

# ***Eastern Cincinnati Conference***

**“ECC”**



## **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**



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# The Constitution

## **Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Eastern Cincinnati Conference (abbreviated as "ECC").

## **Article II. Purpose**

Interscholastic activities are an integral part of the total educational process and opportunities for such competition shall be provided for both boys and girls of the member school districts of this organization. The purpose of this conference shall be to organize, supervise, control, and encourage the activities and insure the promotion of good sportsmanship, the advancement for the common good and complete harmony for all of its members.

## **Article III. Membership**

**Section 1:** Members of the ECC are Anderson, Kings, Loveland, Milford, Turpin, Walnut Hills, West Clermont and Withrow (including associated middle school/junior high programs).

**Section 2:** All member schools must maintain good standing in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA).

**Section 3:** In order for a member school to withdraw from the ECC, a written request must be made no less than two years (four semesters) prior to the date of withdrawal. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from conference/division championships, all league teams, and a monetary penalty not to exceed three times the current annual league dues.

**Section 4:** A current member school may be removed from the ECC if at least 3/4 of the member schools vote to do so.

**Section 5:** A new school may be admitted to the ECC if at least a 3/4 of the current member schools vote to do so.

**Section 6:** 2/3 of the member schools shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 7:** Sports/Activities officially recognized by the ECC:

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Coed</u>
Baseball	Basketball	Academic Team
Basketball	Bowling	
Bowling	Cross Country	
Cross Country	Golf	
Football	Lacrosse	
Golf	Soccer	
Lacrosse	Softball	
Soccer	Swimming/Diving	
Swimming/Diving	Tennis	
Tennis	Track	
Track	Volleyball	
Wrestling		

**Section 8:** In sports/activities that require conference meets or tournaments (i.e. cross country, golf, track and wrestling), the ECC considers schools as "participating" if the schools have assigned coaches and any number of participants.

**Section 9:** Sports/Activities may be added or dropped as officially recognized by the ECC if at least a majority of the member schools vote to do so.

**Section 10:** An "Expansion Committee" shall exist and will be comprised of each member school's Athletic Director. The following will be among the factors to be used in the review of schools under consideration for entry into the ECC: proximity to current ECC schools, curriculum structure, high school and junior high school programs, financial stability, ticket revenue generation potential, facilities, school size, competitiveness in conference sports/activities, commonality of purpose and additional extracurricular activities. This list is not necessarily all-inclusive and the Expansion Committee may take into consideration other relevant factors.

**Article IV. Dues**

Conference dues shall be determined annually by at least a majority vote of the member schools and shall be payable in September of each year.

**Article V. Bylaws**

The activities of the ECC shall be regulated by and in accordance with the bylaws established through the Board of Control.

**Article VI. Management**

**Section 1:** It is expected that each member school send a representative to all meetings unless prevented by weather conditions.

**Section 2:** The management of the affairs of the ECC shall be vested in a Board of Control, consisting of the Superintendent from each school or his/her Principal Designee. Districts that have more than one high school will have one vote per high school.

**Section 3:** The Board of Control shall select by at least a majority vote a "President" and "Vice-President" from its membership. These officers shall serve for a period of one year beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>. There are no term limits.

**Section 4:** All operating aspects and functions of the ECC shall be overseen and attended to by the Athletic Directors of the member schools. The Athletic Directors shall select by at least a majority vote a "Chairperson" and "Vice-Chairperson" from its membership. These officers shall serve for a period of one year beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>. There are no term limits.

**Article VII. Officers and Duties**

**Section 1:** Board of Control

**A.** The President will preside over all Board of Control meetings, call special meetings as needed, manage conference employees and perform all other duties assigned to him/her by the Board of Control.

**B.** The Vice-President will perform the duties of the President in his/her absence along with all other duties assigned to him/her by the President.

**Section 2:** Athletic Directors

**A.** The Chairperson will conduct all Athletic Director meetings, call special meetings as needed, manage conference employees in conjunction with the President and perform all other duties assigned to him/her by the Athletic Directors.

**B.** The Vice-Chairperson will perform the duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence along with all other duties assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**C.** The Athletic Directors shall hold regular, consistent meetings for the purpose of attending to the operation of the ECC.

**D.** It is the responsibility of the Athletic Directors to see that the constitution, bylaws and regulations of the ECC are carried out and adhered to. The Athletic Directors shall make recommendations as needed to the Board of Control concerning changes in the constitution or bylaws for improving the function of the ECC.

### **Article VIII. Conference Contractors and Duties**

**Section 1:** The Board of Control shall have the power to annually contract with a Commissioner and other conference service providers as needed for the ECC. All contractors and their annual salary/compensation shall be approved by at least a 3/4 vote of the member schools.

**Section 2:** The Commissioner shall be the secretary/treasurer of the conference. ECC contractor duties and job descriptions shall be outlined in the bylaws and set forth in the individual contracts.

### **Article IX. No Discrimination**

The ECC and its members shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national/ethnic origin or in any way contrary to law in the administration of its policies, admissions and programs.

### **Article X. Violations and Suspensions**

**Section 1:** Suspected violations of conference mandates or any article of the constitution or bylaws should be reported to the Commissioner for review and investigation. The Commissioner shall document his/her findings and report them to the Board of Control at a regular or special meeting. If a violation is confirmed, the Board of Control may, by at least a majority vote of all member schools, impose consequences on the school in violation. Consequences may include, but are not limited to, a letter of reprimand outlining the infringement to the Superintendent of the violating school, financial penalties as appropriate, a deduction of all-sports points, and/or suspension per procedure as described in section two.

**Section 2:** Any member school of the ECC for reason of its refusal or inability to conform to the constitution or bylaws, or for any other just cause, can be suspended from the conference by at least a 3/4 vote of all member schools, provided the school has been given an opportunity to defend its position at a regular or special meeting. This suspension may affect an individual sport at the school or the school's entire athletic program.

### **Article XI. Amendments**

**Section 1:** This constitution may be amended by at least a 3/4 vote of the member schools at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Control. The bylaws may be amended by at least a 2/3 vote of the member schools at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Control.

**Section 2:** Proposed amendments shall be sent to all member schools at least 10 days prior to the regular or special meeting of the Board of Control for vote consideration.

**Section 3:** In extreme circumstances, the constitution and bylaws may be amended immediately at any Board of Control meeting by a unanimous vote of the member schools.

### **Article XII. Dissolution**

Upon at least a 3/4 vote of the Board of Control, the organization may be dissolved pursuant to any and all applicable provisions of the laws of the State of Ohio. Upon dissolution, the organization shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities, dispose of all assets equally among current member schools.

# **The Bylaws**

## **Article I. Meetings**

- Section 1:** Board of Control Regular Meetings  
The regular meetings of the Board of Control will be held in August, September, November, April and June. The June meeting will be for the purpose of closing the current school year and making any necessary final approvals for the next school year. Board of Control meeting dates/times/locations will be set each year by at least a majority vote of the Board of Control.
- Section 2:** Athletic Director Regular Meetings  
The regular meetings of Athletic Directors will be held monthly beginning in August through June. Athletic Director meeting dates/times/locations will be set each year by at least a majority vote of the Athletic Directors.
- Section 3:** Special Meetings  
The President may call special Board of Control meetings. The Chairperson may call special Athletic Director meetings. Special meetings may also be called by at least a majority vote of either the Board of Control or the Athletic Directors.
- Section 4:** Canceling/Changing Meetings  
Meetings may be cancelled or changed by at least a majority vote of either the Board of Control or the Athletic Directors.
- Section 5:** Meeting Attendance  
The Superintendent from each school or his/her Principal Designee should be present at all Board of Control meetings or send an appropriate representative with written proxy authorization for voting purposes. Athletic Directors should be present at all Athletic Director meetings or send an appropriate representative.

## **Article II. Eligibility, Rules and Regulations**

All rules and regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) pertaining to the operation and conduct of athletic programs are the rules and regulations of the Eastern Cincinnati Conference. Rules and regulations governing all interscholastic athletics for grades 7-12 athletic eligibility shall be adhered to as found in the OHSAA Constitution and Bylaws. All participation minimums constituting 'team' designations and scoring shall be as defined by the OHSAA.

## **Article III. Conference Competition, Championships and Awards**

- Section 1:** If a sport is approved for conference competition and a school has a team in that sport, the school must compete in all conference play.
- Section 2:** Championship order of finish procedures shall be outlined in each sport's bylaws. The following point system shall be used to determine the order of finish when ties are possible: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. When teams finish conference standings in a first place tie, the championship shall be shared (co-champions).
- Section 3:** The Eastern Cincinnati Conference will recognize only varsity championships in all sports.
- Section 4:** No senior shall participate in junior varsity or freshman level conference competition without prior approval from all conference Athletic Directors by at least a majority vote. If approved, that senior may participate in any junior varsity or freshman conference contest in that particular sport. No sophomore or junior shall participate in freshman level conference competition without prior notification to all conference Athletic Directors of the particular sport in which the freshman team is being designated as a "JVB" team.

- Section 5:** The “home” team is responsible for reporting the results of conference athletic contests to the news media and to the conference SID as needed.
- Section 6:** The conference will establish standard admission prices for conference contests on a yearly basis by at least a majority vote of the Board of Control. These prices should be adhered to unless they conflict with individual school district policies.
- Section 7:** There shall be no exchange of conference school films or video tape in any sport with non-conference schools, other than those non-conference schools that you are actually competing against. This provision would apply for the regular season as well as post-season play.
- Section 8:** All league schools must adjust schedules to accommodate religious holidays when conflicts are brought to their attention in a timely fashion.
- Section 9:** Any person employed by or for an ECC member school district will not be permitted to officiate ECC contests involving the employer school(s) without prior consent of the opposing Athletic Director.
- Section 10:** All-Sports Trophy  
 There shall be an “All-Sports Trophy” presented to the member school that accumulates the most points in varsity competition each school year. Points shall be accumulated by each school based on how a varsity team finishes in league competition. Points shall be earned based on the following structure:  
     1<sup>st</sup> place = 9 points  
     2<sup>nd</sup> place = 7 points  
     3<sup>rd</sup> place = 6 points  
     4<sup>th</sup> place = 5 points  
     5<sup>th</sup> place = 4 points  
     6<sup>th</sup> place = 3 points  
     7<sup>th</sup> place = 2 point  
     8<sup>th</sup> place = 1 point  
 Ties will average (split) points of that place and the next place. Schools not participating in an activity recognized as a conference sport will receive 0 points in that activity towards the “All-Sports Trophy.” An appropriate award will be presented to the school winning the “All-Sports Trophy” each year.
- Section 11:** The conference shall provide a complete set of conference sport championship trophies to each member school to maintain. Each school is responsible for updating their championship years as needed.
- Section 12:** The conference shall provide individual championship awards for the winning team members in all varsity sports. The maximum number of awards provided to each sport shall be:
- |               |    |                 |    |          |    |
|---------------|----|-----------------|----|----------|----|
| Baseball      | 20 | Golf            | 10 | Lacrosse | 25 |
| Basketball    | 20 | Track           | 35 |          |    |
| Cross Country | 10 | Softball        | 20 |          |    |
| Football      | 80 | Soccer          | 25 |          |    |
| Volleyball    | 15 | Swimming/Diving | 25 |          |    |
| Tennis        | 10 | Wrestling       | 25 |          |    |
| Bowling       | 10 | Academic Team   | 15 |          |    |
- Additional awards may be purchased by the winning school if necessary.
- Section 13:** The conference will provide appropriate awards for each conference championship meet and tournament (1st through 3rd places) as needed by each sport. There will be no awards for competition beyond 3rd place.

- Section 14:** All-Conference Recognition  
“All-Conference Team” award procedures shall be outlined in each sport’s bylaws. The conference will provide awards for “1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference”, “2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference” and “Honorable Mention” selections in each conference varsity sport. The conference will also provide awards for “Coach of the Year” and “Player of the Year” selections in each conference varsity sport.
- Section 15:** All-Academic Recognition  
The conference will provide awards for “All-Academic Team” members in each conference varsity sport. Athletes earning this award must be a member of a varsity team in the current season and must have a quarterly grade point average of 3.500 or higher at the most recent official school quarterly calculation.
- Section 16:** Postponed/Suspended Tournaments  
In general, conference tournaments are to remain on the originally scheduled day and start at the published time. The host school athletic administrator may use reasonable judgment to delay the start of a conference tournament for good cause. Given the unpredictability of weather and driving conditions, the ECC has instituted the following weather postponement policy that will be followed at all conference tournaments: if any conference school is under an official level 2 or level 3 weather advisory or severe weather warning, or if only 50% or fewer of the conference schools can attend, the tournament will be postponed to the next possible day.
- Section 17:** Postponed/Suspended Games  
Under certain weather or other conditions that jeopardize the safety of participants and/or spectators, conference games may be postponed or suspended. Other valid emergency reasons for rescheduling or postponing games may exist and must be agreed to by both schools and the Commissioner. Postponed/Suspended games should be rescheduled as close to the original conference scheduled date as possible.
- Section 18:** Canceled Games  
Every effort should be made to play all league-scheduled contests at every level. Varsity league contests must be played unless authorized by the Commissioner to be ‘canceled’ in extreme circumstances. Such games shall be considered a ‘no contest’ per applicable state and national federation rules. The Commissioner shall inform the Athletic Directors and Board of Control within 48 hours of such authorization including the rationale for the cancelation. The Commissioner’s final decision may be appealed to the Board of Control by any member school. The Board of Control may modify or overturn the Commissioner’s decision by at least a 3/4 vote of member schools.
- Section 19:** Competition Disputes  
In the event of a problem or dispute regarding conference competition between member schools, the issue should be reported to the conference Commissioner within 48 hours. In an effort to satisfactorily solve the problem, the Commissioner shall involve appropriate school officials (Athletic Directors, Principals, and/or Superintendents). If those school personnel cannot agree on a satisfactory solution to the problem, final resolution of any conflict rests in the hands of the Commissioner. The Commissioner’s final decision may be appealed to the Board of Control by any member school. The Board of Control may modify or overturn the Commissioner’s decision by at least a 3/4 vote of member schools.

#### **Article IV. Conference Passes**

**Section 1:** Conference passes shall be honored by member schools for all athletic activities.

**Section 2:** Each school will receive 65 passes at the beginning of the fall season good for the entire school year. Each pass will admit two (2) people. Passes must be presented by an adult.



**Section 3:** Lifetime Conference Passes  
Lifetime conference passes may be awarded for meritorious service to the conference. Superintendents, principals, athletic administrators, athletic secretaries, coaches and conference employees will be eligible for this honor. Lifetime passes must be recommended by a member school and approved by at least a majority vote of the Board of Control.

**Article V. Conference Duties and Fees of Contractors**

**Section 1:** The Board of Control will annually employ and compensate conference contractors as needed per the constitution. The person(s) must meet any qualifications required by the Ohio High School Athletic Association as applicable.

**Section 2:** Standard conference officials' and assigners' fees will be established yearly by at least a majority vote of the Board of Control. Each home school will be responsible for paying their officials, except for conference championships. The Commissioner will assign and compensate officials as needed for conference championship events.

**Section 3:** Evaluation of Conference Contractors  
An annual Commissioner evaluation will be conducted by the President and Chairperson after input from both the Board of Control and Athletic Directors. All other conference contractors will be evaluated annually by the Commissioner after input from the Athletic Directors.

**Section 4:** Commissioner Duties

- A.** Shall work directly with the Athletic Directors and Board of Control for the smooth operation of the Eastern Cincinnati Conference.
- B.** Shall schedule, attend and arrange sites, dates and times for all conference meetings in conjunction with the President and Chairperson.
- C.** Shall keep minutes of all meetings, handle correspondence, provide conference schedules and calendar of events and publish a yearly conference directory in cooperation with the Board of Control.
- D.** Shall act as Treasurer of the Eastern Cincinnati Conference meaning he/she shall receive and disburse all monies of the conference and shall keep an open account of all receipts and disbursements.
- E.** Shall set up yearly evaluation of all assigners in conjunction with the Chairperson and require preseason meetings with athletic directors and all assignors to review league expectations and concerns.
- F.** At the end of each season prepare list of assigners for the following year to be approved by athletic directors.
- G.** Act as a liaison between the ECC and the Ohio High School Athletic Association and official's organizations.
- H.** Shall plan, coordinate the operation of and attend all conference special events (tournaments, meets, previews, etc.). A brief report on each of these events should be made available to the Board of Control members in a timely fashion. Shall prepare and publish a yearly conference calendar of all events.
- I.** Shall be a resource person for Principals and Athletic Directors.
- J.** Shall promote cooperation and exchange of ideas and information with other athletic leagues and conferences.
- K.** Shall prepare a written financial statement for each Board of Control meeting.
- L.** Shall handle the purchasing and distribution of all league awards.
- M.** Shall submit by the end of June each year of tenure, a written report on the financial status of the conference. An audit committee appointed by the President will review and report to the Board of Control.

- N. The Commissioner, with the cooperation of the ECC Athletic Directors, will organize and publish in a timely fashion, a league schedule for each sport, based upon adopted dates, OHSAA regulations, and league rotation guidelines.
- O. Shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the President or Chairperson.

**Section 5:** Sports Information Director Duties

- A. Meet with the Athletic Directors upon request.
- B. Input sports schedules for the web site and update results of competitions played.
- C. Accumulate weekly conference and non-conference stats in assigned sports and post to the league web site. Stats should be posted throughout the entire season, including tournaments.
- D. Responsible for distribution of stats and press releases regarding notable individual or conference achievements to all local media and other media.
- E. Gather data to keep current conference standings for the All-Sports Trophy and distribute to the member schools at the completion of each sport season.
- F. Gather, prepare and distribute all-conference lists to the member schools and media and post on website.
- G. Prepare and distribute tournament information (times, dates, locations, etc.) to media prior to the event.
- H. Assist with league tournaments, gather/report tournament results to member schools and media.
- I. Responsible for establishing, updating, and making available to each member school all records for all Eastern Cincinnati Conference sports.
- J. Required to attend Board of Control and Athletic Director meetings upon request.
- K. Assume responsibility for obtaining replacement when not available.
- L. Responsible for timely submission of expenses.
- M. Shall prepare and publish a yearly conference directory of contact info for each member school.
- N. Maintain an appropriate understanding of website protocols and applications.
- O. Responsible for updating and maintaining league social media outlets.
- P. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the President or Chairperson.

**Section 6:** Official Assigners Duties (football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball, lacrosse)

- A. Assigns, hires and evaluates all officials for all identified league-sponsored sports (both league and non-league) at the junior high/middle school and high school levels.
- B. Exercise professional judgment of officials used through yearly ECC member school feedback and personal observation of assigned events. Honor member school requests regarding officials' assignments.
- C. Arrange for the replacement of any officials who are unable to fulfill their contracts, including all rescheduled games.
- D. Confirm assignments prior to the start of each season with all officials.
- E. Provide updates of assigned officials to Athletic Directors at the beginning of each season and as schedule changes occur.
- F. Set and maintain an evaluation program for all officials on the varsity and reserve level, and when appropriate, on other levels.
- G. Accept the responsibility for the assignment of all officials. The assigner may sub-contract, at his/her expense, an assistant to help organize assignments. If an assistant is utilized, the financial responsibility rests solely with the assigner(s).
- H. Agree to use preferred assignment software as approved by Athletic Directors (myOHSAA, Arbiter, etc.) at no additional cost to the conference.
- I. Input all pertinent and required officials' data/assignments into designated software and/or OHSAA website as needed. This must be completed in a timely fashion prior to each season/contest.
- J. Attend league meetings and events when requested.

- K. Provide accurate and complete officials contact information to Athletic Directors.
- L. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the President or Chairperson.

**Section 7:**

Academic Coordinator Duties

- A. Purchase questions for all ECC conference and tournament competitions.
- B. Proofread, print, prepare and distribute said questions for all competitions.
- C. Prepare schedules, coordinate meetings of coaches, prepare and distribute coaches contact sheet, and prepare/distribute weekly reports to the Commissioner and to each ECC school during the season.
- D. Coordinate all aspects of ECC regular season academic competitions and the postseason ECC Academic Tournament(s).
- E. Print and distribute certificates to ECC schools to be given to all student participants.
- F. Work with the Commissioner to purchase and distribute ECC tournament awards.
- G. Provide an expense report for miscellaneous supplies, postage and print services necessary to expedite all ECC Academic Competitions.
- H. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the President or Chairperson.

**Section 8:**

Championship Tournament/Meet Manager Duties

Tournament/Meet managers will assist the host school with the following responsibilities.

- A. Collect information needed prior to the event.
- B. Set up facility as needed for competition.
- C. Receive cash boxes, set up gates, and explain ticket procedures to gate workers.
- D. Greet and care for all officials (escort them to and from the locker room, distribute vouchers, and provide them with food/drink).
- E. Greet and care for visiting teams (escort them to and from their locker room and their bus).
- F. Manage the contest (crowd control and any trouble shooting problems that may arise).
- G. Act as the liaison with officials if a problem arises.
- H. Gather event competition statistics as needed and send to media/SID.
- I. Distribute tournament summary report(s) and needed paperwork to the Commissioner.
- J. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the host school Athletic Director.

**Article VI. Junior High/Middle School**

**Section 1:** Dues

Junior High/Middle School dues shall be incorporated and approved as part of the overall yearly conference dues for each member school.

**Section 2:**

Management

- A. The junior high/middle school activities of the league shall be in accordance with the bylaws and regulations as established by the Board of Control. Junior High/Middle School members will be provided the opportunity to give input about changes to league bylaws, regulations and general operating procedures. All proposals shall be made to the Commissioner who will then forward to the high school Athletic Directors for consideration.
- B. The junior high/middle school athletic directors will approve and follow yearly schedules established by the Commissioner. One member junior high/middle school Athletic Director will keep records for all sports that utilize a league tournament. Results from each member school should be emailed to this person on a weekly basis. Final standings will then be used to seed teams in the tournament.

**Section 3:**

Regular Meetings

The regular meetings of the junior high/middle school Athletic Directors will be held in August, October, December, March, & April. The President of the Board of Control, the Chairperson of the Athletic Directors or the Commissioner may call special meetings of the junior high/middle school Athletic Directors.

- Section 4:** Conference Competition, Championships and Awards
- A.** Sports/Activities officially recognized by the ECC at the junior high/middle school level shall be: football, girls' volleyball, boys/girls' cross country, boys/girls' basketball, wrestling and boys/girls' track/field. Grade levels shall be 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> only.
  - B.** The ECC will play single-round 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade schedules in the sport of football and double-round 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade schedules in the sports of girls' volleyball and boys/girls' basketball. The ECC will sponsor 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade league meets in the sports of boys/girls' cross country, wrestling and boys/girls' track/field.
  - C.** Championships will be acknowledged in those sports/activities officially recognized by the ECC at the junior high/middle school level. An appropriate award will be presented to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade champion in football, girls' volleyball, and boys/girls' basketball based upon the regular season schedule. Appropriate awards will be presented by the league at the boys/girls' cross country meets, wrestling and boys/girls' track/field meets.
  - D.** Designated ECC school(s) shall offer 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade tournaments in the sports of girls' volleyball and boys/girls' basketball that shall be considered separate from the regular season league schedule and championship. All ECC schools must attend if they offer a team at that level. There shall be no entry fees. The host school assumes all expenses and may charge a reasonable admission fee. Appropriate awards shall be provided by the host school.

- Section 5:** Tournament/Meet Director Duties
- A.** Provide a safe environment for all players, coaches and spectators.
  - B.** Provide adequate and secure location(s) for the visiting team's personal items.
  - C.** Provide suitable and necessary equipment for warm-ups and game play.
  - D.** Provide an adult to run the scoreboard at all times.
  - E.** The host school athletic director, building administrator or site supervisor must be present to supervise events. They should introduce themselves to the visiting team upon arrival.

## **Article VII. Academic Quiz**

- Section 1:** Championship Competition  
Conference order of finish will be determined by a regular season double-round varsity schedule.
- Section 2:** Contest Rules and Regulations  
All conference contests shall follow and abide by Ohio Academic Competition (OAC) rules and regulations.
- Section 3:** Seasonal Competition
- A.** Each Team in the League MUST compete in two (2) Varsity Matches with all other Teams in the League on the same day. One Varsity Match will be considered as the Home Match and the other will be considered the Away Match.
    - i.** Varsity Scoresheets MUST be faxed or sent as an e-mail attachment to the Coordinator by NOON on the day following the competition unless prior arrangements have been made between the Host Coach and the Coordinator.
    - ii.** Junior Varsity Scoresheets are NOT to be sent to the Coordinator.
  - B.** When a competition does not transpire on its assigned date, it should be rescheduled on a date as soon as a Moderator and competition site is available.
    - i.** The Host Coach shall contact the Visiting Coach with three at least (3) calendar options to reschedule the competition.
    - ii.** It is permissible to exchange Hosting and Visiting assignments if both Coaches agree this site change is necessary to compete prior to the calendar deadline.
    - iii.** The originally scheduled Host Coach shall e-mail or fax the rescheduled competition date and location to the Coordinator for Website updating.
    - iv.** If the Visiting Coach rejects all dates provided by the Host Coach, then the

Coordinator, in conjunction with each school's athletic administrator, will assign a date for the competition.

**C.** No forfeits are permitted. If a postponed competition is not completed by the calendar deadline, the missing Scores will be replaced by the Team's average points per Match to determine final Standings for Tournament seeding. The competition **MUST** be completed in a timely manner either before or after the Tournament to finalize Conference rankings.

**Section 4:** Tournament Competition

**A.** The Coordinator will organize one (1) Tournament at the conclusion of Conference competition which may include Teams from multiple leagues.

**i.** A minimum of six (6) Teams will compete in the Tournament as required by Ohio Academic Competition Rules. If the total number of Teams eligible for the Tournament exceeds six (6) Teams, the First Place Team from each participating League(s) will be withdrawn as that Team(s) has already earned an OAC berth.

**ii.** The winner of this Tournament will advance to OAC Regional competition. Each league participating also has the option to award a tournament championship trophy and/or individual medals to their highest finishing team at the tournament.

**iii.** If the Tournament winning Team previously has earned an OAC berth, the team which finishes second in this Tournament does not inherit the OAC berth.

**iv.** Competition is limited to Varsity Teams only; no Junior Varsity Matches will be provided in the Tournament.

**B.** All Teams will be ranked in the Tournament using their win/loss record (or percentage equivalents) and total points (in order to break ties). Rankings will be used to determine the bracket matchups. For example, if Eight (8) Teams are participating, Teams One through Eight will compete in the first round as such:

One vs. Eight  
Two vs. Seven  
Three vs. Six  
Four vs. Five.

**C.** The Tournament will consist of a minimum of three (3) Varsity Rounds in a One Loss & Out format. The number of Rounds will increase proportionally for the number of Teams entered in the Tournament. Example: if fourteen (14) Teams enter Round One, then the minimum number of Rounds for this Tournament will increase to four (4) to accommodate the entry of six additional teams.

**D.** Registration forms and fees for the OAC Regional Tournament are the responsibility of the advancing Teams.

**Section 5:** Player and Coach of the Year

**A.** The Coordinator or Commissioner will request both Coach and Player of the Year nominations at the pre-Tournament Coaches' Meeting.

**B.** Voting will take place immediately after candidate nominations and discussions.

**C.** The Coaches and Players of the Year will be honored at the Season Awards Ceremony prior to the Tournament.

**Section 6:** All-League Honors

**A.** At the conclusion of the regular season, coaches shall nominate players for All-League honors using the following formula for All-League First Team:

**i.** The First Place Team Coach shall submit three players.

**ii.** The Second Place Team Coach shall submit two players.

**iii.** The Third and subsequently Placed Team Coaches shall each submit one player.

**B.** Each coach shall submit one player for All-League Second Team honors.

**Article VIII. Baseball and Softball**

**Section 1:** Championship Competition

Conference order of finish will be determined by a regular season double-round varsity schedule.

**Section 2:** Contest Rules and Regulations

All conference contests shall be sanctioned by the OHSAA with all rules and regulations governed by the OHSAA and National Federation standards.

**Section 3:** Postponed/Suspended Games Additional Guidelines

Postponed/Suspended varsity games must be rescheduled on the first available weekday by the Head Coaches or Athletic Directors. Conference games will take precedence over other local non-conference regular games.

**Section 4:** Freshman/Junior Varsity Games

Junior Varsity games shall be played at the opposite site and same day as varsity games whenever possible. Freshman games shall be played at the same site and same day as varsity games whenever possible.

**Section 5:** All-Conference Selection – Numbers

**A.** 16 First Team Selections

i. Minimum of 2 Pitchers; 4 Infielders; 3 Outfielders; 1 Catcher

**B.** 16 Second Team Selections

i. Minimum of 2 Pitchers; 4 Infielders; 3 Outfielders; 1 Catcher

**C.** 8 Honorable Mention Selections

**Section 6:** All-Conference Selection – Voting Process/Procedures

**A.** Each coach shall nominate deserving candidates for First Team All-Conference. The four positions shall be voted on first by category. Then the final six general selections shall be voted on.

**B.** Each coach will independently rank (vote on) the nominees. The number of nominees voted on by each coach will equal the number of selections. (Ex. There are 4 nominees for pitcher. 2 nominees will be ranked in order by each coach.) Ranking will be submitted to the Selection Director with submitting school name attached to the ballot. Ranking may be read out loud to the group and is open to viewing by others. Coaches may NOT vote for their own athletes.

**C.** The points awarded to the ranked nominees shall be determined as follows: the number one ranking gets the number of points as the number of selections plus one. Each subsequent rank gets the number of points for that position in reverse order. For example:

Ranking 6

7 points for #1 ranking

5 points for #2 ranking

4 points for #3 ranking

3 points for #4 ranking

2 points for #5 ranking

1 point for #6 ranking

**D.** Individual nominee points shall be added together. Athletes receiving the most points shall earn All-Conference recognition based upon the appropriate number of selections available.

**E.** Repeat procedure for each position and general selections.

**F.** First Team nominees not selected become nominees for the Second Team. Each coach may nominate additional deserving candidates for Second Team All-Conference.

**G.** Repeat voting procedure for Second Team.

**H.** In the event of a tie for the last available selection, follow the tie-breaker procedure.

- Section 7:** All-Conference Honorable Mention  
Each coach may select one deserving athlete from their varsity team to receive All-Conference Honorable Mention honors.
- Section 8:** Player of the Year Selection  
**A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Player of the Year candidate from the First Team All-Conference selections.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for his/her own player.  
**C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie breaker procedure.
- Section 9:** Coach of the Year Selection  
**A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Coach of the Year candidate.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for himself/herself.  
**C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie-breaker procedure.
- Section 10:** Tie-Breaker Procedure  
**A.** Only the nominees involved in the tie shall be included in the re-vote.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for a nominee affiliated with their school.  
**C.** If the tie remains after the re-vote, the tie stands.

**Article IX. Basketball**

- Section 1:** Championship Competition  
Conference order of finish will be determined by a regular season double-round varsity schedule.
- Section 2:** Contest Rules and Regulations  
All conference contests shall be sanctioned by the OHSAA with all rules and regulations governed by the OHSAA and National Federation standards. In conference play, freshman quarters shall be seven (7) minutes in length, junior varsity quarters shall be seven (7) minutes in length and varsity quarters shall be eight (8) minutes in length. The host school administration may reduce the freshman and/or junior varsity warm-up time to no less than ten (10) minutes as needed to start those games at the proper scheduled time. Varsity warm-up time shall be twenty (20) minutes.
- Section 3:** Spirit Signs, Banners, Paraphernalia  
No signs or banners that may create incident will be permitted in the gymnasium or lobby area for conference contests. Run-through signs are permitted. Fans are not permitted to bring noise makers, horns, whistles, shakers, confetti, or similar items into the gym which could be disruptive, litter the playing surface, create a safety hazard or disrupt the progress of the contest.
- Section 4:** Pep Bands  
Only the home team may have a Pep Band and there shall be no playing when the ball is in play. Visiting teams may not bring a Pep Band, musical instruments, or obnoxious noise makers inconsistent with good taste.
- Section 5:** All-Conference Selection – Numbers  
**A.** 10 First Team Selections  
**B.** 10 Second Team Selections  
**C.** 8 Honorable Mention Selections

- Section 6:** All-Conference Selection – Voting Process/Procedures
- A.** Each coach shall nominate deserving candidates for First Team All-Conference.
  - B.** Each coach will independently rank (vote on) the nominees. The number of nominees voted on by each coach will be 10. Ranking will be submitted to the Selection Director with submitting school name attached to the ballot. Ranking may be read out loud to the group and is open to viewing by others. Coaches may NOT vote for their own athletes.
  - C.** The points awarded to the ranked nominees shall be determined as follows: the number one ranking gets the number of points as the number of selections plus one. Each subsequent rank gets the number of points for that position in reverse order. For example:  
Ranking 10  
 11 points for #1 ranking  
 9 points for #2 ranking  
 8 points for #3 ranking  
 7 points for #4 ranking  
 6 points for #5 ranking  
 5 points for #6 ranking  
 4 points for #7 ranking  
 3 points for #8 ranking  
 2 points for #9 ranking  
 1 point for #10 ranking
  - D.** Individual nominee points shall be added together. Athletes receiving the most points shall earn All-Conference recognition based upon the appropriate number of selections available.
  - E.** First Team nominees not selected become nominees for the Second Team. Each coach may nominate additional deserving candidates for Second Team All-Conference.
  - F.** Repeat voting procedure for Second Team.
  - G.** In the event of a tie for the last available selection, follow the tie-breaker procedure.
- Section 7:** All-Conference Honorable Mention  
 Each coach may select one deserving athlete from their varsity team to receive All-Conference Honorable Mention honors.
- Section 8:** Player of the Year Selection
- A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Player of the Year candidate from the First Team All-Conference selections.
  - B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for his/her own player.
  - C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie breaker procedure.
- Section 9:** Coach of the Year Selection
- A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Coach of the Year candidate.
  - B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for himself/herself.
  - C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie-breaker procedure.
- Section 10:** Tie-Breaker Procedure
- A.** Only the nominees involved in the tie shall be included in the re-vote.
  - B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for a nominee affiliated with their school.
  - C.** If the tie remains after the re-vote, the tie stands.

**Article X. Bowling**

- Section 1:** Championship Competition  
 Conference order of finish will be determined by a regular season double-round varsity schedule.



- Section 2:** Contest Rules and Regulations  
All conference contests shall be sanctioned by the OHSAA with all rules and regulations governed by the OHSAA and National Federation standards.
- Section 3:** All-Conference Selection – Numbers  
**A.** 10 First Team Selections  
**B.** 10 Second Team Selections  
**C.** 8 Honorable Mention Selections
- Section 4:** All-Conference Selection – Process/Procedures  
The 10 bowlers with the highest game average based on all conference games bowled will be First Team. A minimum of 70% of scheduled conference games are required for eligibility. Second Team All Conference will be the next 10 with the highest game average.
- Section 5:** All-Conference Honorable Mention  
Each coach may select one deserving athlete from their varsity team to receive All-Conference Honorable Mention honors.
- Section 6:** Bowler of the Year Selection  
The bowler with the highest average as calculated in Section 4 will be the Bowler of the Year.
- Section 7:** Coach of the Year Selection  
**A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Coach of the Year candidate.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for himself/herself.  
**C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie-breaker procedure.
- Section 8:** Tie-Breaker Procedure  
**A.** Only the nominees involved in the tie shall be included in the re-vote.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for a nominee affiliated with their school.  
**C.** If the tie remains after the re-vote, the tie stands.

### **Article XI. Cheerleading**

- Section 1:** Number  
Eight cheerleaders and a mascot is the maximum number per team permitted to be on the floor at one time at any level for basketball. In football, the maximum number is sixteen for the visiting team and unlimited number for the home team. All contest officials' guidelines and instructions shall be followed.
- Section 2:** Rules and Regulations  
**A.** Pyramids and mounts by cheerleaders are prohibited. Individuals may not stand on another's shoulders or support individual in any type of mount.  
**B.** Pregame pep tunnels at basketball games are permitted if only cheerleaders/dancers are involved. Students and other fan participation shall be prohibited.  
**C.** Megaphones or noise makers of such kind will not be permitted inside gymnasium area.  
**D.** When the official blows the whistle, all cheerleaders must clear the floor.  
**E.** All rules and regulations will be governed by OHSAA Rules and Regulations.

### **Article XII. Cross Country**

- Section 1:** Championship Competition  
Conference order of finish will be determined by a conference varsity meet.
- Section 2:** Contest Rules and Regulations  
All conference contests shall be sanctioned by the OHSAA with all rules and regulations governed by the OHSAA and National Federation standards.

- Section 3:** All-Conference Selection – Numbers  
**A.** 10 First Team Selections  
**B.** 10 Second Team Selections  
**C.** 8 Honorable Mention Selections
- Section 4:** All-Conference Selection – Process/Procedures  
 Selection shall be based upon order of finish in the conference meet: 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> places will be First Team; 11<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> places will be Second Team.
- Section 5:** All-Conference Honorable Mention  
 Each coach may select one deserving athlete from their varsity team to receive All-Conference Honorable Mention honors.
- Section 6:** Runner of the Year Selection  
 The first place finisher in the conference meet will be the Runner of the Year.
- Section 7:** Coach of the Year Selection  
**A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Coach of the Year candidate.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for himself/herself.  
**C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie-breaker procedure.
- Section 8:** Tie-Breaker Procedure  
**A.** Only the nominees involved in the tie shall be included in the re-vote.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for a nominee affiliated with their school.  
**C.** If the tie remains after the re-vote, the tie stands.

**Article XIII. Football**

- Section 1:** Championship Competition  
 Conference order of finish will be determined by a regular season single-round varsity schedule.
- Section 2:** Contest Rules and Regulations  
 All conference contests shall be sanctioned by the OHSAA with all rules and regulations governed by the OHSAA and National Federation standards.
- Section 3:** Film Exchange  
 Conference schools must share three (3) regular season game films prior to league contests. The opponent may choose any three (3) weeks from the current season.
- Section 4:** Overtime (OT) Procedures  
 All football contests will follow OHSAA procedures and guidelines for tie games and overtime.
- Section 5:** All-Conference Selection – Numbers  
**A.** 33 First Team Selections – Offense/Defense/Special Teams  
     **i.** Minimum of 1 Quarterback; 3 Running Backs; 5 O Lineman; 2 Receivers;  
     1 Tight End; 4 D Lineman; 4 Linebackers; 4 Defensive Backs; 1 Punter; 1 Kicker;  
     1 Returner; 1 Non-Kicking Special Teams  
**B.** 33 Second Team Selections – Offense/Defense/Special Teams  
     **i.** Minimum of 1 Quarterback; 3 Running Backs; 5 O Lineman; 2 Receivers;  
     1 Tight End; 4 D Lineman; 4 Linebackers; 4 Defensive Backs; 1 Punter; 1 Kicker;  
     1 Returner; 1 Non-Kicking Special Teams  
**C.** 8 Honorable Mention Selections

- Section 6:** All-Conference Selection – Voting Process/Procedures
- A.** Each coach shall nominate deserving candidates for First Team All-Conference. The positions shall be voted on first by category. Then final general selections shall be voted on.
  - B.** Each coach will independently rank (vote on) the nominees. The number of nominees voted on by each coach will equal the number of selections. (Ex. There are 4 nominees for receiver. 2 nominees will be ranked in order by each coach.) Ranking will be submitted to the Selection Director with submitting school name attached to the ballot. Ranking may be read out loud to the group and is open to viewing. Coaches may NOT vote for their own athletes.
  - C.** The points awarded to the ranked nominees shall be determined as follows: the number one ranking gets the number of points as the number of selections plus one. Each subsequent rank gets the number of points for that position in reverse order. For example:
    - Ranking 8
    - 9 points for #1 ranking
    - 7 points for #2 ranking
    - 6 points for #3 ranking
    - 5 points for #4 ranking
    - 4 points for #5 ranking
    - 3 points for #6 ranking
    - 2 points for #7 ranking
    - 1 point for #8 ranking
  - D.** Individual nominee points shall be added together. Athletes receiving the most points shall earn All-Conference recognition based upon the appropriate number of selections available.
  - E.** Repeat procedure for each position and general selections.
  - F.** First Team nominees not selected become nominees for the Second Team. Each coach may nominate additional deserving candidates for Second Team All-Conference.
  - G.** Repeat voting procedure for Second Team.
  - H.** In the event of a tie for the last available selection, follow the tie-breaker procedure.
- Section 7:** All-Conference Honorable Mention  
Each coach may select one deserving athlete from their varsity team to receive All-Conference Honorable Mention honors.
- Section 8:** Player of the Year Selection
- A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Player of the Year candidate from the First Team All-Conference selections. One offensive and one defensive player will each be recognized as Player of the Year.
  - B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for his/her own player.
  - C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie breaker procedure.
- Section 9:** Coach of the Year Selection
- A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Coach of the Year candidate.
  - B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for himself/herself.
  - C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie-breaker procedure.
- Section 10:** Tie-Breaker Procedure
- A.** Only the nominees involved in the tie shall be included in the re-vote.
  - B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for a nominee affiliated with their school.
  - C.** If the tie remains after the re-vote, the tie stands.

## **Article XIV. Golf**

### **Section 1: Championship Competition**

There will be a preview tournament played at site approved by Athletic Directors on/near the second Monday of the season. There will be a conference tournament to be played at site approved by Athletic Directors on/near the eighth Thursday of the season. In conference competition, each school may play six and score four. A conference regular season single-round varsity schedule of head-to-head matches will start after the preview. Conference order of finish will be determined by the following scoring system with highest point total determining conference champion:

**A.** Preview Tournament is worth 1 point for each team defeated.

#### Preview Points

- 1<sup>st</sup> place—7 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place—6 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place—5 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> place—4 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> place—3 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> place—2 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> place—1 points
- 8<sup>th</sup> place—0 points

**B.** Each dual conference scheduled match is worth 1 point for the winning team.

**C.** Conference Tournament is worth 1.5 points for each team defeated.

#### Tournament Points

- 1<sup>st</sup> place—10.5 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place—9 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place—7.5 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> place—6 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> place—4.5 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> place—3 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> place—1.5 points
- 8<sup>th</sup> place—0 points

### **Section 2: Contest Rules and Regulations**

All conference contests shall be sanctioned by the OHSAA with all rules and regulations governed by the OHSAA and National Federation standards.

### **Section 3: All-Conference Selection – Numbers**

- A.** 6 First Team Selections
- B.** 6 Second Team Selections
- C.** 8 Honorable Mention Selections

### **Section 4: All-Conference Selection – Process/Procedures**

All-Conference will be calculated by the combined total strokes over par for the Preview, 5 of the 6 matches (if plays in all 6, highest score is eliminated), and the Conference Tournament.

1<sup>st</sup> team will be the 6 players (plus ties) with lowest totals.

2<sup>nd</sup> team will be the 6 players (plus ties) with next lowest totals.

### **Section 5: All-Conference Honorable Mention**

Each coach may select one deserving athlete from their varsity team to receive All-Conference Honorable Mention honors.

### **Section 6: Player of the Year Selection**

Player of the Year will be determined by the lowest combined total strokes over par for the Preview, 5 of the 6 matches (if plays in all 6, highest score is eliminated), and the Conference Tournament.

- Section 7:** Coach of the Year Selection  
**A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Coach of the Year candidate.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for himself/herself.  
**C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie-breaker procedure.

- Section 8:** Tie-Breaker Procedure  
**A.** Only the nominees involved in the tie shall be included in the re-vote.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for a nominee affiliated with their school.  
**C.** If the tie remains after the re-vote, the tie stands.

**Article XV. Lacrosse**

- Section 1:** Championship Competition  
Conference order of finish will be determined by a regular season single-round varsity schedule.

- Section 2:** Contest Rules and Regulations  
All conference contests shall be sanctioned by the OHSAA with all rules and regulations governed by the OHSAA and National Federation standards.

- Section 3:** All-Conference Selection – Numbers  
**A.** 18 First Team Selections  
**B.** 18 Second Team Selections  
**C.** 8 Honorable Mention Selections

- Section 4:** All-Conference Selection – Voting Process/Procedures  
**A.** Each coach shall nominate deserving candidates for First and Second Team All-Conference in one nominating group.  
**B.** Each coach will independently rank (vote on) the nominees. The number of nominees voted on by each coach will be 36. Ranking will be submitted to the Selection Director with submitting school name attached to the ballot. Ranking may be read out loud to the group and is open to viewing by others. Coaches may NOT vote for their own athletes.  
**C.** The points awarded to the ranked nominees shall be determined as follows: the number one ranking gets the number of points as the number of selections plus one. Each subsequent rank gets the number of points for that position in reverse order. For example:  
Ranking 36  
37 points for #1 ranking  
35 points for #2 ranking  
34 points for #3 ranking  
33 points for #4 ranking  
Etc.  
1 point for #36 ranking  
**D.** Individual nominee points shall be added together. Athletes receiving the most points shall earn All-Conference recognition based upon the appropriate number of selections available. The first 18 selections shall be First Team and the next 18 selections shall be Second Team.  
**E.** In the event of a tie for the last available selection, follow the tie-breaker procedure.

- Section 5:** All-Conference Honorable Mention  
Each coach may select one deserving athlete from their varsity team to receive All-Conference Honorable Mention honors.

- Section 6:** Player of the Year Selection  
**A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Player of the Year candidate from the First Team All-Conference selections.

**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for his/her own player.

**C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie breaker procedure.

**Section 7:** Coach of the Year Selection

**A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Coach of the Year candidate.

**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for himself/herself.

**C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie-breaker procedure.

**Section 8:** Tie-Breaker Procedure

**A.** Only the nominees involved in the tie shall be included in the re-vote.

**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for a nominee affiliated with their school.

**C.** If the tie remains after the re-vote, the tie stands.

**Article XVI. Soccer**

**Section 1:** Championship Competition

Conference order of finish will be determined by a regular season single-round varsity schedule.

**Section 2:** Contest Rules and Regulations

All conference contests shall be sanctioned by the OHSAA with all rules and regulations governed by the OHSAA and National Federation standards.

**Section 3:** All-Conference Selection – Numbers

**A.** 18 First Team Selections

**B.** 18 Second Team Selections

**C.** 8 Honorable Mention Selections

**Section 4:** All-Conference Selection – Voting Process/Procedures

**A.** Each coach shall nominate deserving candidates for First and Second Team All-Conference in one nominating group.

**B.** Each coach will independently rank (vote on) the nominees. The number of nominees voted on by each coach will be 36. Ranking will be submitted to the Selection Director with submitting school name attached to the ballot. Ranking may be read out loud to the group and is open to viewing by others. Coaches may NOT vote for their own athletes.

**C.** The points awarded to the ranked nominees shall be determined as follows: the number one ranking gets the number of points as the number of selections plus one. Each subsequent rank gets the number of points for that position in reverse order. For example:

Ranking 36

37 points for #1 ranking

35 points for #2 ranking

34 points for #3 ranking

33 points for #4 ranking

Etc.

1 point for #36 ranking

**D.** Individual nominee points shall be added together. Athletes receiving the most points shall earn All-Conference recognition based upon the appropriate number of selections available.

The first 18 selections shall be First Team and the next 18 selections shall be Second Team.

**E.** In the event of a tie for the last available selection, follow the tie-breaker procedure.

**Section 5:** All-Conference Honorable Mention

Each coach may select one deserving athlete from their varsity team to receive All-Conference Honorable Mention honors.

**Section 6:** Player of the Year Selection  
**A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Player of the Year candidate from the First Team All-Conference selections.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for his/her own player.  
**C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie breaker procedure.

**Section 7:** Coach of the Year Selection  
**A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Coach of the Year candidate.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for himself/herself.  
**C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie-breaker procedure.

**Section 8:** Tie-Breaker Procedure  
**A.** Only the nominees involved in the tie shall be included in the re-vote.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for a nominee affiliated with their school.  
**C.** If the tie remains after the re-vote, the tie stands.

**Article XVII. Swimming and Diving**

**Section 1:** Championship Competition  
Conference order of finish will be determined by a conference varsity meet including diving (6-dive format). Each swimmer is limited to two (2) individual events and two (2) relays or one (1) individual event and three (3) relays. Each school is limited to four (4) individuals per event. Diving counts as one (1) event. Each school may enter two (2) relays per event. Each event will be scored through twelve (12) places using the following point system: 16, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. For relays the point total for each place doubles. Participants must compete on his or her school team at least two weeks prior to the conference championship meet to be eligible. Violations of these stipulations shall be forfeiture of all points and places scored by the violator.

**Section 2:** Contest Rules and Regulations  
All conference contests shall be sanctioned by the OHSAA with all rules and regulations governed by the OHSAA and National Federation standards.

**Section 3:** Conference Records  
Conference records may only be established in the conference championship meet.

**Section 4:** All-Conference Selection – Numbers  
**A.** Up to 21 First Team Selections  
**B.** Up to 21 Second Team Selections  
**C.** 8 Honorable Mention Selections

**Section 5:** All-Conference Selection – Process/Procedures  
Selection shall be based upon order of finish in the conference meet. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places in each event will be First Team and Second Team respectively.

**Section 6:** All-Conference Honorable Mention  
Each coach may select one deserving athlete from their varsity team to receive All-Conference Honorable Mention honors.

**Section 7:** Swimmer and Diver of the Year Selections  
**A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Swimmer of the Year candidate from the First Team All-Conference selections.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for his/her own

swimmer.

**C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie breaker procedure.

**D.** Diver of the Year shall be the highest scoring diver in the conference championship meet.

**Section 8:** Coach of the Year Selection

**A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Coach of the Year candidate.

**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for himself/herself.

**C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie-breaker procedure.

**Section 9:** Tie-Breaker Procedure

**A.** Only the nominees involved in the tie shall be included in the re-vote.

**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for a nominee affiliated with their school.

**C.** If the tie remains after the re-vote, the tie stands.

**Article XVIII. Tennis**

**Section 1:** Championship Competition

Conference order of finish will be determined by a regular season single-round varsity schedule and a conference varsity tournament. The following scoring system will determine final order of finish by adding the points earned from the regular season and conference tournament together. The highest point total will determine the conference champion.

**A.** Regular season order of finish awards points to each school as such:

Ranking 8

9 points for #1 ranking

7 points for #2 ranking

6 points for #3 ranking

5 points for #4 ranking

4 points for #5 ranking

3 points for #6 ranking

2 point for #7 ranking

1 point for #8 ranking

**B.** Conference championship tournament order of finish awards points to each school as such: Ranking 8

9 points for #1 ranking

7 points for #2 ranking

6 points for #3 ranking

5 points for #4 ranking

4 points for #5 ranking

3 points for #6 ranking

2 point for #7 ranking

1 point for #8 ranking

**C.** Ties will average (split) points of that place and the next place. Schools not participating in an event will receive 0 points in that event.

**Section 2:** Contest Rules and Regulations

All conference contests shall be sanctioned by the OHSAA with all rules and regulations governed by the OHSAA and National Federation standards.

**Section 3:** Courts

All conference matches will be played on a hard-court surface. The conference championship tournament back-draw may be played on clay courts.

**Section 4:** Conference Tournament

**A.** Conference tournament order of finish will be determined by adding each event finish



together using the following system. The 5 events shall be 1<sup>st</sup> singles, 2<sup>nd</sup> singles, 3<sup>rd</sup> singles, 1<sup>st</sup> doubles and 2<sup>nd</sup> doubles. Ties will average (split) points of that place and the next place. Schools not participating in an event will receive 0 points in that event.

Ranking 8

9 points for #1 ranking

7 points for #2 ranking

6 points for #3 ranking

5 points for #4 ranking

4 points for #5 ranking

3 points for #6 ranking

2 point for #7 ranking

1 point for #8 ranking

**B.** Seeding will be completed by coaches vote prior to start of tournament. Appropriate brackets with seeded matchups shall be created based on number of teams/participants in each event.

**C.** USTA and Ohio High School Tennis Rules will govern play.

**D.** Ohio Tennis Coaches Association Code of Conduct will be in effect.

**E.** Front Draw matches will be best 2 of 3 sets.

**F.** Back Draw matches will be an 8 game Pro-Set with a tie-breaker at 8-8.

**G.** Two (2) balls will be used in Front Draw. Two (2) balls will be used in Back Draw.

**H.** Each team is responsible for bringing six (6) cans of balls.

**Section 5:** All-Conference Selection – Numbers

**A.** First Team Selections

i. 3 Singles Players

ii. 2 Doubles Teams

**B.** Second Team Selections

i. 3 Singles Players

ii. 2 Doubles Teams

**C.** 8 Honorable Mention Selections

**Section 6:** All-Conference Selection – Voting Process/Procedures

**A.** Each coach shall nominate deserving singles candidates for First and Second Team All-Conference in one nominating group.

**B.** Each coach will independently rank (vote on) the nominees. The number of nominees voted on by each coach will be 6. Ranking will be submitted to the Selection Director with submitting school name attached to the ballot. Ranking may be read out loud to the group and is open to viewing by others. Coaches may NOT vote for their own athletes.

**C.** The points awarded to the ranked nominees shall be determined as follows: the number one ranking gets the number of points as the number of selections plus one. Each subsequent rank gets the number of points for that position in reverse order. For example:

Ranking 6

7 points for #1 ranking

5 points for #2 ranking

4 points for #3 ranking

3 points for #4 ranking

2 points for #5 ranking

1 point for #6 ranking

**D.** Individual nominee points shall be added together. Athletes receiving the most points shall earn All-Conference recognition based upon the appropriate number of selections available. The first 3 selections shall be First Team and the next 3 selections shall be Second Team.

**E.** In the event of a tie for the last available selection, follow the tie-breaker procedure.

**F.** Repeat voting procedure for doubles teams and ranking 4.

- Section 7:** All-Conference Honorable Mention  
Each coach may select one deserving athlete from their varsity team to receive All-Conference Honorable Mention honors.
- Section 8:** Player of the Year Selection  
**A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Player of the Year candidate from the First Team All-Conference selections.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for his/her own player.  
**C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie breaker procedure.
- Section 9:** Coach of the Year Selection  
**A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Coach of the Year candidate.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for himself/herself.  
**C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie-breaker procedure.
- Section 10:** Tie-Breaker Procedure  
**A.** Only the nominees involved in the tie shall be included in the re-vote.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for a nominee affiliated with their school.  
**C.** If the tie remains after the re-vote, the tie stands.

**Article XIX. Track and Field**

- Section 1:** Championship Competition  
Conference order of finish will be determined by a conference varsity meet.
- Section 2:** Contest Rules and Regulations  
All conference contests shall be sanctioned by the OHSAA with all rules and regulations governed by the OHSAA and National Federation standards.
- Section 3:** Conference Records  
Conference records may only be established in the conference championship meet and shall be considered official in accordance with all federation rules related to weather conditions.
- Section 4:** Conference Tournament  
Events and the order in which they are run shall be as sanctioned by the OHSAA. "Fully Automated Timing" (FAT) shall be used for all preliminary and finals running events. An athlete can compete in only the number of events as outlined by the OHSAA. Violations of this stipulation shall be forfeiture of all points and places scored by the violator. First, second, and third place finishers in each event will receive an appropriate award.
- Section 5:** All-Conference Selection – Numbers  
**A.** Up to 29 First Team Selections  
**B.** Up to 29 Second Team Selections  
**C.** 8 Honorable Mention Selections
- Section 6:** All-Conference Selection – Process/Procedures  
Selection shall be based upon order of finish in the conference meet. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places in each event will be First Team and Second Team respectively.
- Section 7:** All-Conference Honorable Mention  
Each coach may select one deserving athlete from their varsity team to receive All-Conference Honorable Mention honors.

- Section 8:** Track/Field Athlete of the Year Selections
- A.** Each coach may nominate one or more athletes in the following categories from the First Team All-Conference list: Field Event Athlete of the Year, Sprinter of the Year (up to and including 400m race) and Distance Runner of the Year (800m race and longer). The athlete(s) with the highest overall point total in the championship meet will be recognized as Top Point Winner Athlete of the Year.
  - B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for his/her own athlete.
  - C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie breaker procedure.
- Section 9:** Coach of the Year Selection
- A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Coach of the Year candidate.
  - B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for himself/herself.
  - C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie-breaker procedure.
- Section 10:** Tie-Breaker Procedure
- A.** Only the nominees involved in the tie shall be included in the re-vote.
  - B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for a nominee affiliated with their school.
  - C.** If the tie remains after the re-vote, the tie stands.

**Article XX. Volleyball**

- Section 1:** Championship Competition  
Conference order of finish will be determined by a regular season double-round varsity schedule.
- Section 2:** Contest Rules and Regulations  
All conference contests shall be sanctioned by the OHSAA with all rules and regulations governed by the OHSAA and National Federation standards.
- Section 3:** All-Conference Selection – Numbers
- A.** 9 First Team Selections
  - B.** 9 Second Team Selections
  - C.** 8 Honorable Mention Selections
- Section 4:** All-Conference Selection – Voting Process/Procedures
- A.** Each coach shall nominate deserving candidates for First and Second Team All-Conference in one nominating group.
  - B.** Each coach will independently rank (vote on) the nominees. The number of nominees voted on by each coach will be 18. Ranking will be submitted to the Selection Director with submitting school name attached to the ballot. Ranking may be read out loud to the group and is open to viewing by others. Coaches may NOT vote for their own athletes.
  - C.** The points awarded to the ranked nominees shall be determined as follows: the number one ranking gets the number of points as the number of selections plus one. Each subsequent rank gets the number of points for that position in reverse order. For example:  
    - Ranking 18
    - 19 points for #1 ranking
    - 17 points for #2 ranking
    - 16 points for #3 ranking
    - 15 points for #4 ranking
    - Etc.
    - 1 point for #18 ranking
  - D.** Individual nominee points shall be added together. Athletes receiving the most points shall earn All-Conference recognition based upon the appropriate number of selections available. The first 9 selections shall be First Team and the next 9 selections shall be Second Team.
  - E.** In the event of a tie for the last available selection, follow the tie-breaker procedure.

- Section 5:** All-Conference Honorable Mention  
Each coach may select one deserving athlete from their varsity team to receive All-Conference Honorable Mention honors.
- Section 6:** Player of the Year Selection  
**A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Player of the Year candidate from the First Team All-Conference selections.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for his/her own player.  
**C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie breaker procedure.
- Section 7:** Coach of the Year Selection  
**A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Coach of the Year candidate.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for himself/herself.  
**C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie-breaker procedure.
- Section 8:** Tie-Breaker Procedure  
**A.** Only the nominees involved in the tie shall be included in the re-vote.  
**B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for a nominee affiliated with their school.  
**C.** If the tie remains after the re-vote, the tie stands.

**Article XXI. Wrestling**

- Section 1:** Championship Competition  
Conference order of finish will be determined by a conference varsity meet. All matches will be comprised of the weight classes as designated by OHSAA. There will be only one entry for each weight class from each school. Rosters must be submitted online by the designated date/time as issued by the tournament manager. Wrestlers are then "locked" in their weight classes and cannot be entered in another weight class. After rosters are submitted, no substitutions will be permitted with the following exceptions: a. Academic or disciplinary ineligibility; b. Family matters that necessitate a wrestler being withdrawn; c. A medical emergency or illness experienced by the wrestler. No new entries or substitutions are allowed after weigh-ins begin. Scoring and seeding will be followed as set up by the Rules and Regulations of the OHSAA. First, second, and third place finishers in each weight class will receive an appropriate award.
- Section 2:** Contest Rules and Regulations  
All conference contests shall be sanctioned by the OHSAA with all rules and regulations governed by the OHSAA and National Federation standards.
- Section 3:** All-Conference Selection – Numbers  
**A.** 14 First Team Selections  
**B.** 14 Second Team Selections  
**C.** 8 Honorable Mention Selections
- Section 4:** All-Conference Selection – Process/Procedures  
Selection shall be based upon order of finish in the conference tournament: 1<sup>st</sup> place in each weight class will be First Team; 2<sup>nd</sup> place in each weight class will be Second Team.
- Section 5:** All-Conference Honorable Mention  
Each coach may select one deserving athlete from their varsity team to receive All-Conference Honorable Mention honors.

- Section 6:** Wrestler of the Year Selection
- A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Wrestler of the Year candidate from the First Team All-Conference selections.
  - B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for his/her own athlete.
  - C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie breaker procedure.

- Section 7:** Coach of the Year Selection
- A.** Each school's coach may nominate a Coach of the Year candidate.
  - B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for himself/herself.
  - C.** In the event of a tie, follow tie-breaker procedure.

- Section 8:** Tie-Breaker Procedure
- A.** Only the nominees involved in the tie shall be included in the re-vote.
  - B.** Each school's coach will vote for one nominee. A coach may not vote for a nominee affiliated with their school.
  - C.** If the tie remains after the re-vote, the tie stands.

## **Article XXII. Code of Ethics**

- Section 1:** Philosophy
- A.** Promote the development of a strong and positive sense of self-worth in athletes.
  - B.** Emphasize the proper ideas of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
  - C.** Eliminate all possibilities which tend to destroy the best values of the game.
  - D.** Stress the values derived from playing the game fairly.
  - E.** Show cordial courtesy to visiting teams and officials.
  - F.** Establish a positive relationship between visitors and hosts.
  - G.** Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials.
  - H.** Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and standards of eligibility.
  - I.** Encourage leadership, use of initiative and good judgment by players on the team.
  - J.** Recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being of the individual players.
  - K.** Remember that an athletic contest is only a game.

- Section 2:** Expectations for Coaches
- A.** The coach should serve as a model of good sportsmanship and decorum during contests. While it is understood that it is a coach's prerogative to question the calls of officials, it must never be done in a manner that incites the crowd or players to "join in the frays" or exhibit overly aggressive behavior.
  - B.** The coach should be in control of his behavior at all contests and is responsible for the conduct of his/her players when representing his/her team or the school.
  - C.** During contests it is expected that coaches will intervene when one of their players exceeds the bounds of proper sportsmanship. Such a player should immediately be removed from the contest and reminded that his/her actions are unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
  - D.** Players who are overly aggressive in their play to the point of trying to injure the opponent or provoke the opponent must be removed.
  - E.** If assistant coaches are an option, they should be expected to assist with enforcement of the rules of sportsmanship, especially when the coach is occupied in a discussion with the officials.
  - F.** Coaches are expected to study and know the rules of their sport as published by OHSAA and National Federation of High Schools. Special attention must be given to those rules pertaining to safety issues and conduct of coaches and players.

**Section 3:** Expectations for Athletes

- A.** Players may not argue with or questions the call of officials.
- B.** Players may not taunt opposing players, coaches or the crowd.
- C.** Overly aggressive behavior with the intention to injure or provoke opponents will not be tolerated.
- D.** The rules of good sportsmanship are to be strictly adhered to.
- E.** Athletes are expected to know the rules of their sport.

**Section 4:** Expectations for Fans and Spectators

- A.** Athletics is part of the educational process and spectators should realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support high school activities, not a license to verbally assault others, be generally obnoxious or disruptive.
- B.** Respect decisions made by contest officials.
- C.** Stimulate desired crowd response using only positive cheers, signs and praise without antagonizing or demeaning opponents.
- D.** Spectators may not enter the field or floor once the participants appear from the locker room until after the participants leave the stadium or gym.