

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

FOREWARD

The National College Athlete Honor Society was founded at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, on May 17, 1996, as a student-athlete honor society for the recognition of high academic achievers and sport letter winners at the collegiate level. Theta Chi Alpha is an honor society within the National College Athlete Honor Society to specifically recognize two-year collegiate student-athletes.

PREAMBLE

The purposes of this organization shall be:

1. To encourage and reward high academic scholarship of college student-athletes at two-year colleges.
2. To recognize outstanding academic achievement by intercollegiate varsity sport participants.
3. To encourage good citizenship, moral character, and friendship among the high academic achievers in college athletics.
4. To recognize and honor the individual student-athlete, his/her team sport, athletics department, and college.
5. To mentor and provide leadership to other student-athletes.

ARTICLE ONE

Name and Scope

Section One - The name of this organization shall be the National College Athlete Honor Society. The Greek letters shall be: ΘΧΑ (Theta Chi Alpha).

Section Two - The society is an organization of college student-athletes with high academic achievement, exemplary character, and positive attitude who have earned a letter(s) in their respective sport(s).

Section Three - These bylaws are to be controlled by the internal laws of the State of Wisconsin, without respect to any conflicts of laws provisions thereof.

ARTICLE TWO

Motto and Watchwords

Section One - The motto of this society shall be: “Excellence in Athletics and Academics.”

Section Two - The watchwords of this society shall be the 4 A’s: Academics, Athletics, Achievement, Attitude.

ARTICLE THREE

Board of Directors & Staff

Section One - The control and direction of this honor society shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

Section Two - Seven members shall be invited to serve by the executive director. There shall be no term limits placed on Board members. Four members shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Section Three - Any proposed changes of the Constitution and Bylaws shall be adopted by the Board of Directors.

Section Four - The Board of Directors shall meet in person when possible or at a minimum of two conference calls per year.

Section Five – The executive director will serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors to fulfill the mission, vision and purpose of the organization. The executive director shall hire and supervise staff. The duties of the staff shall be outlined in the job description of each staff member.

Section Six – The National College Honor Society maintains its incorporated status as a registered 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization.

ARTICLE FOUR

Local Chapters

Section One – Colleges and universities who are members of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA), Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) and the Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) are eligible to apply for a local chapter.

Section Two – Duly chartered local chapters shall conform to this Constitution and these Bylaws as set forth by the Board of Directors. Failure to do so may result in loss of the charter.

Section Three - Each chapter shall be assigned a successive letter of the Greek alphabet and its position on the state roster shall be indicated by the order of its installation.

Section Four – Chapters shall declare each year their primary chapter advisor and a student chapter president to the executive director or assistant director. Chapter advisors will be charged

with identification and certification of each induction class and timely submission of the class. Student chapter presidents and advisors are responsible for assisting with chapter inductions and dissemination of Theta Chi Alpha information to their members.

Section Five - The chapter advisor is expected to pass on duties and responsibilities if their position is relinquished.

ARTICLE FIVE

Membership Fees

Section One – Each chapter shall pay an initial charter fee and an annual renewal fee thereafter. Fees will be determined annually by the Board of Directors.

Section Two – Chapters who fail to complete the renewal fee after two consecutive academic years will be moved into inactive status and notification will be provided to the last known chapter advisor and student chapter president. No penalty fees will be assessed for a chapter regaining active status once renewal payment is received for the current academic year.

Section Three – Only chapters holding the designation of active status have the expressed permission for use the Theta Chi Alpha name, word marks and logos. Chapters designated as inactive are prohibited from using the Theta Chi Alpha name, word marks and logos until regaining active status.

ARTICLE SIX

Membership & Initiation

Section One – Membership in local chapters is an honor bestowed upon selected student-athletes. Selection for membership is by the chapter advisor in consultation with the individual's head coach and is based on outstanding scholarship, athletics participation, and excellent character and citizenship.

Section Two - The student-athlete must meet and fulfill the criteria listed in the selection process in Article Seven. Candidates become lifetime members when inducted at a ceremony. The ceremony may occur at any point during the academic year and is at the discretion of the local chapter. Upon initiation, each new member shall receive a certificate.

Section Three - The college name shall serve as each society's chapter name in addition to its designated Greek alphabet letter(s).

ARTICLE SEVEN

Selection

Section One – Invitation of student-athletes to membership shall be dependent upon the fulfillment of the following criteria without regard to sport or gender. The student-athlete:

1. Must attend a two-year college that is a member of the NJCAA.
2. Must have participated in a varsity intercollegiate sport sponsored by the institution's athletics department and be in good standing within their athletics team.
3. Must have completed three full time semesters or 4 trimesters of collegiate academic work.
4. Must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.40 (on a 4.0 scale) or equivalent grade point average by the time of the selection process. Local chapters may require a higher minimum cumulative grade point average, if they so choose.
5. Must have endorsement from the head coach of his/her sport(s).
6. Grade point average must be certified by person(s) with authority to review and certify the accuracy of the information prior to induction.
7. Must be recommended by the college chapter advisor.
8. Must be of good moral character.

Section Two – A description of the selection procedures and criteria shall be published and made available to all student-athletes in the college's athletics department.

Section Three – After completing one academic year of residency and attaining a 3.40 or higher grade point average, a transfer student is eligible at the certifying institution for membership.

Section Four - The recommendation for membership of student-athletes from all sports should be completed by May 1st or two weeks prior to the induction date.