

# By-Laws of the “T” Association

(as of 11/21/03)

## *Mission Statement*

The “T” Association at Texas State University is a service organization committed to promoting and maintaining the communication and active involvement of both current and former letter winners at Texas State.

In order to implement the provisions of the Constitution as provided in Article X, and to further aid in the operation of the “T” Association, the following By-laws are adopted. New By-Laws which will aid in the operation of the “T” Association may be added in the future in the following manner: the new By-Law is to be submitted in writing to the Director of the “T” Association at least thirty (30) days prior to an official meeting of the Board of Directors. The Director will see that each member of the Board is made aware of the proposal prior to the meeting. If approved by the Director and the Board of Directors, the By-Law may be submitted to the next official meeting of the “T” Association for adoption by a majority vote of the membership present.

The By-Laws, hereby adopted, emphasize that final authority on all matters rests with a majority vote of the members present at an official meeting of the “T” Association.

## **Terms**

**Board of Directors:** Directors from each decade who are selected by “T” Association members will serve as the Board of Directors to administer the Constitution and By-Laws of the “T” Association.

**“T” Association Director:** Principle executive officer who supervises and controls such duties of the Association under corporate bonds as the Board of Directors may advise. This individual must possess a working knowledge of and specifically its athletic program, maintain communication lines between Texas State head coaches and the Board of Directors and be voted in to the position by two-thirds vote (2/3) by the Board of Directors. The Director must also be a staff member of Texas State.

**“T” Association President:** elected by “T” Association members to preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors and perform such duties as outlined in the Constitution.

## **Article I Officers**

### **Section 1. Principle Office**

The principle office of the Association in the State of Texas shall be located in the city of San Marcos, County of Hays.

### **Section 2. Registered Agent and Office.**

The Association shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Texas, a registered office and a registered agent whose office is identical with such registered office, as required by the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act. The registered office may be, but need not be, identical with the principle office of the Association in the State of Texas, and the address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

## **Article II Members**

Membership in the “T” Association shall be of two (2) categories: Member and Honorary. (See Constitution, Article V)

### **Section 1. Member.**

- (a) Any person who has been awarded an athletic letter in an intercollegiate sport at the University, including athletic trainers and student managers, as deemed by the coach.
- (b) General Rules Governing the Awarding of the Athletic Letter “T”.

Any student who has attained a letter in a university intercollegiate sport shall be considered eligible for the award of the letter “T.”

Amendment 1. Adopted unanimously by all letter winners and the Athletic Committee, December 4, 1920:

The “T” is to be won as stated under the Rules Governing the Awarding of the “T”. Before the “T” is presented, an individual shall make at least the minimum number of the grade points required for that term’s work in which the letter was earned.

There shall be only one letter jacket award in any one year, regardless of the number of letters that are won in different sports.

- (c) Specific Rules Governing the Awarding of the “T” Letter.

Refer to Appendix A for the following programs:

1. Athletic Trainers
2. Baseball
3. Men’s Basketball
4. Women’s Basketball
5. Football
6. Golf
7. Men’s Tennis
8. Women’s Tennis
9. Cross Country/Track & Field
10. Women’s Soccer
11. Softball
12. Volleyball
13. Women’s Golf

## **Section 2. Honorary Member**

- (a) Procedures for submission of a proposed Honorary Member: The name of the proposed Honorary Member is to be submitted in writing with reasons for recommendation by any “T” member to the Director of the “T” Association, who will see that each member of the Board of Directors is given notice prior to the next official Board meeting.
- (b) Procedure will then be given in Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution: Any person who has rendered or is rendering outstanding service to the Association, the University or the State of Texas may by a “yes” vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors, present at an official meeting, become eligible to be recommended as an Honorary Member of the “T” Association.
- (c) A “yes” vote by a majority of members present at the Spring “T” Association week-end meeting constitutes approval and acceptance.

## **Section 3. Procedures for Receiving the “T” Award**

- (a) A person who has been officially awarded the “T” for the first time, and has been notified by the coach is eligible to wear the “T.” The first award when presented, as all later ones, should be done in a standard procedure at the Fall and Spring meetings. To be inducted into the “T” Association, new members must be present at the first annual Spring Meeting of the “T” Association following his/her award. The new members will be introduced and receive an official handshake from the “T” Association President, along with their head coach and older “T” Association members. (Honorary members may also be inducted in the same manner).

- (b) New “T” Association members shall receive a letter jacket their first year along with a certificate. After their second year of lettering, the student-athlete will receive a paper weight. If the individual letters a third year (non-transfer), he/she will receive a pen. In the individual’s final year of lettering, the student-athlete will receive the official “T” Association Ring, provided that the student graduates within one year of NCAA eligibility completion. The “T” Association Ring shall be provided by the Bobcat Athletic Foundation.
- (c) Honorary members of the “T” Association will receive a certificate during their induction at the Spring Meeting.

**Section 4. Sample of the “T” Letter Award**

An official sample of the letter “T” is to be kept in the files of the “T” Association. The letter is to be a “T” having smaller “SW” letters in the case or “SW” only after the year 1951 when the “N” in the base was dropped by a revision of the “T” Association at its Spring Meeting, 1950.

**Section 5. Protection of the “T” Letter**

All members should assume the responsibility that the “T” is not to be worn by anyone unauthorized to do so or is defamed in any manner.

**Article III  
Meetings**

**Section 1. Annual Meetings**

The annual Spring Meeting of the “T” Association shall be held in May at a designated time. If reasons occur why this date must be changed, the Director, along with the Board of Directors, may change to another suitable date. The Director will be responsible for making all necessary announcements.

The annual Fall Meeting of the “T” Association will be held the weekend of the final home football game.

There will be two (2) meetings each year, one in the Fall and in the Spring. Other meetings may be called at the discretion of the “T” Association Director.

**Section 2. Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall meet two (2) times each year in conjunction with the “T” Association meetings.

### **Section 3**

If deemed advisable, an additional fall meeting of the “T” Association will be held at a date set by the Director and the President.

### **Section 4**

Additional meetings of the Board may be called by the “T” Association President or by a petition signed by ten (10) members of the Board.

## **Article IV Board of Directors**

### **Section 1**

As the word “directors” implies, their primary duty is to act as advisors to the Director and specifically as the Board of Directors to administer duties required of them as mentioned in the Constitution or By-Laws. For example, Article III, Section 2; Article VII, Section 7; and Article VIII, Section 3 of the Constitution, and all matters pertaining to the Articles of Incorporation in the Constitution and By-Laws.

### **Section 2**

The term of service for a Board member is to be the same as that outlined for elected officials in Article VII, section 5 of the constitution. Former Board members are always welcome to attend Board meetings.

Two Board members are to be selected from each decade by “T” Association members at the official Spring Meeting. If for some reason this has not been done, the Director will submit a list of nominees for the Board to make the appointment. The decades start with 1920-29 through the present decade. Letter winners who overlap may make their own decisions as to which yearly group they prefer. The Director shall recommend four (4) members to serve as at-large members on the Board of Directors without respect to the decade.

### **Section 3.**

#### **The Director of the “T” Association and relationship with the Board of Directors**

The Director of the “T” Association is to meet the following requirements: The approval by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors. The Director must also be a staff member of Texas State and have a working knowledge of “T” Association’s purpose and activities.

### **Section 4.**

As Director of the “T” Association, he/she is the principle executive officer and shall in general, supervise and control all of the business affairs of the “T” Association. The individual may sign with other proper officers of the “T” Association, authorized by the Board of Directors any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and the execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of these By-Laws or by statute to some other officer of the Association. Furthermore, he/she shall perform any other duties not mentioned above, but delegated to him/her by Article VIII, Section 4, of the Constitution.

## **Article V**

### **Waiver of Notice**

#### **Section 1. Waiver of Notice**

Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or the By-Laws of the Association, a waiver thereof, in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.