

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MIDWEST CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SPORTS MEDICINE

ARTICLE I: NAME, AFFILIATION, AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

Section 1: The name of the organization is the Midwest Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine.

Section 2: The Midwest Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine is an authorized, permanent, regional chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine.

Section 3: The geographic area shall include: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be to promote, at the regional level, the following objectives of the American College of Sports Medicine.

1. To promote and advance medical and other scientific studies dealing with the effect of sports and other physical activities on the health of human beings at various stages of life.
2. To cooperate with other organizations, physicians, scientists, and educators concerned with the same or related specialties.
3. To arrange for mutual meetings of physicians, educators and allied scientists.
4. To make available postgraduate education in fields related to these sciences.
5. To initiate promote and correlate research in these fields.
6. To disseminate information pertaining to various aspects of sports, other physical activities and medicine.

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION

Section 1: The Midwest Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine is a nonprofit organization.

Section 2: The main office of the organization will be located in the office of the Executive Secretary.

Section 3: The fiscal year shall be from January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership in the Midwest Chapter for the American College of Sports Medicine will not be restricted to members of the ACSM.

Section 2: Categories of Membership will be:

1. Full Member

Shall have earned a bachelor's, master's or doctor's degree from an accredited institution in a field related to health, physical education, or biology, or shall have earned a bachelor's, master's or doctor's degree in other areas and is working in a field related to health, physical education, sports medicine, or exercise science.

2. Student Member

Shall be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student in a field related to sports medicine. The student must be in good standing at an accredited institution of higher education.

3. Associate Member

Anyone who is not currently a member or student member but has an interest in the Midwest Chapter and sports medicine.

4. Professional-In-Training

Shall have a terminal degree from an accredited institution in a field related to health, physical education or biology and presently completing a program of residency or post-doctoral fellowship.

Section 3: A roll of all members of the Midwest Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine shall be kept by the Executive Secretary.

Section 4: Only Full Member of the organization and the American College of Sports Medicine shall be entitled to vote and hold office.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the Midwest Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine shall consist of a President, Past-President, President-Elect, Secretary Treasurer, Executive Secretary, Regional Representative, and six Members-at-Large.

Section 2: Terms of Office:

1. The term of office of the President, Past-President and President-Elect shall be for one year. A retiring Past-President shall be eligible immediately to serve as either Secretary-Treasurer or Member-at-Large. A retiring Past-President shall not be eligible to serve as President-Elect until one year has elapsed.

2. The term of office of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be for two years. There shall be no limit to the number of consecutive terms a person may serve as Secretary-Treasurer. A retiring Secretary-Treasurer shall be eligible immediately to serve as President-Elect, Executive Secretary, or Member-at-Large.

3. The term of office of the Executive Secretary shall be for two years. There will be no limit on the number of consecutive terms any individual can serve as Executive Secretary. A retiring Executive Secretary shall be eligible immediately to serve as President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, or Member-at-Large.

4. The term of office of each Member-at-Large shall be for three years. A retiring Member-at-Large shall be eligible immediately to serve either as President-Elect, Executive Secretary, or as Secretary-Treasurer. A retiring Member-at-Large shall not be eligible to serve again as Member-at-Large until after one year has elapsed.

5. The term of office of the Regional Representative shall be for three years. There will be no limit on the number of consecutive terms any individual can serve as Regional Representative. Eligibility for Regional Representative includes serving as Past-President of the Regional ACSM Executive Board.
- Section 3: All officers, except the President, Past-President, Regional Representative and Executive Secretary shall be elected by ballot sent to each member in good standing on or about November 15 to be returned prior to December 1. Two members-at-Large shall be elected each year. The officers shall assume their official duties following the Spring ACSM national meeting.
- Section 4: Executive Secretary:
1. The Executive Secretary shall be nominated by the President and approved by majority vote of the Board of Trustees. In order to be eligible for appointment, an individual must be a Full Member of the organization.
 2. The Executive Secretary shall serve as a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees.
- Section 5: Regional Representative:
1. The Regional Representative shall be nominated by the President and approved by majority vote of the Board of Trustees. In order to be eligible for appointment, an individual must be a Full Member of the organization.
 2. The Regional Representative shall serve as a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees accepts where the Regional Representative is also a duly elected board of good standing.
- Section 6: Any vacancy or absence in the office of the President shall be filled by the President-Elect. Vacancies or absences in the office of Member-at-Large or Secretary Treasurer shall be filled by appointment by the President. The appointee shall complete the term of the officer he or she is replacing.
- Section 7: The Executive Secretary shall maintain an administrative office through which the routine business of the organization shall be conducted.
- Section 8: The President is responsible for ensuring that the Midwest Chapter operates in accordance with the procedures described in the ACSM Regional Chapters Manual.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Section 1: The Board of Trustees shall consist of all elected officers; in addition the Executive Secretary and the Regional Representative shall both serve on the board as non-voting members.
- Section 2: The Board of Trustees shall determine policies of the organization, implement such policies, and conduct the business of the organization.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

- Section 1: The President may appoint special regional committees for various purposes.
- Section 2: All committees shall consist of at least three members of the organization, one of whom shall be appointed as chair.
- Section 3: The nominating committee for officers, consisting of three Full Members shall be appointed by the President from the membership of the organization. The President shall designate one member of the committee as chair. At the annual meeting, the chair of the nominating committee shall be present a slate of nominees for officers of the

organization. Additional nominations for the offices may be made from the floor. Each nominee shall have declared his or her willingness to accept office.

ARTICLE VIII: FUNDS

Section 1: The funds of the Midwest Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine shall be derived from the annual dues collected from each member, as well as from registration fees, endowments, gifts, grants and bequests to the organization.

Section 2: Dues for the ensuing year shall be payable at the time of the annual meeting each year.

Section 3: Funds up to a maximum amount, as approved by the Board of Trustees, may be expended by the Executive Secretary with the approval of the President. Expenditures in excess of the approved maximum must be approved by majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS

Section 1: A fall meeting of the organization shall be held in October or November each year. At least one session of the annual fall meeting shall be reserved for conducting business of the organization.

Section 2: The organization shall conduct open sessions which shall be devoted to education, practical or scientific aspects of sports medicine.

Section 3: Sites for meeting shall be designated by the officers of the organization.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

Amendment of the Constitution of the Midwest Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine may be initiated by a proposal signed by at least five members of the organization in good standing. This proposal shall be delivered to the Secretary-Treasurer in writing. The Secretary-Treasurer shall present the proposed amendment to the members at the annual business meeting. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present shall be required to adopt any amendment.

ARTICLE XI: DISSOLUTION

Section 1: The Midwest Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine shall not be dissolved while members, at least two whom are Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine, in good standing dissent. No proposal shall be considered unless four weeks in writing is given each member of the Board of Trustees.

Section 2: In the event of the dissolution of the Midwest Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine, the assets of the organization shall be transferred to the National American College of Sports Medicine.