

SUNRISE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION

(Revised 2020)

ARTICLE I

The organization shall be hereafter referred to as the Sunrise Athletic Conference, "S.A.C."

ARTICLE II

Philosophy

We believe that Sunrise Athletic Conference activities and events can be a valuable extension of the classroom. Our focus is on educational opportunities. Through Sunrise interscholastic activities:

- Students can develop and practice their own specific sport movement skills and maintain or improve their own personal physical fitness.
- Students will have the opportunity to learn and experience the concepts of teamwork and the commitment involved with being on a team.
- Students will learn personal discipline/dedication, the value of fair play and sportsmanship.
- Students will learn the importance of respect for opponents and officials.

Participation in the activities of the association should be encouraged, as they are an integral part of the total educational process. Inter-school athletics can also offer teachers, parents and community members the opportunity to develop connections not only with the athletes with whom they are working with, but also the other communities of Sunrise and School Divisions of North Eastern Manitoba.

ARTICLE III

Membership

The following schools are recognized as full members of the SUNRISE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE and will participate in either the middle school and/or high school athletic events.

North Schools: Black River Anishinabe School (K-10), Lac du Bonnet Senior School (7-12), Pinawa Secondary School (7-12), École Powerview School (K-12), Sagkeeng Anicinabe High School (9-12), Sagkeeng Junior High School (5-8), Wanipigow School (K-12), Whitemouth School (K-12)

South Schools: Anola School (K-8), École Dugald School (K-8), École Edward Schreyer School (6-12), Springfield Middle School (6-8),

To remain a full member of S.A.C. in good standing the school must meet the following requirements: All schools must have a representative at a minimum of two meetings per year. Fees are to be paid by September 30th of each school year or schools will be suspended until fees are paid. Billing should be done directly to the administration of the school.

Fees

All member schools shall pay an annual fee of (\$ 400.00) due and payable to the Treasurer of the Association during the month of September (for ribbons and banners). Schools without high school students are not required to attend the high school portion of SAC meetings. They will not be counted toward quorum after early/middle years business has been discussed and that portion of the meeting adjourned.

The following schools are recognized as associate members of the SUNRISE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE and will participate in early/middle school athletic events.

North Schools: Anicinabe Community School (K-4), Centennial School (K-6), F.W. Gilbert Elementary (K-6)

South Schools: École Beausejour Early Years School (K-5), Gillis School (K-6), Hazelridge School (K-5), Oakbank Elementary School (K-5)

Associate members are welcome to attend and speak at SAC meetings, but it is not a requirement to maintain good standing. Associate members do not have voting rights at SAC meetings, and do not count toward quorum. Schools participating in SAC Events are required to pay their fees by September 30th of each school year, and will be unable to participate until these fees have been paid.

Due to their limited participation SAC events at the grade 5/6 level, as well as early years' cross-country, the following schools have an annual membership fee of 40.00:

- Anicinabe Community School
- École Beausejour Early Years School
- Centennial School
- F.W. Gilbert Elementary
- Gillis School
- Hazelridge School
- Oakbank Elementary

ARTICLE IV

Executive Officers

The executive officers of this association shall consist of:

President

Secretary

Treasurer

The executive shall be elected at the association's June annual meeting and assume office September 1st for a two year period.

Duties of executive officers:

President:

- To call the meetings and set up an agenda.
- To chair the meetings of the S.A.C. using Roberts Rules of Order
- To conduct the correspondence of the S.A.C.
- To update the constitution annually, and other supporting documents to be presented at the September meeting.

Treasurer:

- To receive and deposit all monies of the S.A.C.
- To keep a proper set of business records and show accurately the financial accounts at least once a year, or upon request.
- To act as the signing officer for the S.A.C.
- To pay all bills authorized by the S.A.C

Secretary:

- To keep correct minutes
- To purchase ribbons and banners for the S.A.C.

ARTICLE V

Intention to participate:

It is the responsibility of the school representative to indicate the school's intention to participate in S.A.C. competition at the conference and Zone level (for high school) at such time as set down by the convenor.

Sanctioning:

The association may declare championships in the following Senior Years sports:

- a) golf
- b) soccer
- c) cross-country
- d) volleyball
- e) basketball
- f) curling
- g) badminton
- h) fastball
- i) baseball
- j) track and field

The association may declare championships in the following sports at the Grade 7 and 8 middle years level:

- a) cross country
- b) soccer
- c) volleyball
- d) basketball
- e) badminton
- f) softball
- g) track and field

The association may declare championships in the following sports at the grade 6 level:

- a) cross country
- b) badminton
- c) track and field

Any school that fails to indicate its intention will not be allowed to participate in that particular activity during that particular year. Schools that are late to enter into a sport competition (maximum two days late) will be allowed to enter but will be fined \$100.00 per sport and per level (High school/Middle Years).

ARTICLE VI

Performance Bond

Each school shall submit an initial performance bond of \$100.00 to the Treasurer of S.A.C.

Any S.A.C. school which withdraws an athletic team or a group of individuals in an athletic event, from a conference league, tournament, or competition, such that its withdrawal cause complications with respect to scheduling of games, format of the draw or tournament, or requisition of buses, and officials is subject to forfeiture of the most recently paid bond posted by that school. Furthermore, the school will also reimburse any schools teacher(s) substitute and/or schools transportation and/or officials costs due to their withdrawal at a home game/tournament/competition in the situation that the visiting team was not informed of the cancellation of the game with less than 24 hours notice. Governance of this notion will be conducted according to the following criteria.

1. President of the S.A.C.
2. Secretary of the S.A.C.
3. the convener of the sport in which the incident occurred

ARTICLE VII

Forfeiture of Performance Bond

Any school that forfeits their performance bond shall replace the bond by doubling that amount. EG. First forfeiture \$100.00, second forfeiture \$200.00, to a maximum of \$200.00 per forfeiture after two. Failure to do so and the school become ineligible for S.A.C. competition.

ARTICLE VIII

Reinstatement

Once a decision is made for forfeiture to occur, that school will be given a reasonable amount of time to post a further bond which allows that school to be re-instated in further S.A.C competitions.

ARTICLE IX

Appeal of Forfeiture

Schools may appeal forfeiture of the bond according to Article X, Avenue of Appeal.

ARTICLE X

Avenue of Appeal

If a school feels that the decision to forfeit the bond was unfair, it must indicate this IN WRITING to the president of S.A.C. no later than ONE WEEK after the decision to forfeit the bond was communicated to that school.

In the case of the appeal, the school appealing will be allowed to compete in S.A.C. events until the appeal has been held.

Any appeal must be made at the next regularly scheduled S.A.C. meeting at which point in time the offending school will make their appeal to all persons present. A majority vote by all members present (excluding members of the offending school) will decide whether the forfeiture will stand or be defeated. There will be no avenue for appeal for the aforementioned process.

ARTICLE XI

Bond Carry-over

The bond shall be held over from year to year, each year starting with a "clean slate" Eg. The initial bond shall be carried over if the school is up-to-date on its bond from the previous year.

ARTICLE XII

Interest Accrued

Interest accrued from the bonds shall be placed in the general revenue of the association.

ARTICLE XIII

Meetings

There shall be an Annual June meeting of this association. The exact time and place of this meeting is to be set by the executive, and all association and other council members are to be notified at least one week prior to the date set.

General Meetings – there shall be a minimum of 4 general meetings per school year. Exact time, date, and place of the meeting is to be set by the President. All association and other council members are to be notified at least one week prior to the date set.

ARTICLE XIV

Registration Sport Fees

Each school will pay a registration sport fee (approved by the member schools of S.A.C.) when necessary to offset costs of running the championship.

ARTICLE XV

Reports

The convener must distribute a written or verbal report at the next Association meeting following the final play-offs. The report should include:

1. Entries
2. Results – play-off results including all game scores
3. Tournament observations
4. Recommendations for the coming year.

ARTICLE XVI

Organization of League and Tournament Play

The convener shall be responsible for setting up the assigned league or tournament championship events. The convener will organize and conduct the championship tournament. The convener will follow the approved sport guidelines set forth in the S.A.C. Convener Rules Guidelines Handbook

ARTICLE XVII

Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship rule: HIGH STANDARDS OF COURTESY, FAIR PLAY, AND SPORTSMANSHIP MUST BE DEMONSTRATED BY COACHES AND ATHLETES IN ALL ASSOCIATION COMPETITIONS. Good sportsmanship, respect for others, and fair play are basically the motives through which an interscholastic athletic program is justified and defended.

Discipline Issues: In regards to discipline issues of athletes and coaches, SAC vests authority in the convener of the sport and the executive to investigate on any reported flagrant violation(s) of the sportsmanship rule (article XVII) occurring during S.A.C competition.

Reported violations shall be resolved in a manner sufficient to S.A.C. Sports Conduct Policy to correct the problem. This involves a statement of the findings by the Sport Convener and/or the SAC executive sent to the school administration involved with the infraction. It is the association's desire that the schools administration will support and uphold the findings and the discipline recommendations of the SAC in regards to the infractions occurring with their athlete(s) and coaches.

Article XVIII

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather creating the need to postpone/cancel a SAC competition the following should guide the process:

- Schools are responsible for monitoring their local and regional weather forecasts.
- In the event that it looks like there is a possibility of being unable to travel or host, the school in that situation should notify the sport convener and any other schools affected (I.E. the schools competing and the host in the case of a neutral site event).
- This communication should happen as early as possible, with the final decision to postpone made by 2:00 p.m. for evening games, and prior to 8:00 a.m. for daytime events.
- In the event of a postponement, the event shall be rescheduled for the rain/weather date agreed upon and indicated on the SAC sports' calendar.
- If there is no available weather date, the affected schools should attempt to re-schedule the postponed event at a mutually agreeable date and time, and notify the convener.
- In the event that an event is unable to be re-scheduled due to continuing inclement weather, lack of available dates or facilities, or an inability to find a mutually agreeable time, and a voluntary forfeit does not occur, the convener and SAC Executive will determine how to proceed.
- The cost of officials for cancelled events will be covered by SAC in the event a payment is required.