



# 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.**

## PREAMBLE

The purposes of this organization shall be:

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

## ARTICLE ONE

### Name and Scope

**Section One** - The name of this organization shall be:  
National College Athlete Honor Society.  
The Greek letters shall be: XΑΣ (Chi Alpha Sigma).

**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:  
Athletics, Academics, Achievement, Attitude.

## ARTICLE THREE

### Board of Directors

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

**Section Two** - Seven members shall be selected by the executive director from member colleges and universities. 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 and assistant director will serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors to fulfill the mission, vision and purpose of the organization.

**Section Six** – The Board of Directors shall nominate and vote on the following positions to assist with governance: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Membership Services. The executive director shall coordinate the ballot and voting as necessary.



## ARTICLE FOUR

### Local Chapters

**Section One** – Colleges and universities who are members of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA), or United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) are eligible to apply for a local chapter.

**Section Two** – Each chapter shall pay an initial charter fee of \$125.00 and an annual renewal fee of \$75.00 thereafter. Fees will be determined by the Board of Directors.

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

**Section Four** – The DePauw University chapter of the National College Athlete Honor Society is designated the Alpha Chapter of Chi Alpha Sigma and is in the state of Indiana. 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.

## ARTICLE FIVE

### Membership and Initiation

**Section One** - Membership in local chapters is an honor bestowed upon selected college athletes. Selection for membership is by an athletics department designee in consultation with the individual's head coach and is based on outstanding scholarship, earned athletic letter, and excellent character and citizenship. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

**Section Two** - The athletics department designee shall act as Chapter Advisor and pass on duties and responsibilities if the position is relinquished.

**Section Three** - The student-athlete must meet and fulfill the criteria listed in the selection process in Article Six. Candidates become 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 Four** - The college or university name shall serve as each society's chapter name in addition to its designated Greek alphabet letter(s).

**Section Five** - Each year the local chapter shall send its list of new members with all information requested as outlined in Article Six to the Executive Director.

## ARTICLE SIX 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 four year accredited college or university that is a member of the NCAA, NAIA, NCCAA, or USCAA.
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 achieved at least junior academic standing after the fifth semester or seventh quarter as determined by the certifying institution.
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 or university 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 or university's athletics department.

**Section Three** – After completing one 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** – Student-athletes who participate in a club level sport that is overseen by the chapter's athletics department are also eligible for induction, so long as all other criteria are met in Article Six, Section One.

**Section Five** – Graduate level student-athletes are not eligible for induction.

**Section Six** - The recommendation for membership of student-athletes from all sports should be completed by April 1<sup>st</sup> or two weeks prior to the induction date.