

**ARTICLE I
NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

- (A) The name of the Corporation shall be the Ohio State Taekwondo Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation".
- (B) The principal office of the Corporation shall be located in the city in Ohio where the President resides.

**ARTICLE II
TYPE AND DURATION**

- (A) The Corporation shall be an Ohio not-for-profit Corporation and shall apply for and maintain Federal tax-exempt status pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (B) The existence of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

**ARTICLE III
PURPOSE AND DUTIES**

- (A) The purpose of the Corporation shall be as stated in the Statement of Purpose contained in its Articles of Incorporation, a copy of which are attached hereto as Appendix A and made a part hereof, and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - 1) To develop interest and participation throughout the State of Ohio in the sports and martial arts aspects of Taekwondo and to support the National Governing Body for sport Taekwondo in the United States of America (hereinafter "NGB"), currently USA-Taekwondo;
 - 2) To conduct state qualification events that are designed to encourage and secure the participation of Ohio athletes in NGB events;
 - 3) To support Ohio athletes and referees who participate in NGB National competitions;
 - 4) To promote the growth and development of Taekwondo within the State of Ohio through the hosting of seminars and activities designed to foster the growth of Taekwondo within Ohio;
 - 5) To provide equitable support and encouragement for participation in Taekwondo programs for male and female Ohio athletes and referees without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation or national origin;
 - 6) To provide and to coordinate technical information on physical training, coaching, refereeing and performance;
 - 7) To encourage physical fitness and to improve the quality of both competitive and non-competitive Taekwondo among those who participate solely for the physical, educational, or social benefits derived therefrom;
 - 8) To support any NGB National Event that takes place within the State of Ohio.
 - 9) Any other lawful purpose.
- (B) The duties of the Corporation shall be to take such actions as may further the purposes set forth in its Articles of Incorporation, including but not limited to the following:
 - 1) To conduct an NGB-sanctioned qualification tournament that will serve as the vehicle for Ohio State Taekwondo athletes to participate in NGB National events;
 - 2) To designate teams and individuals to represent the State of Ohio in NGB National events;
 - 3) To designate and send (if possible) at least two national level referees to represent the Corporation in NGB National events;

- 4) To file an annual financial report and any state tax return with the NGB Headquarters Office no later than May 15 of each year;
- 5) To send a copy of the minutes of the Mid-Year Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Corporation to the Membership Services Manager of NGB by return receipt mail, or e-mail, within thirty (30) days of the date of the meeting;
- 6) To send a report to the Membership Services Manager of NGB within thirty (30) days of the date of the election of officers and athlete representatives of the Corporation, by certified mail return receipt requested, or e-mail. In the report the State President must identify the officers and athlete representatives for the Corporation and must attest that these individuals were elected in accordance with the Corporation bylaws.
- 7) To facilitate, through orderly and effective administrative procedures, the resolution of conflicts or disputes which involve any member, athletes, coaches, instructors, trainers, managers, state officials or administrators arising in connection with participation in Corporation activities and/or events;
- 8) To adhere to, and to promote the Safe Sport policies as adopted by the NGB National Office;
- 9) To provide financial support or value in kind, if possible, to athletes and referees that represent the Corporation at NGB National Events;
- 10) To publish a newspaper, magazine, website or other media publications to promote state activities;
- 11) To amend these Bylaws in a manner not inconsistent with the Bylaws of the NGB, or with the laws of the United States of America or the State of Ohio.
- 12) To file in the office of the Ohio Secretary of State an Appointment of Statutory Agent upon whom legal process or demands against the Corporation may be served.

The Corporation shall not have power to issue stock or engage in business for profit or gain except as is permitted by the not-for-profit corporation laws of the State of Ohio and pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERS

- (A) **Members.** The Members of the Corporation shall be Taekwondo Clubs and Taekwondo Club Owners, Taekwondo Instructors, Coaches and Referees, and Taekwondo Students and Athletes who are located in and reside within the State of Ohio and are registered individual, athlete, or club members of the NGB.
- (B) **Voting Members.** A Voting Member of the Corporation shall have one (1) vote at all meetings of the Corporation and is a Member who:
 - 1) Is currently registered as an individual member of the NGB;
 - 2) Is the owner of a Taekwondo School or Club that is located in the State of Ohio, is currently a Club Member of the NGB, and has minimum of thirty-five (35) students or club members who are currently registered athlete members of the NGB ("Qualified Owner") and Members of the Corporation. Prior to the Annual Meeting of 2018, if there are fewer than five (5) Qualified Owners in Ohio who are active in the affairs of the Corporation, the owners of all Taekwondo Schools and Clubs that are currently registered Club Members of the NGB, and have a minimum of fifteen (15) students or club members who are currently registered athlete members of the NGB shall be deemed Voting Members until such time as there are five (5) Qualified Owners. In any event, as of the Annual Meeting of 2018, only Qualified Owners may vote.

- 3) Has completed and passed a background check through the NGB at the expense of the Member who wishes to be a Voting Member.

**ARTICLE V
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- (A) **Governance.** The governing body of the Corporation shall be the Board of Directors which shall have full power to control and to manage its operational and fiscal activities; to determine all of its policies; and to manage its tangible and intangible properties, subject only to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, these bylaws, the bylaws of the NGB, and the pertinent state and federal laws.
- (B) **Composition.** The Board of Directors shall consist of the six (6) Officers of the Corporation, three (3) Regional Representatives, two (2) Grandmaster Representatives, and three (3) Athlete Representatives.
- (C) **Term of Office.** An Officer or Representative shall be a member of the Board of Directors for the duration of his or her term of office.
- (D) **Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors.** The Board of Directors shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Corporation in accordance the Ohio Revised Code, its Articles of Incorporation, the bylaws of the NGB, and these Bylaws. The powers and authority of the Board of Directors shall include, but are not limited to the powers:
 - 1) To enact, revise, amend, or repeal the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws by a 2/3 vote of its members present, upon thirty (30) days written notice to all current members of the Board of Directors. Notice shall be sent by email, with proof of delivery or certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall be deemed given on the date emailed or postmarked;
 - 2) To receive and review reports of all committees, the Officers, and other persons concerning the activities of the Corporation on matters in which the Corporation may be interested;
 - 3) To remove from the Board of Directors at a properly called meeting any members of the Board of Directors by a 2/3 vote of the members of the Board of Directors present;
 - 4) To fill vacancies on the Board of Directors by a majority vote;
 - 5) To authorize and allocate application fees, dues, other revenues for and of the Corporation;
 - 6) To call regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors as provided in these Bylaws.
 - 7) To appoint and approve Committees as provided herein;
 - 8) To approve the rules, procedures, regulations, and activities of the Committees of the Corporation;
 - 9) To delegate (but not relinquish), powers and authority of the Corporation to the Officers and the Executive Committee;
 - 10) To function as an Amateur Sports Organization as that term is defined in the Amateur Sports Act of 1979, and to otherwise support and further the purposes of that act;
 - 11) To review and adopt and annual budget;
 - 12) To review and act upon the report of an independent auditor;
 - 13) To employ or authorize the employment of such staff as needed or appropriate;
 - 14) To adopt such special rules of order, standing rules, and policies as may be needed and required to govern its proceedings and the affairs of the Corporation; and
 - 15) To exercise such other duties and powers as provided or prescribed for the Board by the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, the bylaws of the NGB, and pertinent state and federal laws.
- (E) **Compensation.** The members of the Board of Directors, the members of the Executive Committee, and all elected or appointed officials of the Corporation shall not receive compensation for their

services but shall be reimbursed for authorized expenditures made on behalf of the Corporation if such expenditures are authorized by the Board and if documentation of the authorized expenditure is provided along with a completed Expense Reimbursement Form issued by the Board.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (A) The Board of Directors shall serve as the Executive Committee of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CORPORATION

- (A) **Officers.** There shall be six officers, a President, three (3) Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The officers shall be elected by the Voting Members of the Corporation for a term of two years or until their successors are elected and take office.

1) The President:

- a) Shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and shall be responsible for carrying out all of the policies of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. The President shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or any Codes of Operations of the Corporation.
- b) Shall be ex officio a voting member of all Standing and Special Committees.
- c) Shall appoint the chairmen and members of Standing and Special Committees.
- d) Shall, through the appropriate officers and committees, coordinate all day-to-day functions of the Corporation.

2) The Vice-Presidents:

- a) Shall perform such duties as are delegated or assigned to them by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, or the President.
- b) In the absence of the President, a Vice President designated by the President shall perform the duties of the President until he or she returns.
- c) In the event of the resignation, removal, or permanent incapacity of the President, the Board of Directors shall elect from among the three Vice-Presidents a successor to the office of President for the remainder of the past President's term.

3) The Secretary:

- a) Shall be the Secretary of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee.
- b) Shall keep the seal and the records of the Corporation; give notice of meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee; supervise the taking, production and distribution of minutes; attend to the publication of official reports; attest documents; and perform such other functions as usually pertain to the office of Secretary.
- c) Shall discharge such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, or the President.
- d) Shall send a copy of the minutes of each regular meeting of the Board of Directors to all Members of the Corporation at least forty (40) days prior to the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors. Minutes of special meetings shall be sent to all Members of the Corporation not later than thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the special meeting. Minutes of all meetings shall be sent via regular mail or email.

4) The Treasurer:

- a) Shall be in charge of the funds and books of account of the Corporation and shall administer and maintain them.
- b) Shall receive and deposit the funds of the Corporation in such banks or depositories as shall be authorized by the Executive Committee.
- c) Shall disburse funds upon the presentation of a voucher or such other verification of expense presented in such manner as may be authorized by the Executive Committee with the approval of the President and at least one Vice-President.
- d) Shall prepare or cause to be prepared, an annual and mid-year financial report to the Board of Directors, quarterly written reports to the Executive Committee, and such special reports as may from time to time be requested by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall cause all such reports to be delivered to the members of the Board of Directors and the members of the Executive Committee via regular mail or email. The annual and mid-year reports shall be delivered not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the annual and mid-year meetings.
- e) Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, or the President.

(B) **Regional Representatives.** There shall be three (3) Regional Representatives who shall be members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, one to represent the Southern Region of the State of Ohio, one to represent the Middle Region, and one to represent the Northern Region. The Regional Representatives shall be elected by the Voting Members of the Corporation.

(C) **Grandmaster Representatives.** There shall be two (2) Grandmaster Representative to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. The Grandmaster Representatives shall be elected by the Voting Members of the Corporation.

(D) **Athlete Representatives.** The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee shall be comprised at all times of not less than twenty (20) per cent Athlete Representatives of the Corporation's Athletes Advisory Committee. The Athlete Representatives shall be elected by the members of the Athletes Advisory Committee.

(E) **Officer and Representative Eligibility.** The Officers and Representatives:

- 1) Shall be citizens of the United States of America and the State of Ohio and shall make their domicile (permanent residence) in the State of Ohio;
- 2) Shall have been a Member in good standing and active in the affairs of the Corporation for not less than the three (3) consecutive full years, immediately preceding the date of the election;
- 3) Shall have been a registered individual member of the NGB in good standing for not less than the three (3) consecutive full years immediately preceding the date of the election;
- 4) Shall be a Voting Member of the Corporation; and,
- 5) Shall be elected without discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, or national origin

(F) **Term of Office.**

- 1) The Officers and Representatives shall be elected in the even-numbered years at the Annual Meeting and shall take office on the first day of the month of April next following the election and shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected and take office.
- 2) An Officer may be reelected to his/her current office or to another office without limitation as to the number of terms served, except that the President may serve only two consecutive terms as President. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the President may serve again as President after being out of office for at least one full term of two years.
- 3) In the event of the death, resignation, removal, or other incapacity of the President, the Board of

Directors shall elect from among the three Vice-Presidents, a successor to complete the remainder of the President's term of office. A Vice-President who has succeeded to the office of President due to the death, resignation, removal or other incapacity of the President and who has served for One (1) year or longer, shall be considered to have served one (1) full term as President.

(G) Bond, Audit of Books and Records, Indemnification, and Errors and Omissions Coverage.

- 1) All Officers, Representatives, and employees handling funds of the Corporation shall be bonded in such amounts as may be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee. The Corporation shall pay the expense of obtaining any such bonds.
- 2) Annually, an Independent Certified Public Accountant selected by the Board of Directors shall audit the books of the Corporation, its accounts, and the financial reports and records of the Treasurer and any other person handling funds of the OSTA, except that if the Board determines that the Corporation does not have sufficient funds to pay for the audit, the Board may suspend the annual audit. Notwithstanding a Board decision to suspend an audit, a Member may demand an audit at any time provided that the Member shall pay the cost of the audit.
- 3) Each person who is or was an elected Officer or Representative of the Corporation, including their heirs, executors, administrators or estates, shall be indemnified by the Corporation to the full extent permitted by the not-for-profit corporation laws of the State of Ohio against any liability, cost or expense incurred by him or her in his or her official capacity.
- 4) The Corporation may, as determined by the Board of Directors, maintain errors and omissions insurance and such other insurance as may be necessary, at its expense, to protect itself and any such person against any liability, cost or expense.

**ARTICLE VIII
MEETINGS**

- (A) Regular Meetings and Scheduling.** The Board of Directors shall hold the following regular meetings each year for the conduct of the business of the Corporation:
- 1) **The Annual Meeting.** The Annual Meeting shall be held in November and shall be complete no later than November 30 to insure compliance with NGB requirements and to avoid forfeiture of the Corporation's State Association status with the NGB.
 - 2) **The Mid-Year Meeting.** The Mid-Year meeting shall be held in May.
 - 3) **Scheduling of Meetings.** At each regular meeting of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall fix the time and place of the next regular meeting. The time and place shall be noted in the minutes of the meeting at which the time and place were fixed.
- (B) Notice.** The Secretary shall give written notice via regular mail or e-mail of the time and place of the Annual meeting and Mid-Year meeting to all Voting Members of the Corporation, all owners of club members of the NGB, and to each member of the Board of Directors at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting date.
- (C) Attendance at Meetings.** Voting Members may attend all Regular Meetings of the Corporation. At the discretion of the President or by vote of the Board, other interested persons may be allowed to attend. A meeting may be closed upon order of the President or upon passage of a motion to Go Into Executive Session, either of which shall require all who are not members of the Board to leave the room.

- (D) **Agenda.** There shall be an Agenda for each Regular Meeting of the Corporation. The Executive Committee shall prepare the agenda.
- 1) A Voting Member may place any matter relating to the affairs or purposes of the Corporation on the Agenda of a Regular Meeting; provided that, at least thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting, a written notice is submitted to the Secretary by regular mail or e-mail describing specifically the matter to be placed on the Agenda and stating the Voting Member's proposal with respect to the matter. Matters so noticed shall be placed on the Agenda without requiring approval of the Board of Directors, except as provided in Article VIII, Section D.5. of these Bylaws.
 - 2) The President, the Board, or the Executive Committee may place any matter on the Agenda at any time. However, any Agenda item added by the President or the Executive Committee after distribution of the tentative Agenda shall be added only upon approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Voting Members of the Board present at the meeting.
 - 3) At least fifteen (15) days before each Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, the Secretary shall distribute a copy of the tentative Agenda to each known Member and Voting Member of the Corporation.
 - 4) The Executive Committee shall hold an Agenda meeting before each regular meeting of the Corporation to establish the order of the Agenda items.
 - 5) The following Agenda items shall be placed on the Agenda only with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the full Board:
 - a) Removal or impeachment of any elected Officer or Representative;
 - b) Removal of any member of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee.
- (E) **Quorum.** A quorum at regular and special meeting of the Corporation shall be the Voting Members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting, provided that there shall be no quorum, and no business of the Corporation shall be conducted, unless there are at least three (3) Voting Members of the Board present.
- (F) **Roberts Rules of Order.** The proceedings at all meetings of the Corporation and any procedural issues which arise shall be governed by and decided in accordance with the most recent edition of *Roberts Rules of Order*.
- (G) **The Order of Business.** The order of business at Regular Meetings of the Corporation shall be as follows unless modified or suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors:
- 1) Roll call;
 - 2) Reading and approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting (regular or special) of the Corporation;
 - 3) Treasurer's Report;
 - 4) Reports of the Officers, Regional Representatives, Grandmaster Representatives, Athlete Representatives and selected Committees;
 - 5) Special Orders
 - a) Action on proposed amendments,
 - b) Election of officers and Representatives, and
 - c) Any other Special Orders.
 - 6) Unfinished business;
 - 7) New business;
 - 8) Fixing the date and place of the next regular meeting;
 - 9) Adjournment.
- (H) **Verification of Delegates.** The Officers of the Corporation shall act as a Committee to verify the qualifications of Member to be a Voting Member and to vote at any regular meeting of the Corporation.

(I) Special Meetings.

- 1) The Board of Directors, by a majority vote, shall have the power to call special meetings of the Board or the Executive Committee for good cause.
- 2) The President shall have the power to call Special Meetings of the Board and of the Executive Committee for good cause.
- 3) In determining the time and place of any special meeting of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee, due regard shall be given to the convenience of the members of the Board or Executive Committee.
- 4) A Special Meeting is a separate session held at a time different from that of any regular meeting, and which is convened only to consider one or more items of business specified in the call of the meeting. The reason for special meetings is to deal with important matters that may arise between regular meetings and that urgently require action by the organization. The Secretary shall give notice of the time, place, and exact purpose of the meeting at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance of such meetings. No business shall be conducted at a special meeting that is not specified in the notice of the meeting. If at a special meeting it becomes urgent in an emergency to take action for which no notice has been given, the business shall first be approved as an Agenda item by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members present at the meeting. In cases of emergency where thirty (30) days' notice is not possible, the Secretary shall give notice of a special meeting immediately upon the calling of the meeting. Written notice of all special meetings shall be given via regular mail or email. The notice shall include the time and place of the special meeting, the purpose of the meeting, and the meeting agenda.
- 5) Special meetings of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee shall not be called by any person or body unless the power to call special meetings is specifically conferred upon that body or person by these Bylaws.

(J) Action Without a Meeting.

- 1) Any action that may be authorized or taken at a meeting of the Board or Executive Committee may be authorized or taken without a meeting upon the affirmative vote of or written approval signed by all of the Board or Executive Committee members who would be entitled to notice of a special meeting for the purpose that the Articles of Incorporation permit. Any such writing shall be filed with the Secretary to be entered upon the records of the Corporation.
- 2) For the purpose of these bylaws, when an urgent or necessary piece of business demands immediate action and an in-person meeting of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee is not possible or practical, a single-issue ballot may be taken using authorized communication equipment as set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 1702.01Q.¹ The results of such a meeting shall be reported and recorded in the minutes of the next meeting of that body.

¹ Ohio Revised Code Section 1702.01 Q provides that "any communications equipment that provides a transmission, including, but not limited to, by telephone, telecopy, or any electronic means, from which it can be determined that the transmission was authorized by, and accurately reflects the intention of, the member or director involved and, with respect to meetings, allows all persons participating in the meeting to contemporaneously communicate with each other."

**ARTICLE IX
NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES**

- (A) **Nominating Committee.** The Officers shall be the Nominating Committee and shall nominate candidates, determine the eligibility of Members for a position as an Officer or Representative² and monitor the election procedure. The Committee shall have the following additional duties:
- 1) Receive letters of intent from Members desiring to be a candidate.
 - 2) Review and determine the acceptability of any petition submitted by a Member who wishes to be considered as a candidate for a position as an Officer or Representative.
 - 3) Nominate at least one candidate for each position, and
 - 4) Issue suitable procedures to address any election, nomination, and succession issues not specifically addressed by these Bylaws.
- (B) **Nomination Procedures.**
- 1) Any Member who desires to be nominated for a position as an Officer or Representative of the Corporation shall submit a Letter of Intent to run for election. The Letter of Intent shall be submitted by certified mail return receipt requested or by email with proof of delivery to the Chair of the Nominating Committee not later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date of the election. In the Letter of Intent, the Member shall identify a single position for which he/she would like to be nominated, state his or her qualifications for the position, and agree to be nominated and to serve if elected.
 - 2) Not later than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, the Nominating Committee shall create a list of Members who submitted Letters of Intent and who are eligible for nomination. The list shall be for the use of the Committee.
 - 3) Not later than eighty (80) days before the date of the election, the Nominating Committee, from the list created pursuant to subparagraph 2) above, shall nominate at least one candidate for each position. Nominees may also be chosen from among the Members who did not submit Letters of Intent, if fewer than nine (9) members who submitted Letters of Intent are qualified. However, the Committee shall only be required to nominate those qualified Members who submitted Letters of Intent.
 - 4) Not later than seventy (70) days prior to the date of the election, the Nominating Committee shall provide to the Secretary the list of nominated candidates.
 - 5) Within ten (10) days of receipt of the list of candidates, the Secretary shall distribute the list of those nominated by the Nominating Committee to the nominees and to each Member of the Corporation.
 - 6) Any Member who submitted a Letter of Intent, but was not selected as candidate by the Nominating Committee may still run as a candidate for a position upon submission of a Nomination Petition signed by twenty (20) Members in good standing. The Nomination Petition shall identify only one position for which the Petitioner desires to run. The Nomination Petition shall be delivered by certified mail return receipt requested to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the election (facsimile transmission, email, or other means will not satisfy this notice requirement). Delivery shall be deemed to have occurred upon posting.
 - 7) In the event of a candidate's withdrawal, death or inability to stand for election, nominations for the office affected shall be accepted by the Nominating Committee, and from the floor at the meeting at which the election is to be held. Nominations from the floor shall be accepted only if the candidate previously filed a Letter of Intent in accordance with the procedures set forth in

² The eligibility of an athlete to run for Athletes Representative shall be determined by the Athletes Advisory Committee.

theses bylaws, and the candidacy is approved by a majority of the Members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting.

(C) Election Procedures.

- 1) The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall preside over the elections.
- 2) Prior to the election, the President shall appoint at least three tellers to collect and count the ballots. The election shall be by ballot and a majority vote shall elect. After three rounds of balloting without an election, the candidate with the fewest number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot. This shall be done in each subsequent ballot.

ARTICLE X STANDING COMMITTEES AND OHIO STATE TEAM

(A) **The Standing Committees.** The Standing Committees of the Corporation shall be as follows:

- 1) **The Events Committee.** The Events Committee shall be responsible for the organization and operation of all events and programs of the Corporation (i.e., championships, seminars, trainings, etc.). The Chair of the Events Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall serve at the President's discretion.
- 2) **The Coaches Committee.** The Coaches Committee shall be comprised of all Members who have achieved a minimum of Coaching Level I. The Committee shall be responsible for the education and training of Members in matters pertaining to Coaching Science and shall provide coaching to competitors who are in need of coaching assistance at championships of the Corporation. The Chair of the Coaches Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall serve at the President's discretion.
 - a) The Coaches Committee, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, shall establish the criteria for Ohio an athlete to qualify as a member of the team to represent Ohio at the NGB's national championship.
- 3) **The Referees Committee.** The Referees Committee shall be comprised of all Members who have achieved, at a minimum, the level of B-2 Referee. The Committee shall be responsible for the education and training of Members in matters pertaining to Competition Rules and the science of refereeing and shall be responsible to arrange for qualified referees to be present at, and officiate at, championships of the Corporation. The Chair of the Referee Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall serve at the President's discretion.
- 4) **The Athletes Advisory Committee.** The Athletes Advisory Committee shall consist of all Members who are Athlete Members of the NGB and who are residents of the State of Ohio. The Chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee shall be elected by the members of the Committee and shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Athlete representatives to the Board of Directors shall be elected by the Committee and shall also serve for a term of two (2) years. The Committee shall follow the election and nomination procedures set forth in Article IX above.

(B) **Ohio State Team.** The Ohio State Team shall represent Ohio at the NGB's national championship. The team shall consist of:

- 1) All athletes who satisfy the criteria for an Ohio athlete to qualify as a team member, and
- 2) Coaches of the team members.

**ARTICLE XI
ACCOUNTING PERIOD**

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be January 1 through December 31. The books and accounts of the Corporation shall be maintained on a calendar year basis.

We the undersigned, enact these bylaws on this the 28th day of March, 2015:

President: James W. Livingston

Vice-President: _____

Vice President: _____

Vice-President: _____

Treasurer: [Signature]

Secretary: [Signature]

Regional Representative: Catherine C. [Signature]

Regional Representative: _____

Regional Representative: _____

Grandmaster Representative: [Signature]

Grandmaster Representative: [Signature]

Athlete Representative: [Signature]

Athlete Representative: _____

Athlete Representative: _____