

**GENESEE VALLEY TRACK AND FIELD
AND CROSS COUNTRY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Adopted March 1972

Revised December 2006

Article I

Name

Section I The name of this organization shall be the Genesee Valley Track and Field and Cross Country Officials Association

Article II

Purpose

Section I The purpose of the Association shall be to:

- a. Certify that all members are complying with the rules of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association as set under the Five-Point Program
- b. Promote high ideals of sportsmanship in interscholastic track, field, and cross country competition
- c. Provide clinics for track and field and cross country officials
- d. Offer annual commentary on rule changes and standardize rules interpretation throughout the Section Five area
- e. Strive for the improvement of all phases of interscholastic track and field and cross country
- f. Improve the quality of officiating and standardize officiating techniques

Article III

Membership

Section I Membership shall include all members who have successfully completed the examination requirements and have paid such dues as specified in the by-laws of the organization. Membership must comply with the Five-Point Program of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and all rules and policies of the New York State Track and Field and Cross Country Officials Association.

Article IV

Officers

Section I The officers will consist of a President, a Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and Rules Interpreter to be elected at the election meeting in November of each odd numbered year and shall hold that office for two years. All officers must be members. There will also be an Executive Committee, which will serve in an advisory capacity to the President. The Assignees shall serve at the discretion of the President and all leagues served.

Section II All Association Officers shall be elected by the majority vote of the membership present.

Section III The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the President. It will prepare a slate of officers to be submitted to the voting body for action at the November meeting in even numbered years. Section IV In the event of an office being vacated prior to expiration of its term, it shall be filled by an appointee of the President.

Article V

Meetings

Section I There shall be two regular Association Meetings per year. The meeting in November shall be a general business meeting. The second meeting shall be in March for the purpose of test administration, the collection of dues, and the interpretation of new rules.

Section II Other meetings, special meetings, and clinics may be called by the President who may designate members who are required to attend.

Article VI

Quorum

Section I A quorum shall exist when a majority of members qualified to vote are in attendance at the November meeting.

Article VII

Amendments

- Section I** This Constitution may be amended at the November meeting by a 2/3 majority vote of the quorum. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting.
- Section II** By-Laws may be adopted, amended or repealed at the November meeting by a majority vote of the members present.
- Section III** The Constitution and By-Laws shall become effective immediately upon ratification by the members of the Association.

BY-LAWS

Article I

Dues

- Section I** The annual dues for all members shall be thirty dollars. This will include the rule book and association dues.

Article II

Duties of Officers

- Section I** Association President
- a. Preside at all association meetings
 - b. Arrange for meeting sites, dates and times
 - c. Call special meetings and clinics
 - d. Be an ex-officio member of all committees
 - e. Be responsible for providing opportunities to meet the New York State Five-Point Program
- Section II** Association Vice-President
- a. Assume the duties of the President in case of absence, disability or request
 - b. Assist the President in the execution of his duties

- Section III** Secretary-Treasurer
- a. Record and publish minutes of all association meetings
 - b. Be responsible for correspondence concerning all Association Meetings
 - c. Keep an active record of all income and expenditures
 - d. Collect dues

- Section IV** Rules Interpreter
- a. Set up standards and tests for appraising and evaluating present officials and for properly indoctrinating new officials
 - b. To offer annual commentary on rule changes and standardize rules interpretation throughout the Association's assigned jurisdiction and throughout Section Five

Article III

Committees

Section I The Executive Council shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and the Rules Interpreter.

Section II The Amendment Committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the President.

Section III The Nomination Committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the President.