

If the Conference has SIX MEMBER SCHOOLS, then FOUR FAVORABLE VOTES are needed.

If the Conference has SEVEN MEMBER SCHOOLS, then FIVE FAVORABLE VOTES are needed.

If the Conference has EIGHT MEMBER SCHOOLS, then SIX FAVORABLE VOTES are needed.

(These figures use the 2/3's idea, then rounded up if necessary)

ARTICLE III / FOOTBALL

Section 1 – Effective with the 2009-2010 school year the Conference will not award cup points or crown a conference champion in football for the next two years.

Section 2 – Host Schools shall wear dark and Guest shall wear light unless prior arrangements have been made. Game time is 7:30 PM, unless mutually agreed to by both schools.

Section 3 – Schedules will be determined by the South Dakota High School Activities Association on a two year basis. Beginning in 2001-2002, all member Schools will be allowed to request opponents through the South Dakota High School Activities Association. The Conference strongly suggests that conference schools play all other conference schools.

Section 4 – The BSC FB coaches will select a first team for each position on offense (14 members), defense (14 members), and special team (2 members) players. Each school will also have three honorable mention picks at their discretion. This meeting will take place on Wednesday of week 18.

1st Team Offense = 6 linemen, 8 backs/receivers

1st Team Defense = 6 linemen, 8 backs

1st Team Special Teams = 2 special team players

Honorable Mention = 3 per team

Section 5 – Junior High football will start at 4:00 PM unless both schools involved mutually agree to a different time.

ARTICLE IV / BASKETBALL

Section 1 – The Basketball Championship shall be decided on a win and loss basis with member schools. All member schools must play one game with each school of the Conference.

Section 2 – The girls Conference Tournament will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of week 28 and the boys Conference Tournament will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of week 27 of S.D.H.S.A.A. standardized calendar.

Section 3 – All-Conference selections will be determined by a vote of the coaches. Each coach may nominate any number of players from their own team. The coach may choose to rank the players according to the order that the coach would prefer that they be considered, or the coach may leave them unranked. After all nominations have been made each coach will vote on opposing players, rating the players 1 –15 with number 1 receiving 15 pts., number 2 receiving 14 pts., and so on. The top 15 vote getters will make up the All-Conference team with the first five vote-getters being first team, the next five being second team, and the third five being the third team. The top vote-getter will be named MVP. Any other players receiving votes will be on the Honorable Mention Team.

Section 4 – The Conference Athletic Directors will set up a schedule for junior high girls basketball and junior high boys basketball. These conference games will have the 7th grade game beginning at 4:00 PM, followed by the 8th grade game. The starting time may be changed by mutual agreement of both schools. The conference will also sponsor a junior high tournament for girls junior high basketball and boys junior high basketball. Jr. High Boys (both 7th and 8th grade) Basketball games will be played using a girls' high school ball (28.5 circumference). Recommendation for Jr. High format that the "A" game will be 4 quarters to be played first followed by one or two 10 minute running clock quarters depending on numbers. No restrictions concerning zone defenses.

ARTICLE V / CROSS COUNTRY (GIRLS AND BOYS)

Section 1 – The cross country championship shall be declared based on the results of the Conference Meet. The top four (4) places for each school will count for team scoring. Pushers (2) will be counted in case of ties.

Section 2 – The date of the Conference Meet will be Friday of week 14 of the SDHSAA calendar and the starting time will be 3:30 PM. Each school must provide one worker for the successful running of the meet.

Section 3 – The distances shall comply with SDHSAA rules and regulations.

Section 4 – Teams must limit their entries to six runners at the varsity level, and may enter unlimited runners at the JV level.

ARTICLE VI / WRESTLING

Section 1 – The Wrestling Championship will be decided on a win and loss basis of the dual competition with all participating schools.

Section 2 – Weigh-ins will be at the home school the day of the match. Weigh-ins will comply with state regulations.

Section 3 – The Conference Wrestling tournament will be held on the Saturday of week 29 of the SDHSAA standardized calendar. The starting time will be 10:00 AM with the finals starting one-half hour after the second round wrestlebacks. The tournament seed meeting will be held on the day of the meet (Saturday), with the starting time to be two and a half (2 1/2) hours before the start of the meet. Weigh-Ins will be at the home school on the day of the tournament. Conference will allow unattached wrestlers from participating schools into the conference tourney to fill open brackets.

Section 4 – **All-Conference wrestling criteria is as follows: The 14 conference wrestling tournament champions will make up the all conference 1st team. The 14 conference wrestling tournament runner ups will make up the 2nd team. An honorable mention team will be made up of one wrestler from each school that is chosen by each schools coaching staff. These teams must be complete by the conclusion of the tournament and the list supplied to the executive secretary in order for certificates to be awarded. Additional All Conference medals will not be awarded.**

ARTICLE VII / TRACK (GIRLS AND BOYS)

Section 1 – The track championship shall be declared based on the results of the Conference Meet.

Section 2 – The events run and scoring system utilized will comply with the rules and regulations of the SDHSAA. The Conference Track Meet will continue the Pole Vault (boys and girls) as an event of its meet with the athletes being awarded the same awards as any track event, but no points will be allowed toward the team total.

Section 3 – Each member school shall provide workers for the successful running of the meet as assigned by the host school.

Section 4 – The Conference Meet will be held on Thursday in the week previous to the week of the Regional Track Meet. The starting time will be 3:00 PM for field events and 3:30 PM for running events.

Section 5 – The Conference Secretary will apply to the SDHSAA annually for sanctioning the Conference meet.

Section 6 – The Conference will award medals to the top eight (8) place winners in individual track and field events and to the top four (4) relay teams.

ARTICLE VIII / ACADEMIC BOWL

Section 1 – The Academic Bowl Championship shall be declared based on the results of the Conference Meet.

Section 2 – The date of the event will be during week 37 of the SDHSAA standardized calendar and the contest will begin at 3:30 PM.

Section 3 – Operational procedures and evaluation criteria shall be recommended to the President by the Academic Bowl Committee.

Article IX / Volleyball

Section 1 – The Volleyball Championship shall be decided on a win and loss basis with all participating member schools.

Section 2 – The “C” and “B” matches will consist of the best two of three games with all games being rally scoring. All third games of sub-varsity matches will be played to 15. Having certified officials for sub-varsity contests is the option of the home team administration.

Section 3 – All-Conference selections will be determined by a vote of the coaches. Each coach may nominate a number of players from his/her own team according to that team’s final Conference Standings. Each Coach must rank his/her nominees in the order that he/she wants them to be considered. After all nominations have been made each coach will vote on opposing players rating the players 1 – 12 with number 1 receiving 12 points, number 2 receiving 11 points, and so on. The top twelve vote getters will make up the All-Conference Team. Any other players receiving votes will be on the Honorable Mention Team.

Section 4 – The Conference tournament will be held on the Saturday of week 15 of the SDHSAA standardized calendar. The conference tourney will be seeded using the current state seeding formula (including all matches played). The SDHSAA form will be used and faxed to the conference secretary on the Monday preceding the tourney.

Section 5 – The starting time for junior high volleyball matches will be 4:00 PM unless both schools mutually agree to a different time. The conference will sponsor a junior high volleyball tournament on the Saturday of week 14 of the SDHSAA standardized calendar. **7th grade will use a 7 foot net and the serve line will be moved in 5 feet and each server will serve a maximum of five (5) serves. If the same server scores 5 consecutive points, then the team keeps the service but must rotate.** Libero at the junior high level will be left up to the individual school.

ARTICLE X / GOLF (BOYS AND GIRLS)

Section 1 – The Golf Conference Championship shall be determined by the results of the Conference Tournament. The team format will be to score your four (4) best individual scores. Your fifth (5) player’s score will be used to break team ties.

Section 2 – The Conference Boys Golf Tournament will be held on Monday of week 12 of the SDHSAA calendar. The Conference Girls Golf Tournament will be held on Monday of week 44 of the SDHSAA calendar. The starting time will be determined by the host school.

Section 3 – The site of the Conference Tournament will be an 18 hole course as decided by member schools.

ARTICLE XI / TOURNAMENTS AND MEETS

Section 1 – The Conference shall sponsor tournaments in Girls Basketball, Junior High Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Junior High Boys Basketball, Wrestling, Volleyball, Junior High Volleyball, Boys Golf and Girls Golf. The Conference will sponsor meets in Boys & Girls Cross Country, Boys & Girls Track, and Junior High Boys & Girls Track.

Section 2 – The dates and locations shall be set at the Spring Meeting.

Section 3 – The volleyball, wrestling, and final days of the basketball tournaments will be held on Saturdays.

Section 4 – **Effective with the 2009-2010 school year admission prices for the Boys and Girls Basketball, Volleyball and Wrestling tournaments will \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.**

Section 5 – **The drawings for the Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball Tournaments will be held at the January Athletic Directors meeting each year. The drawing will be a random draw with all 8 schools. The rotation of host schools will be determined by the AD's and the conference secretary.** The Varsity Volleyball tournament is to be seeded with the information to be sent to the Executive Secretary by the Monday previous to the tournament. The drawings for the Junior High Volleyball and Junior High Boys & Girls Basketball Tournaments will be held at the January Athletic Directors Meeting.

ARTICLE XII / TOURNAMENT FEES

Section 1 – The host school for each of the following tournaments will receive the stated fee: such fee to include the cost of all workers exclusive of referees.

Basketball	\$150 per game plus \$100 for the event director
Wrestling	\$800 plus \$100 for the event director
Varsity Track	\$500 plus \$100 for the event director
Junior High Track	\$300 plus \$75 for the event director + \$75 for the starter
Volleyball	\$700 plus \$100 for the event director
Cross Country	\$150 for the host course + \$100 for the event director
Girls Golf	\$300 plus \$100 for the event director
Boys Golf	\$300 plus \$100 for the event director
Junior High Girls Basketball	\$300 plus \$75 for the event director (For each school)
Junior High Boys Basketball	\$300 plus \$75 for the event director (For each school)
Junior High Girls Volleyball	\$300 for hosting one grade or \$600 for hosting both grades \$75 or \$150 for the event director depending on the number of grades hosted
Academic Bowl	\$100 for the event director
Junior High Quiz Bowl	\$75 for the event director

ARTICLE XIII / CONFERENCE CUP GUIDELINES

Scoring for the Conference Cup will be considered for only those schools admitted with full-member status. For example: If team A does not have full-member status but places first at the cross country meet, they will not be considered for conference cup points. If team B places second behind team A, team B would then be considered champion, hence, receiving 8 first place points.

Final school results will be based on total school points and the number of programs offered. Points from boys and girls programs will be added together and divided by the number of programs offered. Programs offered will be defined by whether a school pays the SDHSAA a fee for participation in that event. Ex. If a school offers cross country but does not have enough athletes to field a full team at the conference meet they will still count that as a program that is offered. Also, each school will count academic bowl as a program offered.

- 1st place = 8 points
- 2nd place = 7 points
- 3rd place = 6 points
- 4th place = 5 points
- 5th place = 4 points
- 6th place = 3 points
- 7th place = 2 points
- 8th place = 1 point

Here is how the scoring would be completed for each sport:

Cross Country: Points would be scored from the BSC meet. Schools that offer XC, but do not have enough runners to fill a full varsity team will receive zero points.

Football: We would use the existing regular season formula currently in place as per the BSC Constitution.

Volleyball: Points would be scored from the regular season conference record. However, in case of a regular season tie, placing from the BSC tournament would determine the final point distribution.

Basketball: Points would be scored from the regular season conference record. **However, in case of a regular season tie, regular season head to head games would determine the final point distribution. If there is still a tie after this determination then the points should be added and divided evenly.**

Wrestling: Points will be determined based on the conference tournament only. If there is a tie, the points will be added and divided equally.

Track: Points would be scored based on the BSC track meet. If there is a tie, the points will be added and divided equally.

Golf: Points will be scored from the BSC golf tournament. If there is a tie, the points will be added and divided equally.

Academic Bowl: Points will be scored based on the results of yearly academic bowl.