CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1

PHILOSOPHY, OBJECTIVES AND DUTIES

1.1 **NAME AND NATURE OF ORGANIZATION** – The Arizona Interscholastic Association is a non-profit corporation under the laws of the state of Arizona, operating as a voluntary association of member high schools, referred to here and after as "AIA", "Corporation" or the "Association".

1.2 **OFFICES** – The principal office for the transaction of business of the corporation shall be at Phoenix, Arizona, but the corporation may transact business elsewhere in the state of Arizona.

1.3 **PHILOSOPHY** – The philosophy of the Association is that interscholastic athletics and activities are beneficial to the total education program.

1.3.1 The Association is committed to education based, competitive and fair interscholastic opportunities for both girls and boys in all AIA member high schools.

1.3.2 The Association believes there is a need for maintaining a proper balance between the academic programs and extracurricular athletics and activities of the member schools.

1.4 **OBJECTIVES** – The AIA seeks to supplement the overall aims and objectives of secondary schools by organizing, developing, directing and regulating athletics and activities by:

1.4.1 Regulating athletics and activities of a competitive nature which involve more than one school when a championship, winner or rating is to be determined and authorized by its member schools.

1.4.2 Initiating and pursuing policies that will safeguard the educational value of interscholastic contests and cultivate ideals of cooperation, friendship and good sportsmanship among member schools.

1.4.3 Ensuring that interscholastic athletics and activities remain an integral part of the knowledge, skills, attitudes and proper emotional patterns of high school youth.

1.4.4 Preventing the exploitation of high school youth and of the programs of member schools by special interest groups, firms, organizations, institutions and outside organized agencies whose purposes are contrary to those of the Association.

1.4.5 Protecting the best interests of the Association member schools in all athletic and activity areas under AIA jurisdiction.

1.4.6 Working with the member schools to create and administer uniform eligibility rules governing participation in interscholastic contests.

1.5 **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES** – The duties and responsibilities of the AIA shall be as follows:

1.5.1 To accomplish its stated objectives, the AIA is authorized to buy, own, sell, lease, sublease, manage and mortgage such real, personal, and intellectual property as may be reasonably necessary in the operation of the corporation as a nonprofit membership association; to borrow money, contract for credit, and operate such incidental business activities as may be necessary for realizing its objectives.

1.5.2 The Corporation shall abide by all laws and requirements relating to nonprofit corporations and shall make all reasonable efforts to operate in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.

1.5.3 The Corporation shall conduct its affairs through an Executive Board, consisting of a President, Vice President, Executive Director, and such additional board Members as may be permitted by the laws of the corporation and the State of Arizona. The Executive Director shall also serve as Treasurer.

1.5.4 It shall be the responsibility of this Association to develop and employ procedures according to the terms of this Constitution as hereinafter set forth to realize the stated objectives of the Association.

1.6 **INDEBTEDNESS** – The highest amount of indebtedness or liability, direct or contingent, to which the corporation may at any one time subject itself is one million dollars ($1,000,000.00).

1.7 **DISSOLUTION** – In the event of dissolution of this corporation, all assets remaining after payments of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to the member schools.