

ARTICLE I

Name - Purpose - Goals - Objectives - Membership Criteria

1.01 Name. The name of this organization shall be:

ORANGE EMPIRE CONFERENCE

1.02 Purposes. The purposes of this Conference shall be:

- A. To coordinate and regulate Conference sports for the member colleges in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Conference Constitution, Bylaws, and Supplements, and the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA) Constitution in order to provide an environment which emphasizes academic achievement and a positive athletic experience for the student-athletes of the member colleges.
- B. To govern all branches of intercollegiate athletics in which the member institutions compete with any other institution, organization, or team.
- C. To establish and maintain the highest standards of scholarship and integrity; to promote intercollegiate athletics; and to supervise and regulate athletic activities so they are the incidental, not the principal, features of collegiate life.

1.03 Goals. The goals of this Conference shall be:

- A. To promote and coordinate the activities of the member colleges' athletic programs.
- B. To maintain high standards in athletic competition.
- C. To evaluate and recommend rules, regulations, procedures, and policy to the COA.
- D. To promote better understanding, communication, and cooperation among California Community Colleges.
- E. To promote and support the educational, academic and career goals of the student-athletes of member colleges, and to stress academic achievement as the primary goal among student-athletes, faculty and staff.

1.04 Gender Equity. The Conference shall assist member colleges in establishing equitable opportunities in intercollegiate athletics. For purposes of this Article, Equity describes an environment in which athletic opportunities, benefits and resources are available to all students. In the athletic environment, student-athletes and athletic personnel shall experience equitable treatment and fairness. The Conference and the CCCCCAA shall promote an atmosphere of respect for and sensitivity to the dignity of every person. It is the policy of the Conference and the CCCCCAA to refrain from discrimination with respect to its governance policies, educational programs, activities and employment policies.

1.05 Objectives. The Conference shall provide a constitution, by-laws, and sports supplements stating its purpose, membership, officers, rules, and regulations.

1.06 Members. The members of this Conference are:

- A. Cypress College
- B. Fullerton College
- C. Golden West College
- D. Irvine Valley College
- E. Orange Coast College
- F. Riverside Community College
- G. Saddleback College
- H. Santa Ana College
- I. Santiago Canyon College

1.07 Criteria for New Membership. The Conference shall consider providing membership to colleges who subscribe to the following objectives:

- A. Conference members shall commit themselves to a sports program that will best serve the needs and interest of their students and community.
- B. Conference members shall abide by the rules and regulations of the Conference Constitution, Bylaws, and Supplements and the CCCAA Constitution.
- C. Colleges shall fully participate in Conference business, assign college staff members to serve and attend meetings, and participate on committees.
- D. Colleges shall consider visiting teams, auxiliary groups, officials, students, and fans as guests and will extend to them every courtesy and consideration one would expect in return.
- E. Conference members shall provide adequate facilities that meet safety, cleanliness and health standards.
- F. Conference members shall provide annual education and materials to student-athletes, coaches and staff in an attempt to ensure strict compliance with Conference and CCCAA Bylaws.
- G. Upon establishment of the Conference, changes in membership may be considered as prescribed by CCCAA Bylaws.

1.08 Compliance. Failure to comply with the provisions as listed above may result in Conference action that may include probation, suspension, or expulsion as prescribed by CCCAA Bylaws.