

The following USATF-NJ By-Laws amendments have been proposed by Ed Koch and seconded by Cora Koch. These amendments will be voted on at the February 16th Quarterly Meeting at Rutgers.

Amendment Proposal #1: Amend Article 7-B effective July 1, 2005, by adding the following fully-capitalized sentence as follows:

B. Regular Meetings. This Association shall also hold quarterly meetings of the membership on the second Wednesday evenings of February, September, and November. unless the President shall select another weekday evening in any of those months. IN LIEU OF A FEBRUARY WEEKDAY EVENING MEETING, THE PRESIDENT MAY INSTEAD SCHEDULE A WEEKEND QUARTERLY MEETING IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY, OR MARCH, IF IT IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANOTHER USATF-NJ EVENT. When the President has fixed the date, time, and place, of the meetings, it shall be announced by requisite notice of such meeting.

Reason for Proposal: This would give the President the flexibility of scheduling the winter quarterly meeting at the site of the USATF-NJ Awards Banquet.

Amendment Proposal #2: Amend Article 10-A effectively July 1, 2005, by adding the following fully capitalized language and deleting language with double parentheses as follows:

A. Composition: The Board of Trustees shall be composed of THIRTEEN VOTING MEMBERS ((twelve members (or thirteen members during the transition until July 1, 2006) )) all (EXCEPT THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT) elected to three year terms as follows:

1. Members. The membership of the Board shall consist of the following:

-- The officers of this Association (4 persons);

-- the non-officer ELECTED trustees (8 persons after the transition) including 3 coaches (one college, one high school, and one club coach), three active athletes, and two at-large members (three such members during the transition.). Four of the eight non-officer ELECTED trustees shall be elected in 2003 and every third year thereafter, and four shall be elected in 2004 and every third year thereafter. One additional trustee shall be elected in 2003 during the transition. The transitional rules are set forth in an appendix;

-- THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT WHO SHALL SERVE AS A NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE BOARD DURING THE TRANSITION AND BECOME A VOTING MEMBER OF THE BOARD ON JULY 1, 2006.

2. Chair and Secretary. [ no change]

Reason: This proposal would keep the Board at 13 members after the transition ends mid-2006 (odd numbers being preferable to even numbers for decision making and quorum purposes) and gives the Board the benefit of the Immediate Past President's institutional memory and judgment.

Amendment Proposal #3: Amend Article 12-B-2 effective immediately, with fully capitalized language being an addition to the existing language below:

2. Committee makeup:

a. The makeup of the sport committees shall be open to all Association members in good standing who meet the requirements of Article 8-C. All such members attending a committee meeting shall be entitled to vote in committee elections and other voting members. AT THE TIME OF SPORT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS, EACH SPORT COMMITTEE MAY ELECT AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OR THE SPORT COMMITTEES OF A DIVISION MAY ELECT A COMBINED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND A DIVISIONAL CHAIR. AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY ACT ON BEHALF OF THE SPORT COMMITTEE OR SPORT COMMITTEES BETWEEN COMMITTEE MEETINGS. A DIVISIONAL CHAIR SHALL CHAIR MEETINGS OF THE DIVISION, COORDINATE ACTIVITIES AMONG THE SPORT COMMITTEE OF THE DIVISION, AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS MAY BE ASSIGNED BY THE SPORT COMMITTEES OF THE DIVISION OR THEIR COMBINED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Reason: The proposal would give sport committees and divisions the formal flexibility to organize accordingly. The proposal is optional to sport committees and does not give them any mandates.