

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION, AND
DANCE

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Student Section Operating Code
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I. NAME: Student Section

II. PURPOSE:

- A. To afford students an opportunity in leadership roles within VAHPERD.
- B. To provide representation of college and university students on the Board of Directors.
- C. To offer students an opportunity to formally meet and present at the annual convention.
- D. To promote membership in state, regional and national AAHPERD organizations.

III. ORGANIZATION:

- A. The Student Section is in the General Division
- A. The Student Section shall be represented by an elected student and an alternate.
- B. The student representative shall be chosen based on the following criteria:
 1. Must be a student at a Virginia college/university, majoring in one of the areas or sub-disciplines of health, physical education, recreation, or dance.
 2. Be an active member of their institution's student major organization (HPERD).
 3. Be a VAHPERD member at the time of appointment to the position.
 4. Have the status of junior, senior or graduate student at the time of appointment to the position, and can commit to a full year's appointment.
 5. Have demonstrated outstanding personal qualities, high ideals, good scholarship, professional ethics, and overall leadership potential.
- C. The Student Representative shall be elected at the annual convention, and shall serve for one year, and ineligible for re-election for one additional year if applicable.
- D. Selection:
 1. The Student Representative criteria will be available to all members via the VAHPERD web site throughout the year.
 2. Those students who desire to apply must give a brief presentation during the student section meeting at the annual VAHPERD conference to present themselves as candidates, and demonstrate their competencies regarding the criteria.
 3. Voting will be conducted at the student section meeting by secret ballot.
 4. The Student Section Advisor (appointed by the President) will count ballots, and results will be tallied. The representative and an alternate will be announced at the conclusion of the student section meeting. The representative and alternate may not be from the same institution unless no other candidates run.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. In regards to meetings, the student representative shall:
 - 1. Attend all regular meetings of the Board of Directors as a voting member. If unable to attend, the alternate student representative shall attend with full voting rights. If neither can attend the Student Section Advisor shall attend but not have voting rights.
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 - 2. Preside over the student section meeting at the convention.
- B. Prior to the convention, the student representative and alternate student representative shall:
 - 1. Work cooperatively with the Student Section Advisor to organize the recruitment of student presenters
 - 2. Work cooperatively with the Student Section Advisor to organize and plan all student events at the convention.
- C. At the convention, the student representative and alternate shall:
 - 1. Oversee all student events.
 - 2. Attend all required meetings. The alternate student representative would only attend in the absence of the elected student representative.
 - 3. Hold a thirty-minute meeting at the VAHPERD conference with the in-coming student representative, alternate representative, and Student Section Advisor to discuss procedures, leadership roles, and responsibilities to be addressed throughout the year.
- D. The student representative and alternate student representative shall have first option to attend the National Student Leadership Conference.

IV. AMMENDMENTS

Operating codes may be changed by submitting a written proposal, including rationale, to the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall submit the proposal to the Board of Directors not less than fifteen (15) days in advance of a vote. The proposal shall be adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.