

Trojan Athletic Association (TrAA) By-Laws

Article 1: Name

The full name of the organization is the Trojan Athletic Association (TrAA) – hereafter referred to as the TrAA.

Article 2: Vision

Creating an environment that produces the best student athletes and fans while promoting sportsmanship.

Article 3: Mission

The mission of the TrAA is to support Athens Bible School Athletics by providing human, material and financial resources under the guidelines of the Athens Bible School Board of Directors, the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) rules and regulations and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) rules and regulations. In the event of any conflict Article 3 will take precedence.

Article 4: Goals

The goals of TrAA are as follows: (1) promote and encourage healthy living and high standards of behavior (2) boost spirit (3) promote participation (4) promote academics along with athletics and (5) raise money.

Article 5: Membership

A TrAA member includes anyone who pays annual dues to support the association's vision, mission and goals.

Any head coach of an Athens Bible School sport shall automatically become an active member but shall be exempt from payment of annual dues. TrAA membership year shall commence on the first day of school and expire July 31st. Membership shall automatically terminate for non-payment of dues, terminating all rights and privileges of the associates.

Membership levels:

Membership levels will be established annually by the TrAA and approval of the Athens Bible School Board of Directors.

Article 6: Association Officers

The association has permanent and rotating officers. The permanent officers are the Athens Bible School President and Athletic Director. The rotating officers, elected from general membership are the president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, membership director and spirit director and are here-by called the TrAA Officers. Association officers shall be ABS Athletic Alumni unless not feasible. The TrAA officers will report directly to the ABS Board of Directors.

- The President shall: (1) preside at all general membership and committee meetings and (2) appoint committee chairs if a vacancy occur. (3) can at any time appoint a committee chair to address a need or address an issue.
- The Vice President shall: (1) preside at all General Membership and committee meetings in the absence of the president.
- The Treasurer shall: (1) be the custodian of all monies (2) maintain financial records (3) conduct all financial transactions and (4) prepare an annual budget in concert with the association.
- The Secretary shall: (1) take minutes at General Membership and committee meetings and (2) make public announcements of meetings and oversee/execute all other TrAA Official association correspondence.

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- The Membership Director shall (1) oversee the goal of promoting the TrAA and soliciting membership and (2) maintain a list of prioritized objectives.
- The Spirit Director shall (1) oversee the goal to boost spirit and (2) maintain a list of prioritized objectives.

Article 7: Voting

The General Membership votes to elect the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary; to revise the by-laws; and to dissolve the association. The majority present at a general membership meeting shall decide any vote. Each member gets one vote. A quorum for General Membership Meeting is considered to be ten voting members. A quorum of the officers is four.

Article 8: Meetings

A minimum of three general membership meetings occur annually. Fall, winter or spring. Each meeting is preceded by a public announcement of date, time and location two weeks prior. Officer meetings occur as needed normally each month of the school year.

Article 9: Nominating Committee

The president shall appoint a nominating committee in the spring. The committee will include one current officer and at least three general members (non officers). The committee will submit a slate of candidates for officers to be voted on at the spring general membership meeting.

Article 10: Fund Raising and Appropriation

Funds shall be kept in a separate ledger account as part of the school's accounting. Only the Association Officers shall appropriate funds of the membership account. The ABS Board of Directors must confirm the appropriation of the funds.

Each sport's Head Coach or the Athletic Director shall be entitled to submit a requisition for funds for a specific purpose benefiting the particular sport or the athletic program as a whole. All requisitions for funds shall be submitted to the association in writing.

All TrAA fund raising must be approved by the ABS Board of Directors.

Fund requisitions shall be submitted to the secretary for placement on the next officer's meeting agenda. The association suggests the requestor be present at the officer's meeting to answer any questions.

In addition, all fund raising and appropriations shall be in compliance with the Athens Bible School by-Laws and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) rules and regulations.

Article 11: Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the TrAA all funds will be turned over to Athens Bible School and all records given to the President and Athletic Director. The ABS Board of Directors reserves the right to dissolve the TrAA at any time.