

What is YRSAC?

- York Region Student Athletic Council
- YRSAC is a non-profit student run organization
- this council consists of the Athletic Council presidents and vice-presidents of York Region's private, catholic and public high schools - all students are able to join
- meetings are held to share and discuss problems or achievements so that good and bad experiences within council may be shared
- our mission is to unite the athletes of York Region

The York Region Student Athletic Council

Constitution

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Article 1 – Name

The name of this association shall be the York Region Student Athletic Council, hereafter referred to as the Y.R.S.A.C.

Article 2 – Purpose

The purpose of the Y.R.S.A.C. shall be:

- A) To serve as the official voice and representative body for York Region student-athletes.
- B) To serve as the official discussion forum for York Region student-athletes
- C) To unify and co-ordinate student-run athletic activities in York Region.
- D) To co-operate in the promotion of:
 - interest in student-athlete leadership
 - high ideals in all student activities
 - interest in student-athletics
- E) To protect and promote the welfare of all members.
- F) To co-ordinate a student-athletic leadership conference in order to promote all the Y.R.S.A.C. ideals.

Article 3 – Membership

All registered secondary schools in York Region are members of the Y.R.S.A.C. and as such, are eligible to vote for the Y.R.S.A.C. All members of the Y.R.S.A.C. must be representatives from York Region secondary schools. The chosen representatives from these affiliates comprise the electorate.

A – Officers

Executive voting members shall consist of:

- Two (2) Co-Presidents
- One (1) Vice-President
- One (1) Treasurer
- One (1) Secretary
- One (1) Minister of Security
- One (1) Minister of Food and Transportation
- One (1) Ministers of Entertainment
- One (1) Minister of Leadership Development
- One (1) Minister of Fundraising
- One (1) Minister of Public Relations

Voting members shall consist of:

- One (1) Voting member from each York Region Secondary School*

*Although only one member from each York Region Secondary School is permitted to vote, all representatives from each affiliate school are permitted to sit on Y.R.S.A.C.

†In the event that two persons hold the same position, only one vote can be recorded between the pair.

B – Eligibility

The positions of Co-presidents and Vice-President shall be held by students with 1 year of experience on council and in grades 11 or 12. The positions of Secretary,

Minister of Security, Minister of Food and Transportation, Minister of Entertainment, and Minister of Leadership Development must be voted in by the majority of the electorate. The position of Voting member from each affiliate school can be chosen by their respective school and is not subject to an election process. It is recommended that all members of the Y.R.S.A.C. have a high academic level because of the degree of responsibility, time and effort required to perform the duties successfully. The term of office is one year.

C – Duties of Officers

The Co-Presidents shall:

1. Preside over all meetings of the Y.R.S.A.C.
2. Oversee all activities of the Y.R.S.A.C.
3. Represent the Y.R.S.A.C. at all functions where a representative is required, or else, appoint one from the Y.R.S.A.C.

The Vice-President shall:

1. In the absence of the Co-Presidents, perform all the duties of the Co-Presidents.
2. Maintain and organize the "Athlete of the Month" program.
3. Communicate the "Athlete of the Month" program results to the Minister of Public Relations.

The Secretary shall:

1. Make, and keep in permanent form, all records for the Y.R.S.A.C.
2. Record the minutes of all Y.R.S.A.C. meetings and report such minutes at subsequent meetings.
3. Be responsible for preparing a contact list of all members of the Y.R.S.A.C. Maintain a list of all affiliates and their members.

The Treasurer shall:

1. Prepare the budget for the Y.R.S.A.C.
2. Keep an accurate and updated account of the financial matters of the Y.R.S.A.C.
3. Ensure that all expenditures are properly authorized and documented.
4. Keep the Y.R.S.A.C. informed as to its financial standing.
5. Have the financial books audited at the end of each term of office.

The Minister of Security shall:

1. Be responsible for developing a security plan for the annual Y.R.S.A.C. conference. This plan should be extensive and cover all hours when the conference is in operation.
2. Be responsible for the selection of a security team, their training, and the supervision of this team throughout the annual Y.R.S.A.C. conference.

The Minister of Food and Transportation shall:

1. Be responsible for planning the transportation of delegates and organizers to and from the annual Y.R.S.A.C. conference.
2. Be responsible for organizing food preparations for the annual Y.R.S.A.C. conference (in addition to the main courses provided by the conference centre).

The Minister of Leadership Development shall:

1. Be responsible for writing the leadership development program that is taught during the annual Y.R.S.A.C. conference.
2. Be responsible for selecting potential leadership developers, training them and supervising those "LD's" during the annual conference.
3. Be responsible for the creation of the leadership development manual that is given to delegates at the annual Y.R.S.A.C. conference.

The Minister of Entertainment shall:

1. Be responsible for planning additional entertainment (in addition to the leadership development program and athletics) with regard to the annual Y.R.S.A.C. conference.
2. Take an active role in the planning of any Y.R.S.A.C. social functions in addition to the annual conference.

The Minister of Public Relations shall:

1. Communicate all Y.R.S.A.C. decisions and initiatives to its affiliates as well as local media.
2. Communicate to local media recent York Region athletic scores and "Athlete of the Month" program winners on a regular basis.

The Minister of Fundraising shall:

1. Prepare a fundraising strategy for the term of office.
2. Seek support and sponsorship from relevant companies and organizations with regard to the annual Y.R.S.A.C. conference.

The Voting members from each affiliate school shall:

1. Attend regular Y.R.S.A.C. meetings. If they are not able to attend, send an alternate in their place.
2. Be responsible for gathering the opinions of their respective schools with respect to issues and events.
3. Communicate Y.R.S.A.C. decisions and initiatives back to their respective schools.

Article 4 - Y.R.S.A.C. Meetings

The Y.R.S.A.C. shall meet at least biweekly during the school year. Each meeting shall be announced at least one week in advance.

Regular meetings of the Y.R.S.A.C. shall follow the order of business as follows unless otherwise determined by the Co-Presidents with the assistance of the Staff Advisor(s).

- A) Reading of minutes of the previous meeting.
- B) Business arising out of the minutes.
- C) Reports.
- D) New business.
- E) Adjournment.

Roberts Rules of Order shall be the standard parliamentary text of the Y.R.S.A.C. and shall govern all cases not otherwise covered in this constitution.

Article 5 – Powers

The Staff Advisor(s) shall:

4. Be present at Y.R.S.A.C. meetings, whenever possible, to give assistance to the Co-Presidents and the Y.R.S.A.C., and to give information regarding the constitution, the procedures for conducting meetings, Ministry of Education and /or school board policies.
5. Act as the official liaison between the Y.R.S.A.C. and school board.
6. Have the power to call meetings.
7. Be appointed by the preceding holder of said title, or in the case that such an officer does not exist, the school board.

The Staff Advisor(s) also has the right to remove any member of the Y.R.S.A.C. from office if just cause is given.

The Y.R.S.A.C. shall have the power to:

3. Develop policies, set standards, make and enforce any rules necessary for the betterment of York Region student-athletes interest and activities.
4. Investigate and report on matters specifically referred to by any member of the Y.R.S.A.C.
5. Consider policies and changes recommended by Y.R.S.A.C. members and/or representatives from the school board.
6. Publicize Y.R.S.A.C.'s policies and activities to its members and the community.

Since the powers of the Y.R.S.A.C. are delegated to it by the York Region Athletic Association, the Y.R.A.A. shall have the right to veto any measure that the Y.R.S.A.C. proposes.

Article 6 – Code of Conduct

Any executive member of the Y.R.S.A.C. shall undergo a hearing for any of the following actions:

3. Non-attendance at meetings – two (2) consecutive meetings or four (4) meetings – without just cause and prior notification to the Co-Presidents, the Vice-President or Staff Advisor(s).
4. Failure to carry out the duties of office in an efficient and conscientious manner.
5. Acting in a manner that is unbecoming of a student leader. This includes the use of all York Region District School Board banned substances during Y.R.S.A.C. sponsored events, or any action deemed by a majority of the Y.R.S.A.C. as contrary to the productivity of the Y.R.S.A.C.

Any regular member of the Y.R.S.A.C. shall undergo a hearing for any of the following actions:

3. Failure to carry out the duties of office in an efficient and conscientious manner.
4. Acting in a manner that is unbecoming of a student leader. This includes the use of all York Region District School Board banned substances during Y.R.S.A.C. sponsored events, or any action deemed by a majority of the Y.R.S.A.C. as contrary to the productivity of the Y.R.S.A.C.

In the event that such a violation takes place, any member of the Y.R.S.A.C. or Staff Advisor(s) can call a hearing. If during the course of the hearing a member is found guilty, any of the following recommendations may be forwarded to the Staff Advisor(s):

4. Placement on probation for the minimum period of one (1) month. During this month, power of office is lost and all meetings must be attended. The person on probation must continue to actively support the functions and programs established by the Y.R.S.A.C. however, participation in events and activities is suspended.
5. Apology to the Y.R.S.A.C., school board and anyone else involved in the situation.
6. Dismissal from the Y.R.S.A.C. by a seventy-five (75) percent majority of the Y.R.S.A.C. and approval from the Staff Advisor(s)*.

Anyone dismissed from office may no longer attend Y.R.S.A.C. meetings and act in a position of leadership sponsored by the Y.R.S.A.C.

Article 7 – Amendments

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed, in writing, to the Secretary by any member of the Y.R.S.A.C. Ratification of such amendments shall take place not more than one (1) month after notice is given. The proposed amendment must be ratified by at least seventy-five (75) percent of the Y.R.S.A.C. subject to the Y.R.A.A.'s approval.