

CAS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT TERMS 2020-2021

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section D. Legal Action

1. Legal Action Against the Association by a Member School

Any institutional or associate individual member which initiates legal action to overturn, stay or enjoin the final and binding decision of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Association of Schools, and is subsequently unsuccessful in seeking such an award will be liable for all costs and attorneys' fees incurred by the Connecticut Association of Schools in defending against such action. Further, should the Connecticut Association of Schools be forced to initiate legal action to collect the aforementioned costs and attorneys' fees, the institutional or individual associate member shall be additionally liable for the Connecticut Association of Schools costs and attorneys' fees resulting from the collection action.

2. Legal Expenses Incurred by the Association in Due Process Proceedings

Any institutional or individual associate member which, in the exercise of due process, employs legal counsel to initiate and/or conduct hearing procedures which then require a board of control or the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Association of Schools to engage legal counsel to assist in or moderate procedures or to defend an action of a board of control or the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Association of Schools, and is subsequently unsuccessful in its attempt to overturn, alter or stay a ruling of a board or association, shall be liable for all costs and attorneys' fees incurred by an association or board in the matter at issue. Further, should the Connecticut Association of Schools be forced to initiate legal action to collect the aforementioned costs and attorneys' fees, the institutional or individual associate member shall be additionally liable for the Connecticut Association of Schools costs and attorneys' fees resulting from the collection action. Notwithstanding other costs as otherwise described in this article, no student or legal guardian shall be assessed any legal fees or costs incurred by the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Association of Schools or a board of control for any appeal initiated by and processed by an individual student or individual legal guardian.

ARTICLE VII - CONTROL

Section A. General

1. Institutional members of this Association participating in any interscholastic activity or contest shall be subject to the rules and regulations established by the appropriate Board of Control for that activity or contest.
2. Only institutional members may participate in an interscholastic activity sponsored by the Board of Control.

3. The Board of Directors shall act as a Board of Control for any activity not already placed under the Board of Control.

Section B. Suspension and Reinstatement

1. Suspension

During any school year the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of the authorized voting membership may suspend a member school for a time definite after a hearing at which satisfactory evidence of failure to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Connecticut Association of Schools has been established.

2. Reinstatement

A school that has been suspended may be reinstated prior to the time definite at the discretion of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of the authorized voting membership.

Section C. Appeals

A member school dissatisfied with a decision of a Board of Control, with the exception of eligibility cases, may within fourteen days after distribution of the written decision, appeal in writing to the CAS Board of Directors, whose decision shall be final and binding upon all parties.