



2007-08
OPERATING
MANUAL
& *Directory*

*University of Central Arkansas · Lamar University
McNeese State University · Nicholls State University
Northwestern State University · **Sam Houston State University**
Southeastern Louisiana University · Stephen F. Austin State University
University of Texas at Arlington · University of Texas at San Antonio
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi · Texas State University-San Marcos*

Constitution

ARTICLE 1. NAME

1.01 **Organizational Name.** The name of this organization shall be the Southland Conference.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

2.01 **General Purpose.** The Conference is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and amateur sports competition purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

2.02 **Specific Purpose.** The specific purpose of the Conference shall be to promote and govern the intercollegiate athletics competition of member institutions in a manner compatible with their educational missions. [1/91]

2.03 **Statement of Principle.** The Conference is committed to providing male and female student-athletes, coaches and administrators with opportunities and programs that are both equitable and broad-based. It is a goal of the Conference to enhance the quantity and quality of opportunities for women in intercollegiate athletics. Achievement of this goal shall occur through the existence of programs, policies and structures that confirm the value of equitable treatment for men and women in intercollegiate athletics. [8/93]

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP

3.01 **Members.** The members of this Conference and admission dates for competition are: the University of Central Arkansas (2006); Lamar University (1998); McNeese State University (1972); Nicholls State University (1991); Northwestern State University (1987); Sam Houston State University (1986); Southeastern Louisiana University (1997); Stephen F. Austin State University (1986); the University of Texas at Arlington (1963); and the University of Texas at San Antonio (1991). Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (2006); and Texas State University-San Marcos (1986).

3.02 **New Members.** Additional members may be added by secret ballot provided:

- (a) The applicant is classified as a member of NCAA Division I;
- (b) The applicant has not been rejected for membership by the Conference in the previous two (2) years, unless invited to apply; and
- (c) The applicant does not receive more than two (2) dissenting votes from Conference members. [1/97]

3.03 **Affiliated Members.** An affiliated member is a member that competes for Conference championships, but is not a full Conference member. Affiliated members may be added in specific sports by secret ballot provided:

- (a) The applicant is classified as a member of NCAA Division I;
- (b) In sports other than Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) football, the applicant does not receive more than two (2) dissenting votes from the entire Conference membership;