North Atlantic Conference

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Bylaws

I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

II. Purpose

The purpose of the North Atlantic Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is to:

A. Promote communication between institutional student-athlete advisory committees and the North Atlantic Conference student-athlete advisory committee.

B. Distribute information from the North Atlantic Conference to institutional student-athlete advisory committees.

C. Serve as a voice to represent the concerns and interests of student-athletes and to discuss issues relating to student-athlete well-being.

D. Generate a student-athlete voice within North Atlantic Conference administration in the formulation of policies.

E. Solicit institutional student-athlete responses to proposed North Atlantic Conference and NCAA legislation.

F. Build a sense of community within the North Atlantic Conference involving all institutions’ athletic teams.

G. Promote a positive student-athlete image throughout conference institutions.

III. Membership

Each institution is entitled to have two voting representatives from their institutional Student-Athlete Advisory Committee participate in the North Atlantic Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Each institution may also elect an alternate North Atlantic Conference SAAC representative who may sit in for a regular delegate at conference meetings if necessary. Should an institution send three or more participants to a North Atlantic Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee meeting, however, only two representatives shall be allowed to vote. Members must
be eligible participants in varsity athletics. Member institutions should make every effort to elect one male and one female representative to the North Atlantic Conference SAAC.

IV. Meetings

The North Atlantic Conference Student Athlete Advisory Committee shall meet twice during the academic year, once during the fall semester and once during the spring semester, with additional meetings conducted via conference call if needed. Meeting sites, times, and dates will be selected by the North Atlantic Conference.

V. Officers

The North Atlantic Conference Student Athlete Advisory Committee shall have three officers (President, Vice-President, and Secretary) from different institutions.

Elections will take place each year at the spring meeting. Terms for the President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall be from July 1 to June 30 of each academic year. Previous officers are eligible for reelection if eligibility remains. Officer duties are as follows:

A. President: Preside over North Atlantic Conference Student Athlete Advisory Committee meetings, Report to the Athletics Director Council on behalf of the Conference SAAC, Chair the Programming Committee for the North Atlantic Conference.

B. Vice-President: Preside over North Atlantic Conference Student Athlete Advisory Committee meetings when the President is unavailable, Assist the President, Monitor subcommittees.

C. Secretary: Record and distribute meeting/conference call minutes, Keep attendance records, Record votes, Participate in the committee structure.

Should the President be unable to complete their term, the Vice-President will be elevated to the position of President and a new Vice-President shall be elected. Should the Vice-President / Secretary be unable to complete their term, elections will be held to replace those positions.

VI. Member Duties

Each member will be expected to participate in meetings, contribute to projects, and distribute information to their institutional Student Athlete Advisory Committees.

VII. Subcommittees

Subcommittees will be ad-hoc committees. A subcommittee will be established to address an issue that requires more time than North Atlantic Conference Student Athlete Advisory Committee meetings provide. Subcommittee membership will be on a volunteer basis.

VIII. Voting

A. Each North Atlantic Conference institution shall have up to two votes, one from each of its voting representatives present at the meeting.
B. Each individual member may cast only one vote. An individual cannot vote for both representatives of their school, or for a representative of any other school.
C. A quorum (two-thirds) of the membership must be present to vote on an item.
D. General items shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present at the time of voting.
E. Ties will be broken by the President’s vote.

IX. Amendments

Any North Atlantic Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee member may introduce an amendment to the bylaws during either the spring or fall meeting. They must state a rationale for the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment shall be voted on by the committee by the voting procedure outlined in Article VIII.