

Approved: March 1987

**CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT**

**ARTICLE I: NAME**

**Section 1:**

The name of this society shall be the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS).

**Section 2:**

The principal office of this Society shall be in the United States.

**ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

**Section 1:**

The North American Society for the Sociology of Sport is organized exclusively for educational purposes to promote, stimulate, and encourage the sociological study of play, games, and sport, to support and cooperate with local, national and international organizations having the same purposes, and to organize and arrange meetings and issue publications concerning the purpose of the Society.

**Section 2:**

The Society shall recognize and represent all sociological paradigms for the study of play, games, and sport and will promote scholarly activity and exchange among these alternatives paradigms and perspectives.

**ARTICLE III: CORPORATE STATUS**

**Section 1:**

The Society is a nonstock, nonprofit, educational corporation. It shall have no authority to issue stock and shall have members rather than stockholders.

**Section 2:**

The duration of the corporation is perpetual.

**Section 3:**

In order to prosecute properly the purposes herein set out, the Society shall have power to receive donations, bequests, and devises to make contracts; to purchase, mortgage, lease, and otherwise acquire property, real, personal and mixed; to pay in full or

supplement the salary or salaries of any person engaged in any phase of education, service, or research, and nonprofit organizations at or through the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport; to donate all or any part of the equipment, materials, or other facilities, incident to any such education, service, or research; and generally to do any and all acts and things which may be deemed necessary or expedient for the development, expansion, and extension of education, service, and research in sociology of sport.

The foregoing powers are in addition to and not to the exclusion of any of the powers granted to a corporation of similar character now or hereafter in force, except that this association is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law, and it is intended as a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Furthermore, in the event of dissolution, any assets remaining after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Society shall be distributed by the Board of Directors to an organization or organizations which have established exempt status as such under the provisions of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, contributions to which are deductible, or to a state or local government for public purposes.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Society shall not conduct or carry on activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by organization exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code as now stated, or as it may hereafter be amended, or by a organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 c (2) of such Code as now stated, or as it may hereafter be amended.

#### **ARTICLE IV: POLITICAL ACTIVITY**

##### **Section 1:**

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall at any time consist in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall the Society at any time participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office by any means whatsoever, including without limitation the publishing or distributing of statements.

#### **ARTICLE V: DISTRIBUTION OF EARNINGS**

##### **Section 1:**

No part of the net earnings of the Society shall inure directly or indirectly to the benefit of any private member or individual, whether by distribution of assets or dissolution or final liquidation or by any other means whatsoever.