

**STATEMENT OF  
STANDARDS AND POLICIES**

**FOR THE**

**NORTHWEST LEAGUE**

## 1. PURPOSE OF THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The Northwest League has been organized to provide an educationally sound, competitive athletic participation opportunity for middle-level students. This opportunity includes activities that are likely to be pursued by student-athletes for their personal enjoyment, both now and in the future. Emphasis will be put on participation rather than “winning at all costs.”

The values and objectives of this program are to develop and maintain on the part of the participant:

- Physical skills necessary in the sport or activity.
- An awareness of other progressive skill requirements needed to continue to grow in a specific sport(s) or activity (ies).
- A sense of loyalty, team play, and sportsmanship, which will have “carry-over” value in later life.
- Respect for the efforts, abilities, and rights of others (especially in regard to opponents and officials).
- Responsible leadership/citizenship in school, community, and on the athletic field.

## 2. MEMBER SCHOOLS

- Membership in the Northwest League will be limited to the middle-level schools in the Amphitheater, Catalina Foothills, Flowing Wells, and Marana School Districts.

## 3. POLICY COMMITTEE

- The Policy committee shall consist of the principal of each member school and/or their appointed athletic directors.
- From the committee, one administrator shall be elected to act as President, Secretary, Treasurer, Scheduler, and Commissioner of Officials.
- The President, Secretary, and Treasurer may be from the same school.

## 4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

- The Policy Committee shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining the procedures, standards and policies of the Northwest League.
- The Policy Committee shall meet at the beginning of each school year and at any other time deemed necessary by the President.
- The minutes of all committee meetings shall be copied and sent to each member school.

## 5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President:

- Serves as chairperson of the Policy Committee.
- Calls meetings of the committee as required by League policy.
- Prepares and distributes an agenda for all meetings.
- Responsible for updating any revisions to the Northwest League By-Laws and provide current record of approved standards and policies.

Secretary/Treasurer/Scheduler/Commissioner of Officials:

- Keeps a record of all pertinent League information and finances.
- Receives and disburses League moneys as needed.
- Develops master schedules for all sports.
- Plan for qualified game officials through the Commissioners of Officials.

## 6. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- Each member school will have only one vote. Schools may vote by proxy.
- A majority of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum.
- A simple majority vote of those present (if that is a quorum) is sufficient for the transaction of business.
- Any amendment to the **STATEMENT OF STANDARDS AND POLICIES FOR THE NORTHWEST LEAGUE** shall be moved, seconded, discussed, and then tabled to the next meeting, at which time the amendment may again be discussed and then voted upon.

## 7. FINANCING THE PROGRAM

- All dues required for the operation of the League shall be controlled by the Policy Committee.
- A yearly membership fee established by the Policy Committee will be payable at the start of each school year. These dues will be used to pay for all expenses incurred by the League.
- Dues which shall be paid to and disbursed by the Treasurer will be determined by the Policy Committee.
- The Northwest League shall give an itemized financial report to each member school upon request.
- Salaries for the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Schedulers and Commissioner (s) of Officials will be determined by the Policy Committee.

The salary for:

- President- \$150.00 per year.
- Secretary -\$150.00 per year.
- Treasure - \$150.00 per year.
- Scheduling Coordinator
  - \$11 per school, per season of sport: Football, Tennis, Softball, B & G Volleyball, Cross Country, B & G Basketball, B & G Soccer, Wrestling, Baseball, and Track.
  - This includes 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Intramurals.
- Commissioner of Officials - \$300.00 per season or \$25 per school participating.
  - This includes 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Intramurals.
- League Dues: \$465/Year, unless discussed and approved by the Policy Committee.
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## 8. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL

- The principal/appointed athletic director of each member school is responsible for the overall supervision and operation of the athletic program at their school.
- The principal/appointed athletic director is responsible for providing adequate supervision of spectators at all athletic events hosted by their school.
- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their respective teams at all athletic contests.

## 9. ELIGIBILITY OF ATHLETES

- A student is privileged with eligibility for 3 consecutive seasons in each sport or activity and for 6 consecutive semesters once he/she first enrolls in the 6th grade (including 6th grade year).

**Note: Requests for a waiver of these provisions will be accepted only from member schools and will be heard on an individual basis by the Policy Committee. The decision of the Policy Committee shall be final. These requests must be submitted in writing to the Chairperson prior to the start of the season(s) in which the student wishes to participate.**

- An athlete may not participate in more than one sport per season. The athlete must choose the sport in which they wish to participate prior to the third week of the season. No athletes may change from one sport to another after the second week of the season.
- Only students enrolled at a member school in grades six through eight, inclusive, shall be eligible for interscholastic competition, team practices and tryouts.

**EXCEPTION: A homeschool student may be eligible if said student resides in a school's attendance area.**

## 10. POLICIES RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF THE SPORTS PROGRAM.

- A master schedule shall be developed by the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Scheduler, with assistance from athletic directors as needed. The schedule for League contests will be a single-round-robin.
- Schedulers will send their completed schedules in each sport to the Commissioner of Officials and to each member school.
- Any schedule changes involving League contests shall be made by mutual agreement of the schools involved. The Commissioner of Officials should be notified of such changes.
- Excluding tournaments and invitational, member schools are expected to schedule within the League before scheduling outside the League.
- Tournaments:
  - Any school can host a tournament.
  - All tournaments will be invitational.
  - All schools will be given an opportunity to host a tournament. If more than one school desires to host a tournament during the same season, it shall be done on a rotational basis.
  - Tournaments by Sport:

- Softball, Soccer, and Baseball will consist of an end-of-season tournament play between the top four teams in the standing at both the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade levels.
  - Basketball and Volleyball will consist of an end-of-season tournament for the top six teams in the league standings. The tournament will begin with one day of pool play and a single day of play for the finals.
    - Marana and Amphi will host 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade pool play on Monday and Tuesday of tournament week. Marana will host 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade finals on Wednesday of tournament week.
  - During tournament play, coaches are allowed to play any lineup they want. There are no playing time rules during tournament play.
- “7th Grade” teams will play first, followed by “8th Grade” teams. “Expansion” teams, or sixth grade games will be scheduled as needed at the opposite site.
- League contests held on school days will begin following the approved Northwest League start time of 4:30PM, unless notified prior to game time. Consideration should be given to schools that have transportation problems. Every effort should be made to notify one’s opponent ahead of time if the starting time must be delayed.
- No admission charges shall be made for any League contest. (Invitational/Tournaments exempt)
- If less than the scheduled number of officials shows up for a contest, the event may be conducted at the discretion of the administrator or her/his designee in consultation with the official present at the time. If no officials show up for the contest, the event may be conducted at the discretion of the administrator or her/his designee in consultation with the coaches involved.
- All Northwest League Officials assigned by the Commissioner of Officials will be required to wear the uniform and required equipment as indicated in the appropriate National Federation Rules Publication for each sport. There may be modifications to uniform requirements prescribed by the Northwest League Policy Committee.
- Cancellation of Officials:
  - If officials have been requested and scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, or expansion level contest, and that contest is cancelled or postponed, it is the responsibility of the home school to notify the Commissioner of Officials prior to the day of the contest.
    - Schools shall be responsible for notifying the Commissioner of Officials if a contest is cancelled before the day of the contest. Notice shall be given to officials immediately if a contest is to be cancelled, as a result of inclement weather.
    - If an official is not notified in ample time (60 minutes prior to game time), the school shall be obligated to pay the officials fee and mileage.
- Official’s fees will be as follows:
  - \$40 – volleyball
  - \$45 – soccer, wrestling
  - \$47 – baseball, softball, basketball, football
  - \$12-Travel
- The League will follow the National Federation Rule Book for each sport at each member school.

- Complaints between schools should be handled at the administrative level.
- There will be no protests. The decision of the game officials shall be final.
- A Sportsmanship Award will be given each season of the school that has demonstrated the highest level of sportsmanship on and off the field of play. Each school will submit its first two choices for the award to the President prior to or at the league meeting at the end of each season. Athletes, coaches, athletic directors and officials should be involved in the selection process. Each member school and the commissioner of officials will submit their choices for this award.
- Northwest League current policy states that teams will be based upon student grade level and not ability based. However, if a team cannot be fielded, 7th grade students can move up to field an 8th grade team (8th grade students may not play on 7<sup>th</sup> grade teams). Administration of that particular school will determine the appropriate schedule to meet the needs of the combined team. An email to the opposing schools should be made for approval prior to competition.
- “Expansion Teams” are a combination of 7th and 8th grade students. The team(s) will be balanced with skill and grade level.
- When a player, coach, or spectator is ejected from an athletic contest they do not play, coach, or attend the rest of that game and the next game. Tournament play will be at the discretion of the tournament director.

## 11. SEASONS OF COMPETITION

- ***BOYS/GIRLS***
  - SEASON I
    - Football (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)
    - Softball (EXP, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)
    - Tennis (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)
    - Cross Country (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)
    - Flag Football (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)
    - Boys Volleyball (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)
  - SEASON II
    - Boys Basketball (EXP, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)
    - Girls Soccer (EXP, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)
    - Golf
  - SEASON III
    - Boys Soccer (EXP, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)
    - Girls Basketball (EXP, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)
    - Wrestling (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)
  - SEASON IV
    - Baseball (EXP, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)
    - Girls Volleyball (EXP, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)
    - Track (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)
- EXP= Combination of 7th and 8th grade.
- Seasons are based upon academic quarters.

### **Formal Request to Join the Northwest League**

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Name of School:

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Address of School:

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Athletic Director:

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Being a part of the Northwest League is an honor and a commitment by all schools within the league. We have a strict set of bylaws and procedures that we must follow on an annual basis. If recommended for acceptance into the league, please indicate your school's ability to meet the following commitments by circling yes or no.

1. Our school will be able to pay the annual league dues at the start of each school year.

**Yes / No**

2. Our school will offer at least nine sports of the twelve sports that the league offers.

**Yes / No**

3. Our school will match the sports seasons with that of the Northwest League.

**Yes / No**

4. Our school will send a representative from our school to league meetings quarterly.

**Yes / No**

5. Our school will follow Northwest League Bylaws.

**Yes / No**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ fully understand the commitments of the

(School Representative)

(School Name)

Northwest League and would like to formally request that our school join the league next school year.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## NWL Survey of Sports Offered-Potential School

School Name:

School Address:

Season	NWL Sports Offered	Sports School Can Offer
1	Cross Country	
	Tennis	
	Football (Tackle or Flag)	
	Softball	
	Boys Volleyball	
2	Girls Soccer	
	Boys Basketball	
3	Girls Basketball	
	Boys Soccer	
	Wrestling	
4	Girls Volleyball	
	Baseball	
	Track	



# **SPORTS**

# **BYLAWS**

## BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

### RULES

- The official rules for baseball and softball shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Baseball or Softball Rule Book with the following exceptions:
- A suspended or incomplete game shall not be continued.
- Games ending with the score tied will be treated as a tie.
- A 1 hour and 45-minute time limit or 7 innings (whichever comes first) applies to all games. Exception: When possible, an inning shall be completed. Games shall begin at or before 4:30. No new inning after 6:15pm, drop dead at 6:30pm.
- Batters and base runners must wear helmets.
- A six-run rule will be in effect during each inning played.
  - A fifteen-run rule may be in effect after three innings (losing coach has the option) and a ten-run rule will be in effect after five innings.
- Speed-up rules may be used:
  - The team at bat may use courtesy runners for the pitcher and/or the catcher as soon as the player is on base.
  - The same runner may not be used for both positions. Neither the pitcher nor the catcher will be required to leave the game under such circumstances.
  - Players who have participated in the game in any other capacity are ineligible to serve as courtesy runners.

**NOTE: This provision does not apply if every player has participated in the game.**

- A player may not run as a courtesy runner for the pitcher or the catcher and then be used as a runner or batter for another player in that inning.
- The use of a courtesy runner for the pitcher and/or the catcher must be declared before the start of the game.
- A coach need not be in uniform while occupying either coach's box while her/his team is at bat. Adult coaches or players who have been trained as base coaches may occupy a coach's box while their student; the student must wear a batting helmet.
- A 10<sup>th</sup> player or "rover" may be used in softball. The "rover" must play in the outfield. The rover may not be used to cover a base on force plays or steals.
- Fastballs and changeups are the only pitches allowed in baseball. (No curveballs, sliders, screwballs, forkballs or knuckleballs)
- A 10<sup>th</sup> batter will be added to the line-up in softball and baseball. All 9 fielders just bat and one additional player. There will be no designated hitter for any of the 9 players in the field. The intent of this rule is to ensure that a player will play the field and bat.
- A team must start and finish a game with nine players. When a team does not have the required numbers, the team that is short players may borrow players from the opponent to make the minimum required numbers to play the game. Officials, to be paid for contests, will be required to officiate/umpire the game. A forfeit will be recorded.
- In C or Expansion games, a third strike drop by the catcher is still a strikeout. The runner is not allowed to reach base by running.

## NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

- The League schedule shall consist of a single-round-robin.

## COMPETITION

- Participation rules will be as follows:
  - All team members in good standing must play.
  - No individual may pitch more than 4 innings in a single game.
  - There is no limit to the number of times a player may leave and re-enter a game. However, any player who leaves and re-enters a game must do so at the same place in the batting order.
  - Use speed-up rules for increased participation.

## SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

- Baseball/Softball Bats:
  - Baseball bats should have a certification stamp on it and should be a -3oz, -5oz.
  - Softball Bats: The bat shall: Bear either the 2000, 2004 or the USA Softball All Games certification mark. In addition to bearing these marks, the bat must not appear the USA Softball's Non-Approved Bats with certification Mark list ([www.usasoftball.com](http://www.usasoftball.com)).
- Shoes should be one-piece molded construction and made of plastic or rubber. Steel, hybrid or metal cleats are prohibited.
  - any athlete caught with metal cleats (Illegal Equipment) will be permanently removed from the contest.
- A Pony-League regulation field should be used for baseball i.e., 80' base path and 54' pitcher's mound. Exceptions: Teams may play on other sized fields, if necessary, but the pitcher's mound must be at 54'. In softball, the pitching rubber will be 40 feet from home plate. Base paths will be 60 feet in length.

## OFFICIALS

- A qualified baseball/softball official should be used for each game.
- Official's uniform requirements are specified in Section IX. 13 of the standards and policies of the Northwest League.

## **BASKETBALL (BOYS & GIRLS)**

### RULES

- The official rules for basketball shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Rules for Basketball with the following exceptions:
- Each game shall consist of four (4) quarters. Each quarter shall be six (6) minutes in length.
- If an overtime period is required, it will be three (3) minutes duration.
- Both teams will be given 4 minutes to warmup prior to the start of competition. Both teams will use their own half of the court at the same time. As soon as both teams are present, warmups may begin. Games can start up to 15 minutes early.
- Overflow basketball games will consist of four (4) quarters. Each quarter shall be eight (8) minutes running clock.

### NUMBER OF GAMES PER SEASON

- The League schedule shall consist of tournament play at the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade levels.

### COMPETITION

- All team members in good standing must play during the first half.
- Clarification C team basketball rules: No full or half court press of any kind will be allowed at the C team or overflow level of competition. Defense may take place at the top of the 3-point line extended or once the ball comes across the half court, the offense has five seconds to penetrate the 3-point line. If the offense doesn't attempt to penetrate the 3-point line, a 5 second closely guarded violation will be assessed. Once the ball penetrates, it can come back out and the count begins again. The intent is to move the ball and not delay the game. If the score is within 10 points in the final two minutes of the game, the clock will run with normal stoppages. No pressing will be allowed during the entire game.
- Participation rules will be as follows:
  - Different team members must play during the first and second quarters. Example: If a team has 14 players and 7 play during the first quarter, the other 7 must play in the second quarter.
  - Any member of the team may play in the second half.
  - If a team has less than 10 players, 5 are to play in the 1st quarter and the remaining players are to play in the 2nd quarter. The head coach of the team that does not have enough players to floor a new set of 5 players, will choose the remaining players to put in during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.
  - To allow for substitutions, an official's time out will be called after the first dead ball that occurs after the halfway point in each of the first two quarters.
- If a team is ahead of an opponent by 20 points or more in the second half of a game, the game will move to a running clock. If the score is no longer a 20-point deficit the clock will be ran as normal. There will be no pressing in this same scenario but will be allowed if there is no longer a 20-point deficit.

### SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

- The home team wears light-color uniforms; the visiting team wears dark color uniforms. (Please notify your opponent if this is not possible)

- All Arabic numerals are legal.
- A 28.5” ball will be used for girls’ contests, a 29.5” ball will be used for boys’ contests.

#### OFFICIALS

- A qualified basketball official should be used for each game.
- Adults should be assigned as timer and scorekeeper when possible.
- An ejection will result in the player missing the next game.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

### RULES

- The official rules for cross-country shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Rules for cross-country with the following exceptions:
- Course distance should be 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 2  $\frac{1}{4}$  miles in length.

### NUMBER OF MEETS PER SEASON

- The League schedule shall consist of a single-round-robin.

### COMPETITION

- Participation rules will be as follows:
  - There are no restrictions on how many students can enter a meet.
  - The first five finishers from each team shall enter into scoring for their team. (Results should be sent to visiting coaches)

## **TACKLE FOOTBALL**

### RULES

- The official rules for football shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Rules for Football with the following exceptions:
- Quarters will be eight minutes in length.
- Blitzing or shooting linebackers is allowed.
- A kicked conversion will be worth two points and a run or pass conversion will be worth one point.

### NUMBER OF GAMES PER SEASON

- The League schedule shall consist of a single-round-robin.

### COMPETITION

- Participation rules will be as follows:
  - All team members in good standing must play.
  - To maximize participation, three-platoon football is recommended: offense, defense, and special teams.
  - 8th graders may not compete in “7th Grade” games.
- There shall be a minimum of 10 days of practice prior to the first scheduled interscholastic game.
- It is recommended that the first three days of practice be conducted without pads and with strong emphasis on conditioning.
- Regarding kick-offs, if there is a 20-point score differential or greater at any point in the game, the kicking team has the option to forgo the kick-off and the ball is placed on the offense’s 40-yard line.

### SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

- Dark-color uniforms are worn by the away-team; the home team wears light-color uniforms. (Please notify your opponent if this is not possible.)
- A Youth-size football will be used for all games.

### OFFICIALS

- A qualified football official should be used for each game.
- An adult should be assigned as timer and chain crew when possible.
- Commissioner requests no scheduled Thursday contests due to conflicts with High School schedules.

## **FLAG FOOTBALL**

### **RULES**

- Two bean bags placed by the officials- 1 is on the line of scrimmage, another is 7 yards behind the line of scrimmage. Anyone starting behind the second mark can rush in. Players not 7 yards back may not rush.
- QB may not run unless the line of scrimmage is penetrated.
- No hands extended, no moving screens, spinning allowed
- No jumping in the air unless it is to avoid stepping on a player who is already on the ground
- No kickoff. Offense starts with the ball on their own 20
- No punting. On 4th down, the offensive team must declare if they will go for it or if they will punt. If they declare a punt, the opposing team gets the ball on their own 20.
- Extra points: start on 3-yard line 1 point, start on 5-yard line 2 points

### **Penalties:**

- Roughing (no contact on QB) -15 yds
- Second roughing-same player -15 yds & bench restriction
- Flag Guarding - stops the play,10 yds

### **Timing:**

- 25-minute running clock per half
- Last 2 minutes of each half normal timing
- 2-minute warning timeout
- 2nd half more than 14 lead stay at running clock
- Play Clock 40 seconds from when ball is placed down

### **NUMBER OF MATCHES PER SEASON**

- The league schedule shall consist of a single-round-robin.

### **COMPETITION**

- All eligible players must play
- 7 vs 7 format
- Two beanbags placed by the officials- 1 is at the line of scrimmage, another is 7 yards behind the line of scrimmage. Anyone starting behind the second mark can rush in. Players not 7 yards back may not rush.
- Field is 80 yards with cones to indicate where next first down will be (Every 20 yards)
- Time outs 3 per game

### **SCHOOL EQUIPMENT**

- A Youth-size football will be used for all games.

## **GOLF (BOYS & GIRLS)**

### RULES

- The official rules for golf shall be those published in the current edition of the USGA and Royal and Ancient Rule Book with the following exceptions:
- Rules of the course being played shall be used in all interscholastic matches.

### NUMBER OF MATCHES PER SEASON

- The league schedule shall consist of a single-round-robin.

### COMPETITION

- Golf matches may be dual or three-way meets.
- All matches will be nine holes.
- A team for an inter-school match shall consist of six players.
- Only the top four scores will be counted. The Home team carries the scorecard and keeps the official score.
- Golfers with the same rank will compete in head-to-head play.
- Each golfer must carry her/his own clubs. Motorized cars are prohibited.

### SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

- Each golfer will supply her/his own balls during competition.

## **SOCCER (BOYS & GIRLS)**

### RULES

- The official rules for soccer shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Rules for Soccer with the following exceptions:
- Each game will consist of two 30-minute halves, running time.
- Games ending with the score tied will be treated as tie games.
- On throw-ins, if the team with the ball elects to substitute players, the other team may also substitute players.

### NUMBER OF MATCHES PER SEASON

- The League schedule shall consist of a single-round-robin.

### COMPETITION

- Participation rules will be as follows:
  - All team members in good standing must play.
- **Mercy Rule:**
  - **If a team has a 7-goal lead at the 15 minute mark of the second half the game will be ruled over and play will not continue.**

### SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

- Shoes should be one-piece molded construction and made of plastic or rubber. Steel cleats are prohibited.

### OFFICIALS

- A qualified official should be used for each game.
- A red card results in ejection and suspension from next game and team plays short a player for the remainder of the game.

## **TENNIS**

### **RULES**

- The official rules for tennis shall be those published in the current edition of the United States Tennis Association Handbook. The following exceptions shall be made for the Northwest League.

### **TEAMS**

- A team shall consist of 7 players (3 singles and 2 doubles).
- The team format will be in a ladder formation with the top 3 players playing singles and the remaining 4 players playing doubles.
- In the event where there is a position unoccupied, all players will move up the ladder to fill in the empty spots.

### **NUMBER OF MATCHES PER SEASON**

- The league schedule shall consist of a single-round-robin.

### **COMPETITION**

- A match between schools will consist of 3 singles and 2 doubles. The winner will be determined by the best out of 5 matches.
- Players may play only singles or doubles; but not both during a match.
- A 4 game set with “no advantage” scoring will be used in all matches.
- At 5-5, the winner of the set will be determined by the next game. Therefore, the set will conclude at 6-5.

## TRACK AND FIELD

### RULES

- The official rules for track shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Rules for Track and Field with the following exceptions:
- Scoring will be in accordance with National Federation Rules. Meet results should be sent to visiting coaches.

### NUMBER OF MEETS PER SEASON

- The League schedule shall consist of a single-round-robin.

### COMPETITION

- Competitors are limited to four events in each meet.
- Contestants may not participate in more than two events which require the competitor to run a distance of 800 meters or more.
- Each meet will include “A” and “B” teams unless otherwise agreed upon. Participants must be designated “A” or “B” prior to the beginning of the meet.
- Each school will enter no more than three “A” participants and three “B” participants in events that require lanes, i.e. 100, 200, 400 and 75 L.H. Coaches should communicate with visiting coaches to inform them of number of runners in lane events prior to meets.

**NOTE: “A” and “B” teams are based upon individual timed trials.**

### EVENTS

- Field events: Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, and Discus.
  - The high jump bar will be lowered to previous height upon an athlete’s return from a previous event.
- Order of running events: 75 L.H., 100, 1600, 4x100 relay, 400, 800, 200, 3200, 4x400 relay.
- Girls’ events will precede boys’ events. Boys and girls may run together in the following events: 800, 1600, 3200, 4x100, and 4x400.
- The distance for hurdle races shall be 75 meters with 13 meters to the first hurdle and 8.5 meters to the remaining hurdles, with 11 meters between the last hurdle and the finish line. (High School Girls specifications)

### SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

- Boys will use an 8 lb. Shot put. Girls will use a 6 lb. Shot put.
- The discus shall be Jr. High size: one kilo or 2lbs. 3.27 oz. The use of a protective cage is required.
- Spikes shall not exceed ¼ inch in length.
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### OFFICIALS

- Adults should be assigned to monitor all events.
- A qualified starter should be used in all meets.

## **VOLLEYBALL (BOYS & GIRLS)**

### **RULES**

- The official rules for volleyball shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Rules for Volleyball with the following exceptions.

### **NUMBER OF GAMES PER SEASON**

- The League schedule shall consist of a single-round-robin.

### **COMPETITION**

- All team members in good standing must play in games 1 or 2.
- An inter-school match must consist of three games.
- Warmups will consist of one 8 minute period. Each team will be given the full court for their use for a total of 4 minutes. At the end of their 4 minutes the teams will switch, giving the opposing team 4 minutes of warmup time. As soon as both teams are present, warmups may begin. Games can start up to 15 minutes early.
- Participation rules will be as follows:
  - Different team members must play in games 1 and 2. Example: if a team has 14 players and 7 play during the 1st game, the other 7 must play in the 2nd game.
  - If a team does not have enough players to floor a new set of players in the 2<sup>nd</sup> game, the coach of that team will determine who will fill the remaining open spots for their team.
  - Any member of the team may play in the 3rd set.

### **SCHOOL EQUIPMENT**

- There will be no rulebook requirements on uniforms.
- Net height will be set at 7 feet 4 and 1/8 inches.
- Net antennas are required.
- Posts and Judge's stand will be padded.

### **OFFICIALS**

- A qualified volleyball official should be used for each match.
- Two adults or students may be assigned as linesmen.

## **WRESTLING**

### **RULES**

- The official rules for wrestling shall be those published in the current edition of the National federation Rules for Wrestling with the following exceptions:

### **NUMBER OF MATCHES PER SEASON**

- The League schedule shall consist of a single-round-robin.

### **COMPETITION**

- The length of the three periods shall be 1-2-2 minutes. If needed, a 1-minute overtime period will be used to determine a winner.
- Weight classes: 73-78-83-88-93-98-104-111-118-125-133-142-154-167-180-Heavy weight. (Not to exceed 240 lbs.)
- Add one pound March 1.
- A wrestler can weigh an extra pound if he wrestles two days in a row or if his match is on Monday. The opposing coach should be so notified within at least 24 hours.
- Each wrestler's actual weight and grade level must be recorded at weigh-ins. Weigh-ins must take place the day of competition and must be certified by a building administrator or her/his designee. The certified weigh-in record will then be provided to the opposing team prior to the match.
- There shall be a minimum of 8 practices and the first interscholastic match will not be scheduled before the Saturday of the second week of classes for everyone. (IE: if one school district goes back to school after another, the league will start the 8 practice days and second Saturday no later than that school and follow that practice schedule.)
- Competitions will begin with a random draw by the opposing coach to determine which weight class will start.

### **SCHOOL EQUIPMENT**

- There will be no restrictions on uniforms. PE apparel is permissible.
- Wrestling uniforms are strongly recommended.
- Any flat rubber-soled shoe can be used.
- Headgear is required.
- The home school shall provide green and red anklets for use during matches.

### **OFFICIALS**

- A qualified wrestling official should be used for each match.
- Adults would be assigned to the scorer's / timer's table when possible.