

# **BITTERROOT HOMESCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION (MaxPreps: Bitterroot Homeschool)**

**Amended July 6, 2020  
Adopted July 17, 2018**

The name of the organization shall be known as Bitterroot Homeschool Athletic Association (BHAA).

## **ARTICLE I: Purpose**

- To provide an athletic association for local, autonomous Christian/church schools and home school associations.
- To teach Christian character through athletics.
- To provide Christian young people fellowship and competition with other Christians.
- To promote each school's/association's spirit, unity and enthusiasm for the glory of God.

## **ARTICLE II: Statement of Faith**

We believe in and unqualifiedly affirm:

- The inspiration of the Bible, equally in all parts and without error in its origin.
- The one God, eternally existent Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who created man by a direct immediate act.
- The pre-existence, incarnation, virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, ascension to Heaven, and second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The fall of man, the need of regeneration by the operation of the Holy Spirit on the basis of grace through faith and the resurrection of all; to life or damnation.
- The spiritual relationship of all believers by the Lord Jesus Christ, living a life of righteous works, separated from the world, witnessing of His saving grace through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

## **ARTICLE III: Board Members**

1. A board member must either be a homeschool parent or a previous board member (or liaison for private Christian school), but not a coach or spouse of a coach. Each team should have at least one representative on the board (volleyball, girls' & boys' basketball, etc.).
2. A president will be nominated and voted in by unanimous vote of the existing board members when the current president steps down.
3. New board members may be nominated and voted in by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the existing board members.
4. The board may elect a secretary and a treasurer from among its membership.
5. A board member may be removed from the board with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of existing members.

#### **ARTICLE IV: Rules of Conduct**

Those participating must conduct themselves in a moral and respectful manner consistent with the purposes of the BHAA and its statement of faith.

In the spirit of Matthew 18, disputes should be addressed between the individuals involved. If the matter is still unresolved then the board will make the final decision.

#### **Article V: Amending the Constitution**

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of board members. Notification of proposed changes shall be presented to the members three (3) weeks prior to the said meeting.

# BITTERROOT HOMESCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

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## Responsibilities of Board Members and Athletic Director

- a. Board Members
  - a. Read through MCAA Constitution & By-Laws annually, as well as Guidelines, Code of Conduct, and MHSA/MOA Concussion and Injury Procedure.
  - b. Handle problems concerning rules of conduct in accordance with Article IV of the BHAA Constitution.
  - c. Other responsibilities: equipment, fundraising, team management, background checks, annual certification.
- b. President
  - a. Act as chair of all BHAA meetings.
  - b. Settle disputes concerning the interpretation of rules or events sponsored by the BHAA.
- c. Secretary
  - a. Maintain minutes of the meetings.
- d. Treasurer
  - a. Collect all funds due the organization and make disbursements for payments of all obligations as authorized by the board.
  - b. Submit monthly statements to the board, covering all receipts and expenditures, and an end-of-year balance sheet.
  - c. Renew team liability insurance annually.

## Rules to Be Used for BHAA Sports

- a. Eligibility
  - a. Per MCAA requirements (see MCAA By-Laws, Article V)
  - b. Must be homeschool student (exceptions per MCAA By-Laws)
- b. Games
  - a. Montana High School Association Rules
  - b. Uniform regulations will be followed as stated in the MHSA Rule Book.
  - c. Scorers, timers, and assistant coaches will be either at the score bench or on the team bench during the game.
- c. Coaches
  - a. Complete application and background check.
  - b. Coaches are to complete a coaching clinic online at [www.MHSA.org](http://www.MHSA.org).
  - c. Coaches are to complete concussion training annually at <https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html> (forward a copy of your certificate to the Athletic Director).

- d. Complete annual certification paperwork at meeting with board representative to continue in position, to be approved each year by the board.
- d. Discipline
  - a. Players or coaches ejected from an athletic contest must sit out the next like game.
  - b. The homeschool athletic association board will enforce the rules, a member of which will be present at each home game (barring any unforeseen circumstances).
  - c. The BHAA prohibits any use of tobacco, alcohol, and/or other illegal drugs. Violation will mandate a minimum of a 6-game suspension and may cause the competitor to be disqualified from further participation at the discretion of the board. Board members who are parents of participants under disciplinary action will not be allowed to vote on that action.
  - d. Any board member or coach may be removed, either with or without cause, by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors, at a meeting where the item was placed on the written agenda distributed at least two weeks in advance.
  - e. If an allegation of improper conduct, behavior inconsistent with the Purpose or Statement of Faith, or other action not in keeping with an individual's role is made, the Board will investigate the allegation and take such action as it determines is necessary. Such action may include counseling, a stepped discipline process, termination of employment or other action, as the Board shall choose. An investigative committee composed of the President and two other members of the Board appointed by the President shall conduct an investigation and make a recommendation to the Board for action.