

Constitution and By-Laws of the Inter-County Conference

CONSTITUTION

Article I Name

This organization shall be known as the Inter-County Conference. The Divisions within the Conference shall be called the North Division and the South Division unless they are divided up other than geographically. If more than two divisions are used then either “Central” or “East” and “West” will be used in a three or 4-division alignment.

Article II Objectives

1. To promote athletics among the small high schools located in the counties covered by the conference.
2. To promote the cultivation of the ideals of clean sport and good sportsmanship.
3. To promote uniformity in the arrangement and control of contests.

Article III Membership

1. Any high school located in the Conference area which is a member of and in good standing in the P.I.A.A. shall be eligible for membership.
2. To gain membership, a school must receive affirmative votes of at least two thirds of the member schools at any business meeting with at least 48 hours advance notice. Proxy votes are permissible on membership voting issues. Application can be made in writing to the league once annually and must be accompanied by a \$50 non-refundable fee. The application fee will be used for the first year dues in the league if accepted. Dues are forfeited if school is accepted and then declines the official invitation.
3. Divisions of teams into Sections shall be determined by the membership at any business meeting in which it appears on the agenda advertised prior to the meeting. Any new alignment will go into effect the following year. Consideration shall be given to enrollment, proximity of schools and preference in scheduling.

Article IV Dues

1. Dues will be \$125 per school and \$25 for each Varsity Sport
2. Entry fees for individual tournaments may be assessed as deemed necessary.
3. The amount of dues for the following year will be determined at the Spring Meeting.
4. The annual dues shall be paid before the end of October and shall be applied to that sport's year.
5. A non-refundable application fee of \$50 is due when applying for league membership. The fee will be considered part of that schools dues if accepted.

Article V Organization

1. The Board of Control of the Conference shall be President, Vice President, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director and one (1) Director who is the most senior Athletic Director in the league not holding an office.
2. The offices of President, Vice-President and Directors will rotate alphabetically among the member schools each year and alternating between the 2 Divisions
3. The Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director shall be elected for a term of two years at Even year Spring meetings.
4. Elections shall be held at the Spring Meeting.
5. The officers and directors shall constitute the Board of Control which shall be the Executive authority of the Conference. Meetings of this Board of Control shall be called by the President when such action shall be deemed necessary.

Article VI Meetings

1. Seasonal meeting shall be held following the close of each Athletic Season at a time and place selected by the Executive Director.
2. Special meetings may be held at the call of the President or at the request of any three schools who are members of the Conference.

3. Divisional meetings can be held at the discretion of the member schools. These meetings will be for selection of officials and/or divisional scheduling issues.

Article VII Voting

1. Each member school is entitled to one vote.

Article VIII Amendments

1. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be submitted and voted on at any of the 4 regularly scheduled business meetings.
2. Amendments must have the affirmative vote of two thirds of the member schools.
3. Any sport's specific amendment must be approved by 2/3 vote of the schools sponsoring that particular sport.

Article IX Duties of the Officers

1. The President shall preside and call to order all meetings of the Conference and the Executive Board and shall investigate and report on all applications for membership in the conference.
2. The Vice-President shall during the absence or disability of the President perform his duties.
3. The Executive Director shall keep minutes of the conference meetings and shall issue notices of all meetings. Immediately after each meeting, he shall put the minutes in permanent form and send a copy to each member of the conference. He/She shall have charge of all funds of the conference and shall keep an accurate account of all money received and paid out. He shall have charge of all athletic records of the conference and preserve them electronically and submit to the website facilitator. The Executive Director shall attend meetings of all committees. The Executive Director shall receive a stipend of \$2,000. The Executive Director shall oversee and either order or delegate ordering of all conference awards for teams and individuals, release all-star selections and important conference information to the media, and is in charge of conference scheduling.

4. The Assistant Executive Director shall assume all duties of the Executive Director in the Executive Director's absence. The Assistant Executive Director shall be kept informed of all league issues by the Executive Director and assume any Executive Director duties as delegated and agreed upon to help with league administration as those two officers agree upon. A stipend of \$300 shall be paid to the Assistant Executive Director.
5. The President shall appoint a special committee to audit the report of the Executive Director.
6. The President and Executive Director shall jointly appoint a member school AD to act as chairperson for each sport sponsored by the Conference. Each Division shall have a chairperson.
7. The chairperson shall compile the league standings and any other statistical information desired by the membership. He/she will also be responsible for the All Star Teams of their respective sport.
8. The webpage facilitator shall receive a stipend of \$600.
9. The Executive Director or his designee will handle league schedules. A \$300 stipend is set aside (\$100 per sports season) for person(s) handling this duty.

Article X Suspensions

1. Any member school of the Conference may be suspended through violations of the Constitution and By Laws of the P.I.A.A. eligibility rules with a two thirds vote of the members present at any meeting.

Article XI - Quorum

1. Two-thirds of the member schools shall constitute a quorum for the conference.
2. Three members of the Board of Control shall constitute a quorum for the Board of Control.

BY-LAWS

1. All eligibility rules of the P.I.A.A. shall be enforced.
2. Team schedules shall be distributed at least I year in advance.
3. Officials for conference games shall be P.I.A.A. officials.
4. All conference games shall be conducted in compliance with P.I.A.A. guidelines in regards to length of quarters, periods or number of innings.

5. Each member school of the Conference shall play each team in their division in order to be considered for the championship.
 6. The championship of each division shall be determined by head-to-head competition. Each Champion shall receive a trophy or plaque.
 7. Championship Games between sections or divisions in all sports except football, shall be authorized or permitted by the Conference. Admission prices for the Championship Games shall be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.
- See below for tie breaking criteria for both sports in which two games are played against each divisional opponent and for those sports in which only one contest is played intra-divisionally.

TIE-BREAKING CRITERIA - To determine champions and sectional representatives In Sports whereby teams play each other twice

The following seven steps are to be used sequentially.

1. Most wins in the section.
2. Head to head competition.

All teams tied at this point will be declared section co-champions. All teams will receive a trophy and all athletes will receive medals. To determine which team plays for the league championship steps 3 through 8 will be applied.

3. Common opponents played the same number of times – tournaments will not be considered.
 - a. Conference opponents considered first
 - b. Non-conference opponents considered second
4. Head to Head Point Differential
 Point “Caps” as follows:

Basketball- 20	Baseball/Softball- 10
Soccer- 5	Volleyball – Game differential
Golf- Stroke differential for top 4 players	
5. Overall record (percentage) includes all games except tournament games.
6. Overall number of wins, tournaments games would not be included.
7. Rose bowl rule.
8. Coin toss

Alphabetically the first team will be heads.

Football/Wrestling/Track/CC Tiebreaker and Point Differential System

In the event of a two team tie:

- 1. Champion will be decided by the head-to-head game winner between the tied teams.**
- 2. If the two teams have tied then there will be Co-Champion for**

that division.

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If three or more teams end up in a tie:

1. Team with best record among tied teams (in games against those tied teams) will be the Champion.

2. If the above does not provide a Champion, then the point differential system will be used as follows that includes games in the division among the tied teams.

a) The point ratio is based upon the amount of points that a game is won or lost in conference play. (Example is if Team A beats Team B by a score of 14-0, Team A gets a plus 14, while Team B gets a point ratio of Minus-14.)

b) The most points a team can gain or lose in a game is 22, this limit was put in to hopefully keep one team from trying to run a score up in victory.

c) The team with highest point ratio among the tied teams will be determined the Conference Champion for that season. (This would be the teams highest total point ratio for the season.)

d) Three game example:

Team's A, B, and D tie for the conference title each with 2-1 records and having beat each other one time.

Team A beats Team B 14-0 in its first game for a plus 14 ratio.

Then in game two among tied teams, Team A loses to Team D by a 20-14 score, which now gives Team A a minus 6 ratio, thus lowering its overall ratio to a plus 8. The total is arrived by adding game one's ratio of 14 and

then subtract game twos loss of six points.

Game 1: Team A 14 Team B 0 Ratio +14

Game 2: TeamA 14 Team D 20 Ratio -6 (+8)

<u>TEAM B</u>		<u>TEAM D</u>	
A 0-14	(-14)	A 20-14	(+6)
D 21-20	(+1)	B 20-21	(-1)

Pt. Diff. = -13

Pt. Diff. = +5

In this scenario, Team A wins the division

- Each division/section will have All-Star Team selected by the Coaches. Selection meetings will take place on the Wednesday following the end of each sport's season or ballots will be distributed pending each sports criteria. Criteria for selection and the number of All Stars will be established before the meetings. A general guideline will be to use the number of players on the field/court in a particular sport multiplied by 1.5 to come up with a number of all-stars selected.

9. The Inter County Conference will recognize the players selected to the All Star Teams.
10. Each member school must play each member within their division/section. Otherwise, they are considered no longer a member of the Conference.
11. Any member who is withdrawing from the league shall give the league a minimum of 18 months advance notice that they are leaving. Otherwise, if league schedules have been set, the Conference may hold said member to honor their Conference schedule.

12. By-Laws are to be formulated and adopted to guide league administration. They shall not, however, supersede nor conflict with any provision of the PIAA Constitution or By-Laws. By-Laws are to be reviewed every 3 years or more often as needed. The President will appoint a committee for such review.

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