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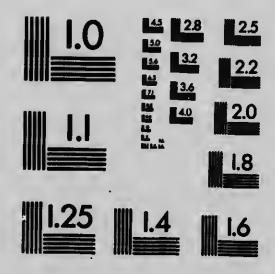
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CONSTITUTION

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OF THE

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF CANADA

ARTICLE I

This organization shall be known as the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTS

The Objects of this Union are:

1. The encouragement of systematic physical exercise and education in Canada.

2. The improvement, promotion and regulation of

athletic sports among amateurs.

3. The incorporation of all eligible amateur athletic organizations in Canada into such separate Sections and representation in this Union, as may be deemed best adapted to advance the cause of amateur athletics

4. The establishment and maintenance of allied membership with organizations of general or special jurisdiction and composed of clubs or otherwise designated bodies of individual members, devoted wholly or partially to physical culture or to some specialty in athletics.

5. The establishment and maintenance throughout Canada of a uniform test of amateur standing, and uniform rules for the government of all athletic sports within

its jurisdiction.

6. The institution, regulation and awarding of the

amateur athletic championships of Canada.

7. The promotion of provincial or municipal and local legislation in the interest of the institution of public gymnasia, baths and fields for track and field amateur

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ARTICLE III

THE DEPINITION OF AN AMATEUR

An amateur is one who has never:

(A) 1. Entered or competed in any athletic competition for a staked bet, moneys, private or public, or gate receipts.

2. Taught or assisted in the pursuit of any athletic

exercie or sport as a means of livelihood.

3. ceceived any bonus or payment in lieu of loss of time while playing as a member of any club or engaged in any athletic sport or exercise, or any consideration whatever, for any service as an athlete, except actual travelling or hotel expenses.

4. Sold or pledged his prizes.

5. Promoted an athletic competition for personal gain.

Nors-An athlete guilty of any of the above offences can never be reinstated.

(B) An athlete who has competed with or against a professional for a prize or where gate receipts are charged (except as may be specially provided for by the By-Laws of the Union), or has entered in any competition under a name other than his own, shall be ineligible for competition and registration as an

Nors-Such an athlete may be eligible for reinstatement. All others shall be considered eligible for registration and competition in the Union and its affiliated bodies.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERS

1. This Union shall consist of Sectional and Allied members.

2. Allied members are such organizations (described in Section 4, Article II. of this Constitution) as may enter into alliance with this Union, as hereinafter provided.

3. Sectional members are the sections of the Amateur

Athletic Union, known as:

The Maritime Provinces Amateur Athletic Association. The Quebec Section of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada.

The Ontario Amateur Athletic Union.

The Manitoba Amateur Athletic Association. The Saskatchewan Amateur Athletic Association.

The Alberta Amateur Athletic Association. The British Columbia Amateur Athletic Union.

And such other sections of the Amateur Athletic Union as may, from time to time, be admitted to membership, as hereinafter provided.

4. Until, by two-thirds vote of the Board of Governors of this Union, a change or changes shall be made in the allotment of territory, the territory of the several rectional members shall be as follows: The Maritime Provinces Amateur Athletic Association.

The Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia

and Prince Edward Island.

The Quebec Section of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada.

That part of Ontario lying East of the C.P.R. from Ottawa to Brockville, including the towns on this line of Railway and also all the Province of Quebec.

The Ontario Amateur Athletic Union.

That part of Ontario lying West of the C.P.R. line from Ottawa to Brockville, and not including the towns on this line of railway, and also the territory North and West thereof, not including Port Arthur.

The Manitoba Amateur Athletic Association.

The Province of Manitoba and that part of Ontario lying North and West of Port Arthur, including the Cities of Port Arthur and Fort William.

The Saskatchewan Amateur Athletic Association.

The Province of Saskatchewan, The Alberta Amateur Athletic Association.

The Province of Alberta.

The British Columbia Amazeur Athletic Union. The Province of British Columbia.

ARTICLE V

CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

1. An Allied member may at any time be admitted to membership in this Union by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Governors of this Union, it being understood that an allied member is responsible for the governance, consistent with the provisions of this constitution, of a particular sport or specialty in athletics.

2. A Sectional member may at any time be admitted

upon the following conditions:

(a) That application in writing, in the form prescribed by the By-Laws of this Union, be made to the Secretary of the Union.

(b) That such membership shall be subject to suspension or forfeiture in the event of failure to comply with any requirements of this Constitution, or of any By-Law hereunder, or any decree or ruling of the Board of

Governors; and it is expressly stipulated that any decree of suspension or forfeiture, when affirmed by two-thirds of the Board of Governors voting, shall be final and binding.

(c) That it shall not make any amendment of its Constitution or By-laws without first submitting the proposed amendment to the Board of Governors of this Union, and that any such amendment made without the vote of a majority of the Board of Governors shall be void.

(d) That in the event of its club membership being reduced to less than four organizations, its membership in this Union shall cease, and this Union shall be entitled to allot its surviving clubs and territory to any other sectional member.

(e) That in the event of any organization making formal application to be admitted, as a separate section, to active membership in this Union, this Union shall be empowered, in its discretion, by a two-thirds vote of its Board of Governors voting, to admit the same as a sectional member, and to allot its territory.

(f) That all games or athletic meetings given by such member, and the qualifications of all persons competing at such meetings, either as members of its clubs or as unattached athletes, shall be in conformity with the By-laws and Rules and conditions of competition adopted and prescribed by the Board of Governors.

(g) That such membership shall take effect upon the election of the applicant by a swo-thirds vote of the Board of Governors voting.

ARTICLE VI

OBLIGATIONS, SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.

- 1. The acceptance of membership in this Union shall bind such member to abide by the provisions of this Constitution and of the By-laws and Rules of this Union; and to accept and enforce all decisions of the Board of Governors.
- 2. Any violation of the Constitution, By-laws or Rules of this Union, or decisions of the Board of Governors, by any member of this Union, shall render such member liable to suspension by the Board of Governors until the next annual or special meeting of this Union, and to expulsion by a two-thirds vote of all the members voting at such meeting. In case of persistent defiance of the directions of the Union, such member may be expelled, and the territory thereof reorganized or divided between the other members of the Union, consistently with the

ARTICLE VII

REPRESENTATION OF MEMBERS

1. Every allied member shall be entitled to be represented at every meeting of this Union by not more than four delegates or alternates of such delegates, having,

collectively, one vote.

2. Every sectional member shall appoint annually at least six delegates or alternates to represent it at meetings of the Union, with an additional two delegates or alternates for each ten members over thirty on their own Board of Governors. Each sectional member shall have collectively three votes with an additional vote for every two delegates above six. Delegates or alternates must be in good amateur standing in their section.

For the purpose of arriving at an equitable basis of sectional representation on the Dominion Board, the Board of Governors of each

section shall be considered as existing on the following basis:

A team league of 5 clubs and under, 1 Governor. 10 25 3 100 or over, 5

(B) Clubs-Athletic Clubs shall be entitled to one Governor for each 200 members or under up to 1000; but no Club of less than 25 paid up members shall be entitled to a Governor.

3. The appointment of every delegate and alternate shall be duly certified by the principal executive officer

of the sectional or allied member.

4. The Board of Governors, upon the occurrence of a vacancy therein from any cause, may accept, by a majority vote of members voting, a new member of said Board, but only from the member in which the said vacancy shall have occurred. Such member so accepted shall, if he continues eligible, serve until the next annual meeting thereafter.

5. Any allied or sectional member may at any time, on notice addressed to the Secretary of this Union by the chief executive officer of such member, withdraw any or all of its delegates, provided a like number of delegates be at the same time substituted for those withdrawn.

ARTICLE VIII

GOVERNMENT.

1. The government and general direction of the affairs of the Union shall be committed to a Board of Governors constituted as follows:

One representative from each allied member; three representatives from each sectional member and one additional representative from each sectional member

for every ten governors over thirty on the sectional board.

2. The Board of Governors shall be composed of the representatives appointed by the sectional and allied members of the Union and shall be appointed by such members immediately preceding the annual meeting for a term of one year, or until their successors are appointed.

3. The election of every Governor shall be duly certified by the chief executive officer of the member appointing him.

4. The Board of Governors shall elect, at their first meeting following the annual meeting of the Union, a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, each of whom shall serve for a term of one year or until his successor is chosen, and each of whom shall perform the duties prescribed by the By-laws.

5. The Presidents of sectional members shall be exofficio Vice-Presidents of the Union, and shall be members

of the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE IX

Duties and Powers of the Board of Governors

The Board of Governors shall, in addition to the powers elsewhere in this Constitution prescribed, have power:

1. To admit to allied or sectional membership any organization eligible under this Constitution applying therefore, if by a two-thirds vote they deem proper.

2. To prescribe and amend By-laws and Rules for the government of the Union, not inconsistent with or beyond the scope of the provisions of this Constitution.

3. To impose and enforce penalties for any violation of the Constitution, By-laws or Rules of the Union.

4. By a majority vote of members voting to remove any suspension or remit any penalty, pertaining to any person or organization.

5. To reject any entries for competition (if deemed objectionable) at any national championship meeting,

and to delegate this power to its sub-committee.

6. By a two-thirds vote to remove from office on fifteen days' written notice any member of the Board of Governors who, by neglect of duty or by conduct tending to impair his usefulness as a member of such Board, shall be deemed to have forfeited his position.

7. By a majority vote to declare vacant the position of any member of the Board of Governors (a) who shall have ceased to be a delegate, or (b) when the member which elected him a delegate shall have ceased to be a

member of this Union.

8. To collect the dues or funds of the Union and to

expend the same.

9. To call regular and special meetings of the Union and to fix the time and place for holding all meetings not fixed by this Constitution.

10. To institute, locate, conduct and manage all

amateur national championship meetings.

11. To establish and define rules for the government of athletic sports.

12. To explain, define and interpret any provision of

this Constitution or any By-law or Rule.

13. To appoint committees from its own number and from members of clubs within this Union or from its allied members.

ARTICLE X

JURISDICTION

The Union claims, through allied or sectional representation, jurisdiction over all amateur sport in Canada.

ARTICLE XI

DUES AND EXPENSES

1. Each member shall annually pay to the Treasurer, on or before the annual meeting, as annual dues for the ensuing year, a sum equal to \$10.00 for each representative to which it is entitled on the Board of Governors, except ex-officio members, provided that every applicant for membership shall remit with its application to the Secretary the amount of its annual dues, and shall not again be liable for the payment of dues until the year following the next ensuing annual meeting.

2. A failure to pay such dues within the time prescribed shall operate to forfeit the right to a representation of and a vote by the delinquent member at any meeting of the Union, and a continued indebtedness for dues or other charges for a period of two months shall operate as a

loss of membership by the delinquent member.

3. The receipts from dues and from all other sources shall be devoted to defraying the expenses of national championship meetings and other necessary expenses of the Union.

ARTICLE XII

MEETINGS OF THE UNION

1. The annual meeting of the Union shall be held on the fourth Saturday afternoon of November of each year, in a place to be designated by a majority of the members of the Board of Governors voting.

- 2. Special meetings of the Union may be called by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Governors, upon not less than ten days' notice to all members; or upon the written request of at least one-quarter of all the members of the Union must be called upon like notice; such notice to contain the date and a statement of location of such meeting and the object thereof.
- 3. Notice of every meeting of the Union shall be sent by the Secretary of the Union, at the time provided by the Constitution and By-laws, to the Secretary of every allied and sectional member thereof; and every such member shall promptly notify the Secretary of the Union of any change in office or address of the Secretary; and a notice sent by the Secretary of the Union to the address last given by such member shall be deemed a full compliance on his part with the Constitution and By-laws as to sending such notices.
- 4. At all meetings of the Union a quorum shall consist of representatives from four members of the Union.
- 5. At all meetings of the Union the following shall be the order of business:
 - 1. Roll Call of Delegates.
 - 2. Reading of Minutes.
 - 3. Correspondence.
 - 4. Secretary's Report.
 - 5. Treasurer's Report.
 - 6. Reports of Committees.
 - 7. Resolutions, Orders and General Business.
 - 8. Adjournment.
- 6. In the interval between two annual meetings of the Union, any action that might be lawfully taken at a special meeting may be so taken by mail or telegraph vote; provided, that where this Constitution requires a majority vote, the vote so taken must, to be effective, be a majority of all members of the Union voting, and where this Constitution requires a two-thirds vote, the vote so taken must, to be effective, be a two-tnirds vote of all members of the Union voting; and provided, further, that in every instance such mail or telegraph vote shall be taken by the Secretary, and the ballots of each member must be preserved in his files.

ARTICLE XIII

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. Special meetings of the Board of Governors must be called by the President upon request of not less than five members of the Board, not less than ten days' notice being given by the Secretary to each member of the Board of such meeting, and the object thereof. At any meeting of the Board of Governors a quorum shall consist

of those who answer the roll call.

2. In the interval between two annual meetings of the Board, any action that might be lawfully taken at a special meeting of the Board may be so taken by mail or telegraph vote; provided, that where this Constitution requires a majority vote, the vote so taken must, to be effective, be a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Board voting; and provided, further, that in every instance such mail or telegraph vote shall be taken by the Secretary and, the ballots of each member of the Board must be preserved in his files.

ARTICLE XIV

REPORTS FROM SECTIONAL MEMBERS

Each sectional member of the Union must, within ten days after each meeting of the section or its Board of Governors, mail to the Secretary of the Union a copy of the minutes of said meeting. The Secretaries of the several sections of the Union must forward to the Secretary of the Union copies of all official notices issued from their offices, at the time of such issue, said notices to include all those sent to the members of the Board of Governors as well as to the clubs of the sections.

ARTICLE XV

AMENDMENTS

No amendment shall be made to the Constitution except at the annual meeting and by a two-thirds vote of the members voting. All proposed amendments must be presented to the Secretary in writing at least thirty days before the annual meeting and forwarded by him to each duly certified delegate and to the chief executive officer of each allied member at least fifteen days before the annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

OF CANADA

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers of the Union, viz.: President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and a Treasurer, shall be elected by ballot, by a majority vote, at the first meeting of the Board of Governors following the Annual Meeting of the Union.

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DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The President must order meetings of the Board of Governors upon request of not less than five of the members thereof; shall preside at all meetings of said Board and of the Union, and generally shall perform such other duties as appertain to the office of President.

2. The Vice-Presidents in their order shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of President, in the

absence or inability to attend of the latter.

3. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Union and the Board of Governors, conduct all official correspondence, issue notices of all meetings of the Union and said Board; keep a complete record of all athletic events held under the auspices of the Union, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Con-tution, By-laws and Rules of said Union.

4. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys of t.. Union and pay all bills approved by the President or the Board of Governors, provided that necessary minor expenses which may necessarily be paid by any committee, may be turned in to the Treasurer as cash, if recorded in detail, duly attested by such committee and approved by the Board. He shall, whenever required by the Board, submit and turn over to said Board all moneys, accounts, books, papers, vouchers and records appertaining to his office, and shall turn the same over to his successor when elected.

He shall be bonded (at the expense of this Union) in a sum to be fixed by the Board of Governors at not less

than \$1,000.

COMMITTEES

1. At the first meeting of the Board of Governors after each annual meeting of the Union, the President with the advice and consent of the Board of Governors, shall appoint the following committees, exclusively from the Board, each consisting of five: Registration, Records, Championship.

2. The Championship Committee shall prepare the annual schedule and shall have power to appoint subcommittees, whose members need not be members of the Board, to conduct and manage the various championships.

3. The Registration Committee shall take action in all cases affecting the amateur status of athletes and in all cases in which questions arise involving two or more members of the Union, and wherever it may be necessary in order to secure uniformity of interpretation and policy as to amateur regulations.

4. The duties of other committees shall be such as are specified in the Constitution and By-Laws, or may be

delegated to them by the Board.

IV

MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNION

1. Any collection of four organizations which might as a section be eligible for sectional membership under Article IV. of the Constitution, may make application therefor in writing to the Secretary, stating:

(a) The territory which they desire included in such

proposed section.

(b) The names of the organizations applying for the creation and admission of such section.

(c) The resons why the creation of such proposed

section is desirable.

2. If said application shall be passed favorably by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Governors voting, the President and Secretary of the Union shall call a meeting of all the organizations within the territory of such proposed section, upon not less than thirty days' notice, for the purpose of organizing such section, and adopting the Constitution and By-Laws prescribed by the Union therefor.

V

VO. THE BY MAIL

1. By the Board of Governors.

(a) The President may of his own motion and upon the written request of any sectional or allied member of the Union, or of three men bers of the Board of Governors, must submit to a vote by mail any specific question or matter which might be passed upon at a special meeting of the Board. Such request shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Union and by him at once laid before

the President.

- (b) Where a vote by mail is required or decided to be taken as above, the Secretary shall mail to each member of the Board a clear statement of the question to be voted upon, with the request that each member send his vote thereupon to the Secretary of the Union; and the said request shall state upon what day the voting with the Secretary shall be closed (which shall not be less than twenty days after the mailing of said question). In cases where the Board of Governors may deem it necessary, a vote may be taken by telegraph instead of by mail; in such cases the vote to close within forty-eight hours. All mail and telegraph votes received by the Secretary shall be preserved and filed. The Secretary may at any time when sufficient votes have been received to either carry or reject a mail or telegraph vote, announce the result of the same and the result so announced shall be decisive.
- (c) Within five days after the closing of said vote with the Secretary, said Secretary shall mail to each member of the Board a copy of the question and the result of the vote thereon, to wit: the number voting for and in opposition thereto, with a statement of whether said question has been carried or defeated.

2. By the Union.

- (a) The President may of his own motion, and upon the written request of not less than three members of the Union, or direction of the Board of Governors of the Union, must submit to a vote by mail any specific question or matter which might be passed upon at a special meeting of the Union. Such request shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Union and by him delivered to the
- (b) In such a case the Secretary shall mail the question to the Secretary of each sectional and allied member of the Union, with a request in form as set forth in clause "b" of this article above. The Secretary of each member shall at once submit the question to its duly appointed and registered delegates to the Union (or alternates in proper cases), who shall indicate in writing thereupon, and said Secretary shall at once forward the same to the Secretary of the Union, who shall preserve and file all votes. Each allied and sectional member's vote shall count as set out in Article VII, Sections 1 and 2 of the

Constitution, except that if, in any case, the voting delegates or alternates of any such member shall not agree, the proper fractional part of that member's vote shall be credited as cast upon the question or matter at issue.

(c) Within five days after the closing of said vote with the Secretary, said Secretary shall mail to each sectional and allied member of the Union a copy of the question and the result of the vote thereon, to wit: the number voting for and in opposition thereto, with a statement of whether said question has been carried or defeated.

VI

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at all meetings of the Board of Governors shall be as follows:

(a) Roll Call.

(b) Reading of Minutes.

(c) Correspondence, (d) Report of Officers and Committees.

(e) Unfinished Business.

(f) Election to Fill Vacancies.

(g) New Business.

VII

CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Upon the report of the Championship Committee the Board of Governors shall award the National Championships in the various sports under their jurisdiction.

VIII

TRIALS

1. Original jurisdiction.

(a) In such cases as do not come under the jurisdiction of the Local Registration Committee of any section of the A.A.U., and where the Board of Governors has original jurisdiction, the complainant shall submit to the Board his charges in writing and in detail, signed by himself. In case said charges are not deemed worthy of investigation the Board shall dismiss the case unless it shall see fit to request further information from the complainant.

(b) In case the Board shall deem such charges, either as originally submitted, or as amended, worthy of investigation, it shall forthwith send a copy thereof to the person charged, who shall, within fifteen days after the receipt thereof, file with the Secretary of the Union his answer

in detail thereto.

(c) The Board may, upon such charges and answers, dismiss such case; but if not, shall refer the same to the Registration Committee, which Committee shall, upon not less than ten days' notice to both parties, appoint a time and place when evidence will be taken upon such charges, and shall have discretion to adjourn such hearing from

time to time, as may seem just and proper.

(d) Within ten days after the closing of the evidence, such committee shall make and file its report with the Secretary of the Union, which report shall be submitted to the Board of Governors at its next meeting, at which due notice of the intended submission of such report can be given, unless a mail vote shall be taken upon the acceptance of the report, as hereinbefore provided, in which case a copy of the report and the evidence shall be mailed to each member of the Board of Governors. In case no decision has been reached by the Board within ninety days after the charge was first filed by the complainant, the person accused shall be deemed to have been acquitted, and said charge shall stand as dismissed, as though formal action had been taken to that effect by a vote of the Board.

(e) Should the person charged fail to appear and defend, he shall be considered as having admitted the truth of the charges, and in case of such default, or his conviction, he shall suffer the penalty fixed by the Board of Governors under the Constitution of this organization.

(f) Should the accused be found not guilty, he shall at once be so declared and the fact made public by the Board of Governors in such manner as it may determine. And in that case the expenses of such trial, or so much thereof as shall be determined by the Board of Governors, shall be paid by the complainant.

Sec. 2. Refusal to testify.

Any person who shall refuse to testify before the Board or its committee, or to answer any question which the Board or its committee shall rule to be proper, or to declare in writing his belief as to the amateur standing of any individual upon trial by the Union in the exercise of its jurisdiction, shall be liable to suspension from competition until he has purged himself of such failure or refusal.

IX

(a) An athlete shall not lose his amateur status by competing with or against a professional in cricket, golf or indoor bowling.

(b) Special permission on application shall be given amateurs to play with or against professionals in the

existing senior Lacrosse series of the National Lacrosse Union, until such time as the Board of Governors shall unanimously decide that strict amateurism can be satisfactorily established in the senior series of that game.

(c) The conditions existing (Sept. 6, 1909) in hockey under the jurisdiction of the Amateur Athletic Federation of Canada to remain as at present if so desired, for one year from date (ending Sept. 6, 1910.)

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AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Board, or by mail or telegraph vote, by a majority of the members voting, provided that at least fifteen days' notice shall have been given to every member of the Board of the proposed amendment, save By-Law IX in so far as it relates to lacrosse, which may only be amended by unanimous vote.

