

# **BIG8** CONFERENCE CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION

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## **Article I – Name**

The name of this athletic conference shall be the BIG 8 CONFERENCE.

## **Article II – Purpose**

### **Section A**

The purposes of this conference are:

1. To sponsor and govern competitive sports among members of this conference and any other institution, organization, club or team in accordance with the State Athletic Constitution and the provisions of this Constitution and its By-Laws;
2. To foster broad programs of men's and women's intercollegiate athletics which are consistent with the educational objectives of the member schools; and
3. To encourage excellence in performance of all participants in intercollegiate athletics as well as to stimulate academic achievement through high standards of scholarship.

### **Section B**

1. This conference is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any further federal tax code.
2. No part of the net earnings of this Conference shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by any organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## **Article III – Membership**

Membership of this conference shall be composed of those member colleges belonging to the Community College League of California and designated and approved by the Commission on Athletics Board and in good financial standing in regard to membership dues and commitments.

## **Article IV – Officers**

The officers of this conference shall be a President, Vice-President, Past-President and Commissioner.

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## **Article V – Meetings**

Conference meetings will be held regularly each Fall and Spring. Special meetings may be convened by the President and / or Commissioner or by the request of a majority of Conference Representatives.

## **Article VI – Committees**

The President, in consultation with the Commissioner, will appoint committees from the conference membership as necessary. These may either be standing committees or ad hoc committees to accomplish specific functions.

## **Article VII – Amendment of the Constitution**

Any article, section or provision of this Constitution or its By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed by the affirmative vote of no fewer than two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of conference representatives present at a scheduled conference meeting provided that any change must first be submitted in writing to each member of the Conference at least three (3) weeks in advance of said meeting. The presence of two-thirds (2/3) of the member colleges (see Article 3, Section 5, By-laws) shall constitute a quorum at said meeting.

In cases where the Constitution or By-Laws need to be altered, amended or repealed without the changes being submitted three weeks prior to the meeting, “emergency items” may be approved under certain circumstances.

“Emergency items” must be passed by a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote of the quorum established at the beginning of the scheduled meeting. A quorum is defined as three-quarters (3/4) of the member institutions being represented at said meeting. The legislation will include an effective date.

## **Article VIII – Ratification**

This Constitution and its By-Laws shall become ratified by the affirmative vote of no less than two-thirds of the total number of conference representatives present.

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