

(Revised 05/17/2017, at Spring special meeting)

**CONSTITUTION**  
**OF THE**  
**NORTHERN RIO GRANDE CONFERENCE**

**ARTICLE I---NAME**

This organization shall be known as the Northern Rio Grande Conference.

**ARTICLE II---PURPOSE**

The purpose of this conference is to approve, promote, develop and direct the Northern Rio Grande Conference among its member schools. Said sports to include volleyball, cross-country, basketball, track, and baseball. Said tournaments will be held at a site designated by the majority of its representative schools.

**ARTICLE III---MEMBERSHIP**

The Northern Rio Grande Conference shall consist of the following member schools provided they adopt this Constitution and pay the required dues. Dulce, Escalante, McCurdy, Mesa Vista, Mora, Pecos, Penasco and Questa.

**ARTICLE IV---OFFICERS**

Section 1---The Officers of the Conference shall be a President, Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. Any employee of a member school serving as an Athletic/Activities Director or their designee shall be eligible as an officer of this conference.

Section 2---To allow all former officers of the NRG Conference to be Grandfathered in and be allowed to be NRG Conference Officers, even though they are not presently Athletic/Activities Director or affiliated with a member school.

**ARTICLE V---ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Section 1---The election of officers shall take place at the regular Fall meeting at which time a President, Vice-President and a Secretary-Treasurer will be elected. These officers will take office immediately following the election.

Section 2---The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and two members appointed by the President at the Fall meeting, who will be rotated yearly.

Section 2a---The duties of the Board of Directors will be to review and assist in matters of financial, planning and appeals processes and help in all matters deemed necessary by the NRG Conference Officers.

## ARTICLE VI---MEETINGS

Section 1---The Athletic/Activities Director or designee is the official voter and shall represent such school at all meetings of the conference. The Athletic/Activities Director may assign a designee as the duty of voter for certain sports. Assignment may be in writing or verbally if the Director is present at the meeting.

Section 2---The dates of the three regular meetings shall be as follows: FALL---the third Monday of September, WINTER---the Sunday or Monday of the week preceding the NRG Basketball tournaments, SPRING---the Monday preceding the NRG Track Meet and Baseball Tournament.

Section 3---Special meetings may be called by the President of the Conference upon written or verbal notice to the member schools by the Secretary or the President, or at the request of the member schools.

Section 4---The majority of the member schools, at any called meeting shall constitute a quorum for the official transaction of business.

Section 5---Any school not attending a meeting will be fined \$250.00 and may be put on probation by notification to that school Superintendent by the NRG Conference President. If absent two (2) times in a school year, that school will be subject to expulsion from the Northern Rio Grande Conference.

## ARTICLE VII---FUNDS

Section 1---The member schools shall determine all necessary expenditures of monies belonging to this Conference.

Section 2---The annual dues of each member school shall be \$25.00 for the boys program and \$25.00 for the girls program, which is to be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall send billing notices to the Athletic/Activities Director or designee no later than the first day of October. Dues become delinquent on November 15<sup>th</sup> and a \$50.00 fine will be assessed for payment of late dues.

Section 3---The proceeds of the annual Northern Rio Grande Conference Basketball Tournament shall be divided amongst all teams participating as follows:

a. After game expenses (officials, ticket sellers, ticket collectors, security, balls, awards, tournament director(s), rental of facilities, custodial services, monitors, and any other fees, etc.) a certain amount, which is to be determined at the January meeting, shall be set aside to help defray expenses for Fall and Spring sports and the balance shall be divided 80% equally and 20% mileage amongst the teams.

Section 4---A yearly audit of books will be done on the day of the Spring meeting or at a Special Meeting called by the President. Audit to be done by a minimum of two (2) members of the NRG Conference, who will be volunteers or they may be appointed by the President.

## ARTICLE VIII---PARTICIPATION

Section 1a---All bona fide member schools of this organization are expected to participate in the annual basketball tournament and track & field meet sponsored by the Conference, unless otherwise excused by a majority vote of its members present at a regular or special called meeting.

Section 1b---All schools shall participate in basketball and least one sport recognized by the NRG Conference, other than basketball. These sports should be those recognized by the NMAA as season sports.

Section 1c---Any school failing to abide by Section 1b shall be placed on probation for one year and fined \$1,000.00 per game for basketball and \$500.00 for track & field meet. The probation shall be a warning. A second such violation will be cause for expulsion from the Conference.

Section 2---The eligibility of all participating contestants shall be based solely as adopted by the New Mexico Activities Association in the revised Constitution and By-Laws of the Official Handbook.

## ARTICLE IX---HALL OF FAME

1. First consider originators/organizers of the NRG Conference.
2. Have individuals been officers of the NRG Conference?
3. Consider the length of time involved in the NRG Conference.
4. Individuals CAN be nominated while active with the NRG Conference in a SCHOOL CAPACITY.

5. Just because an individual has been an Assistant Coach, Varsity Coach, or Athletic Director/Activities Director or their designee should not be criteria for selection to the Hall of Fame.
6. **MOST IMPORTANT CRITERIUM SHOULD BE:** "What has the individual done to promote athletics and sportsmanship in the NRG Conference. For Example: Director of Basketball Tournament, Cross Country Meet, Baseball Tournament, Track Meet and/or worked at such events.
7. Starting in 1998, we may start inducting Game Officials that have worked the NRG tournament and possibly later on consider basketball players that were a credit to the NRG.

#### ARTICLE X---AMENDMENTS

The articles of this constitution shall be amended only upon the majority vote of a quorum of member schools present at a Special Spring Meeting.