

CONSTITUTION OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION THE UNITED STATES SPORTS ACADEMY

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the United States Sports Academy Alumni Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose and objective of this organization shall be to promote the advancement and development of the United States Sports Academy.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - All students who have taken one or more classes at any level (includes degree and continuing education courses) at the Academy shall be eligible for membership in the Alumni Association. The effective date of membership shall be the date the student enrolls.

Section 2 - Any person who has rendered outstanding service to the Academy or the Alumni Association may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the Alumni Steering Committee. Honorary members shall enjoy the same rights and privileges of membership, except that honorary members shall not be eligible to hold office or vote in the Alumni Association.

Section 3 - All individuals receiving honors or recognition from the Academy shall be considered members of the Alumni Association.

ARTICLE IV - THE RIGHTS OF ALUMNI

Section 1 - All authority vested in the Alumni Association is derived from the Alumni Steering Committee in conjunction with the Academy.

ARTICLE V – MANAGEMENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Section 1 – The management of this Association shall be vested in the Alumni Association Steering Committee and the Executive Director. The Executive Director and members of the Steering Committee shall be from the United States Sports Academy faculty and staff, preferably alumni of the institution, and be appointed by the Administration of the Academy. The Executive Director with the advice and consent of the Steering Committee shall coordinate and execute the affairs of the Alumni Steering Committee.

Section 2 – The Alumni Steering Committee shall be comprised of 5 voting members who shall serve a term of three years.

Section 3 –The Executive Director shall serve as the liaison between the Alumni Association and the Administration of the Academy.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 1 - The Executive Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Alumni Association and represent the Alumni Association to the Academy; call at his/her discretion special meetings of the Alumni Steering Committee; represent the Alumni Association to appropriate groups; appoint with the advice and consent of the Alumni Steering Committee the chairs of all standing and *ad hoc* committees.

Section 2 - The recording secretary shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Alumni Steering Committee and shall be responsible for the recording of minutes of all Alumni Steering Committee meetings and act as liaison to the Academy concerning communications and publications as requested.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

Standing Committees of the Alumni Association shall be appointed by the Alumni Steering Committee and the Executive Director.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Alumni Association meetings will be scheduled and administered by the Executive Director.

ARTICLE IX - ELECTIONS

Elections shall be conducted contingent upon the needs and growth of the Alumni Association.

ARTICLE X - PROCEDURES

All parliamentary matters not specifically defined in these by-laws shall be governed in accordance with *Roberts Rules of Order, Revised*. The Executive Director shall be the Parliamentarian at Alumni Association Steering Committee meetings.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

The Executive Director and the Alumni Steering Committee shall have the power and authority to amend, alter or repeal this constitution or any provisions thereof, and may from time to time make additional Articles.

ARTICLE XII - BY-LAWS

The Executive Director and the Alumni Steering Committee are responsible for the development of the By-Laws for the operation of the Association.

ARTICLE XIII – ALUMNI MEMBER BENEFITS

- A network connection with thousands of sports professionals
- A 10% discount at the Academy's Sports Bookstore
- Special access to the United States Sports Academy Alumni Association Facebook page (must be a member of Facebook to join)
- Access to the United States Sports Academy's LinkedIn, Google Plus, and Pinterest pages
- Academy publications such as *The Academy Update* and *The Alumni Network*