

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
DAKOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE**  
**Revised by Committee and Updated November 2016**  
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**Article I  
Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Dakota Valley Conference.

**Article II  
Objectives and Aims**

The objective of this conference is to promote athletic activities among its member schools and any other activities that the member schools may adopt in the future. Through its various activities the conference aims to promote a more wholesome relationship between member schools and among other schools and to stimulate interest in and appreciation of activities sponsored by the conference.

**Article III  
Policies**

The policies of this organization shall follow the policies of the South Dakota High School Activities Association and the SDHSAA Tournament Team and Spectator Conduct Rules will be adhered to with the following deviations:

Section C. No banners-no signs-no noisemakers.

1. For conference purposes change to read: "Temporary banners and signs that positively promote one's home team may be displayed in a school's home venue. Cheer cards displayed by cheerleaders are permissible."

**Article IV  
Membership**

Section 1      The membership at the time of organization is Colman, Egan, Deubrook, Elkton, Estelline, Lake Preston, Oldham-Ramona and Rutland.

Section 2      New members may be added by a 2/3-majority vote of all member schools.

Section 3      Current member schools (as of 2016) include Arlington, Castlewood, Colman-Egan, Dell Rapids St. Mary, DeSmet, Deubrook, Elkton/Lake Benton, Estelline, Lake Preston and Oldham/Ramona-Rutland.

Section 3 Conference activities include:

FOOTBALL

Arlington/Lake Preston  
St. Mary's  
Colman-Egan  
Castlewood  
Deubrook  
DeSmet  
Elkton/Lake Benton  
Estelline  
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland

G&B BASKETBALL

Colman- Egan  
DeSmet  
Deubrook  
Elkton/Lake Benton  
Estelline  
Lake Preston  
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland  
St. Mary's  
Arlington

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Castlewood  
Colman-Egan  
De Smet  
Deubrook  
Elkton/Lake Benton  
Estelline  
Lake Preston  
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland  
St. Mary  
Arlington

GIRLS & BOYS TRACK

Castlewood  
Colman-Egan  
Deubrook  
Elkton/Lake Benton  
Estelline  
Lake Preston  
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland  
St. Mary  
Arlington  
De Smet

ORAL INTERPRETATION

Arlington  
Castlewood  
Colman-Egan  
Dell Rapids St. Mary  
DeSmet  
Deubrook  
Elkton/Lake Benton  
Estelline  
Lake Preston  
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland

GIRLS & BOYS GOLF

Arlington/Lake Preston  
Castlewood  
St. Mary  
Colman-Egan  
DeSmet  
Deubrook  
Elkton/Lake Benton  
Estelline  
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland

CROSS COUNTRY

DeSmet  
Colman-Egan  
Deubrook  
Elkton/Lake Benton  
Lake Preston

St. Mary  
Castlewood  
Arlington  
Estelline  
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland

Participation in all sports is to be encouraged in order to maintain the health and viability of the organization.

Section 4 A school may withdraw from the conference or from an activity, by giving a year's notice of its decision to withdraw on or before the first scheduled Fall meeting.

## **Article V Officers**

Section 1 The officers of the conference shall consist of a President and Executive Secretary.

Section 2 The schools will rotate alphabetically furnishing the President (refer to Article IV, Section 3). The office of President shall be the Athletic Director of the member school. If the Athletic Director is new to his/her school and the conference when it is his/her turn to furnish the officer, the next school in the rotation with a return administration will exchange positions with the designated school and thereby furnish the officer for that year.

Section 3 The DVC Executive Secretary will be elected annually at the Spring Meeting. The job description for the Executive Secretary includes:

- Prepare and send out the agenda for meetings.
- Record minutes at meetings.
- Conduct financial affairs of the conference
  - a. Write checks, make deposits and keep records.
  - b. Give financial reports at conference meetings.
  - c. Prepare written financial report annually.
- Contract officials for the basketball and volleyball tournaments and track meets.
- Order and distribute awards
  - a. Trophies, medals, certificates and frames, ribbons, passes.
- Compile and make DVC news releases.
  - a. Individual and team stats for football, girls and boys basketball and volleyball.
  - b. All-conference selections.
  - c. Tournament releases with bracket information, etc.
- Attend to other routine conference business.
- Executive Secretary to receive \$1100.00 annual salary.
  - a. \$200 expense payment to Executive Secretary's school to cover postage and telephone expenses.

## **Article VI Meetings**

- Section 1      There will be meetings of the member schools in August, November and March. All meetings shall begin at 10:00 a.m.
- Section 2      The President has the authority to call a special meeting. All member schools must be notified prior to the special meeting.
- Section 3      Representatives from the majority of schools shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 4      Each school shall be entitled to one vote in the transactions of conference business pertaining to the sport in which they are involved.
- Section 5      Each school shall be represented by the Athletic Director or their designated representative. Motions will be accepted only from the Athletic Director or his/her designated faculty representative.
- Section 6      Meetings shall be held in a location designated by the President and Executive Secretary.
- Section 7      An agenda shall be sent to each member school one week prior to each meeting. A copy of the agenda shall be sent to the Athletic Director of each member school for proper distribution. The agenda of the regular meetings shall consist of standing committee report, items submitted to the Executive Secretary or President in writing two weeks prior to the meeting, financial report and such emergency items as the President deems necessary for consideration.
- Section 8      Complete minutes of all transactions shall be kept by the Secretary of the conference. He/she shall send a copy of the minutes to all member schools within thirty (30) days following each meeting. The Executive Secretary shall also take a financial report to each meeting.

## **Article VII Violations**

- Section 1      Schools violating the by-laws of the constitution or the SDHSAA rules and regulations may be reported in writing to the conference at a meeting by any member school.
- Section 2      Any member school which fails to be represented at two consecutive meetings may result in cancellation of membership in the conference. Reinstatement can only be secured by a majority vote (2/3) and reinstatement fee of \$25.00. A 2/3 majority vote by the member schools will cause the forfeiture of the contest and all awards all conference titles and awards.

## **Article VIII Finances**

The annual dues for each member school should be assessed by the Executive Secretary.

## **Article IX Amendments**

- Section 1 Articles of the constitution shall be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of the member schools by ballot.
- Section 2 Amendments to this constitution by other groups shall be presented in writing, signed by two member schools, to the members to be voted at the next meeting. The waiting period may be waived by a unanimous vote of the membership.
- Section 3 In the event of a special meeting concerning constitutional changes, thirty (30) days notice must be given.
- Section 4 A Constitutional Revision Committee shall be appointed by the President annually in even numbered years.
- Section 5 Amendments to this constitution by the Constitutional Revision Committee shall be presented to the members for consideration by the members to be voted upon by ballot at the next regular meeting.

## **Article X Ratification**

This revised constitution shall be in effect when adopted by a 2/3-majority vote of the members.

## **Article XI Admissions**

- Section 1 The admission prices are to be discussed at the fall meeting. Each school board has the final authority on what the prices will be. All schools will report to the Conference at the first regular meeting in the fall as to what they will charge for admissions.
- Section 2 Each school shall be awarded 20 conference passes to be distributed by the administration of that particular school.

## **Article XII Basketball**

- Section 1 To obtain a conference championship each school must play a varsity basketball game with each member school once a year. Conference games are designated on a master schedule.
- Section 2 A trophy will be awarded to the first place in the conference basketball standings. In the event of a tie, duplicate trophies will be awarded. A trophy will be awarded to the first place team only in the conference tournament.
- Section 3 The "B" team shall not include Seniors. An exception may be made for foreign exchange students.
- Section 4 The conference shall honor First and Second All-Conference teams in basketball with each team consisting of six (6) players. Coaches will nominate their own players but may not vote for their own players. Nominations will be sent to the conference secretary ten (10) days before the conference meeting to put on the ballot. Ballots will then be sent out to the coaches. Medals and certificates will be given as awards. In case of a tie, duplicate awards will be given. Each school will receive 1 honorable mention pick to be decided by the coach. A Coach of the Year will also be selected on the girls and boys side of basketball. This award, along with MVP, will be voted on by the BB coaches and the winners of the MVP and COTY will be recognized with a DVC Certificate.
- Section 5 The home team will furnish basketballs for warm-ups prior to the game.
- Section 6 The host schools for the tournament shall receive \$200 for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Rounds and \$600 for the final day.
- Section 7 In order to host a girls or boys DVC Basketball Tournament the gymnasium has to have minimum capacity to host the following:
- Girls 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round – 600 minimum capacity
  - Boys 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round – 700 minimum capacity
  - DVC Finals – 2 gymnasiums of a minimum capacity of 800 people

**Article XIII  
Football**

- Section 1 To obtain a conference championship each school must play a varsity football game with each member school once a year. Conference games are designated on a master schedule.
- Section 2 A trophy will be awarded to first place in the conference football standings. In case of a tie, duplicate trophies will be awarded.
- Section 3 All teams in the conference shall have both home and away jerseys.
- Section 4 The conference will honor an all-conference team at the end of each season. Each coach will select the members from his team. The number of players from each team is dependent upon how the team places in the conference. The coaches will also select a MVP of the conference.

Place	All-Conference Players	Honorable Mention Players
1 <sup>st</sup>	4	2
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	1
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4	1
4 <sup>th</sup>	3	2
5 <sup>th</sup>	3	1
6 <sup>th</sup>	2	2
7 <sup>th</sup>	2	1
8 <sup>th</sup>	1	1
9 <sup>th</sup>	1	1

In case of ties for position, the teams involved will receive the number of selections according to the position tied for. Medals and certificates with will be awarded to each player selected to the all-conference team. Certificates only will be awarded to each player on the honorable mention team.

- Section 5 Start time will be 7:00 p.m. for all conference games.
- Section 6 Games shall be played on an 80 or 100 yard field.
- Section 7 An All-Conference Most Valuable Player and Coach of the Year will be selected and voted on by the conference FB coaches. The MVP and COTY shall be given a certificate as recognition for the award.

**Article XIV**  
**Track**








- Section 1 Each spring the conference shall hold a conference track meet. The arrangements for the meet shall be made no later than the November meeting.
- Section 2 The events and order of events and points system shall be the same as the regional and state track meets as recommended by the SDHSAA.
- Section 3 Medals shall be awarded to one through eight.
- Section 4 Boys and girls points shall be tabulated separately and kept separate for team championships.
- Section 5 No individual may participate in more than four (4) track and field events. Each event will allow no more than three (3) participants from one school in each event with the exception of the 800-1600-3200 meters which will be unlimited entries. Running events will not be seeded.
- Section 6 Pole Vault and High Jump starting heights will be determined by games committee.
- Section 7 Field Events will be seeded and 3 jumps/throws per individual, take 9 to finals, 3 jumps/3 throws in the finals. Flights will be in order worst to first and competitors within the flights will be worst to first.
- Section 8 There will be a boys and girls junior high (grades 7 & 8) track meet each year. Awards shall be ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place in all events. Scoring all 8 places.
- Section 9 The events for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls track meet are as follows:

100 m hurdles	Discus
100 m dash	High Jump
200 m dash	Long Jump
400 m dash	400 m Relay
800 m run	800 m Relay
1600 m run	Medley Relay (100, 100, 200, 400)
Shot Put (8 lb.)	1600 m Relay

- High School relays will be awarded 8 places and score 8 places, 1 relay team per school.



## Article XV Volleyball

- Section 1 To obtain a conference championship each school must play a varsity volleyball game with each member school once a year. Conference games are designated on a master schedule.
- Section 2 A trophy will be awarded to first place in the conference volleyball standings. In the event of a tie, duplicate trophies will be awarded. A trophy will be awarded to the first place team only in the conference Tournament.
- Section 3 The "B" team shall not include Seniors. An exception may be made for foreign exchange students.
- Section 4 The conference will honor an all- conference team at the end of the season. Each coach will select the members from his or her team. The number of players from each team is dependent upon how the team places in the conference (as shown on the table below). In case of ties for positions, the teams involved will receive the number of selections according to the position tied for. Medals and certificates will be awarded to each player selected. Each team will receive one honorable-mention selection. The coaches will vote to decide on a conference MVP as well as Coach of the Year. The MVP and COTY will receive a certificate as recognition for these awards.
- Volleyball All-Conference Selections:
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|------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>  | <b>3 all-Conference</b> |  |   |    |  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>  | <b>3 all-Conference</b> |   |  |   |  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>  | <b>3 all-Conference</b> |   |  |   |  |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Place</b>  | <b>2 all-Conference</b> |  |  |  |  |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Place</b>  | <b>2 all-Conference</b> |   |  |   |  |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> Place</b>  | <b>2 all-Conference</b> |   |  |   |  |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> Place</b>  | <b>2 all-Conference</b> |   |  |   |  |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> Place</b>  | <b>1 all-Conference</b> |   |  |   |  |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> Place</b>  | <b>1 all-Conference</b> |   |  |   |  |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> Place</b> | <b>1 all-Conference</b> |   |  |   |  |
- Section 5 Confirmation of intent not to participate must be given at the Fall Conference meeting one year in advance.
- Section 6 The host school for the tournament \$500 as compensation for hosting.

**Article XVI**  
**Golf**

- Section 1 A team trophy will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place at the varsity meet and medals will be awarded to the top 15 individual place winners in both boys and girls.
- Section 2 Medals for Junior Varsity will be awarded to the top 10 individual place winners in boys and girls.

**Article XVII**  
**Cross Country**

- Section 1 A team trophy will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place at the varsity meet in both girls and boys, with medals to the top 20 individual place winners in both girls and boys.
- Section 2 Medals for Junior Varsity will be awarded to the top 10 individual place winners in boys and girls.

**Article XVIII**  
**All-Academic Award**

- Section 1 The Conference shall recognize graduating seniors from each school that has achieved a 26 or higher on their ACT. These students will be given a DVC Conference certificate as recognition for their accomplishment.
- Section 2 Any senior who attends a DVC school is eligible to receive this award regardless of whether they have participated in a DVC event.
- Section 3 The cut-off date will be April 30<sup>th</sup> to ensure that all ACT scores have been accounted for and received.

**Article XIX**  
**DVC Scholarship**

- Section 1 The DVC will award funds to each conference school to be used for a scholarship as determined by individual conference school.
- Section 2 The amount will be determined and awarded by the Executive Secretary.