

BY LAWS
of the Scholastic Rowing Association of Michigan
ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be the Scholastic Rowing Association of Michigan (SRAM).

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of this Association shall be:

Section 1. To promote and serve the interests of scholastic rowing within the State of Michigan with respect to:

- a. Sponsoring an annual Michigan Scholastic Championship during the third full weekend in May. The site, events and rules (as specified in the SRAM Regatta Rules) of the Championship to be determined by the Association. Participation in the Championship is limited to member organizations in good standing.
- b. Promoting information exchange and regatta scheduling among the member organizations.
- c. Serving as the representative body for scholastic rowing in the State of Michigan to the MidWest Scholastic Rowing Association (MSRA).

Section 2. To receive money in the form of annual organizational dues to be used for expenses involved with communicating with the member organizations. To also collect entry fees, insurance fees and other fees agreed to by a majority of the Executive Committee, for use of running the Championship regatta. The Association will establish the Championship entry fees.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 1. The membership in the Association will consist of organizations that are involved in sponsoring rowing for high school aged youth (grades 9-12).

Section 2. Organizations may only draw all of their participants from a single high school (to be referred to as "**scholastic**"). Whether a program for a single high school has the designation as a varsity sport, is a recognized school activity or is solely composed of students attending that school, without official school designation, it is considered "scholastic." Members of a team must exclusively row representing that school during the spring season.

Section 3. Membership will be restricted to organizations located within the borders of the State of Michigan.

Section 4. Dues for membership will be payable annually. To be eligible to participate in SRAM activities (voting privileges and participation in the Championship regatta) an organization must be current in the payment of dues and have completed an information survey form by April 1 of the current year.

ARTICLE IV - Management

Section 1. Executive Committee and Chair of the Association

- a. Management of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Committee elected by the member organizations.
- b. The Executive Committee will consist of (5) five elected representatives from among the current, active membership schools.
- c. Executive Committee members shall serve a term of (2) years commencing on August 15 of the year elected.
- d. Election of members to the Executive Committee will take place by email ballot between July 1 and August 15 each election year.
 - a. Nominations for positions will commence on July 1 and shall be closed on July 30.
 - b. Voting will commence on August 1 and be completed by August 15.
 - c. All programs in good standing may vote for (3) three candidates.
 - d. The (5) five candidates receiving the most total votes received from all voting programs shall be elected to the Committee.
- e. Special Consideration / First vote only: It is recognized that for the first selection of the Executive Committee, that the founding members (John Gaskin & Scott Sitek) will be members of the Executive Committee and that they shall nominate the remaining initial Executive Board members.
- f. The Chair of the Association will be elected by the Executive Committee. The Chair will be responsible for insuring that the agenda and minutes of the meetings are distributed, maintaining a listing of the contact information of the organizational members and receiving the payment of dues.
- g. The members of the Executive Committee will be responsible for maintaining contact with organizations to receive input and discuss issues of interest to the Association. They are responsible for advising the Chair of the Association of new rowing programs and providing information to those programs of how to become organizational members (payment of dues and completion of organizational information sheet prior to April 1).
- h. Mid term or special elections: If a standing member of the Executive Committee should become unable to perform his or her responsibilities, a special election shall be carried out to replace said member on the Committee. In this instance, nominations will be received from the remaining Executive Committee members and then presented to the entire organization for vote. Again, in this instance, each member organization will receive (1) one vote only.

Section 2. Meetings

- a. The Executive Committee will meet at least twice per year at times it determines to be convenient. The Chair will give written notice of each such meeting to each member organization. Each member organization may send a representative to participate in discussion at Executive Committee meetings; however only Executive Committee members may vote at meetings.
- b. A general meeting of all member organizations will be held during the weekend of the Championship Regatta, for the purpose of discussing issues of concern to the Association; however no issues shall be voted upon during the general membership meeting.

ARTICLE V - Amendments

Amendments to the By Laws may be offered by any member organization and submitted to the Chair of the Association at least a month prior to the spring meeting. A two-thirds vote of those Executive Committee members present and voting will be required for the adoption of the amendment.

ARTICLE VI - Dissolution

In the event of liquidation, dissolution or termination of the Association, whether voluntary or involuntary or by the operation of law, its property or other assets, or any other proceeds thereof, shall be distributed to such non-profit organizations which shall be exempt from Federal Income Taxes under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or such corresponding section or sections as may be from time to time in force, as the members of the Association, by majority vote thereof, shall determine; and none of such property, assets or proceeds shall be distributed to, or among, any of the members of the Association.

ARTICLE VII - Adoption

These By Laws will become effective immediately upon affirmative vote of a majority of the member organizations conducted by email ballot. An organization failing to return its email ballot will be deemed to have voted in favor of the adoption of these By Laws.