

# THE MID-OHIO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION

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- ARTICLE 1 CONFERENCE NAME**
- SECT 1** THE NAME OF THE CONFERENCE SHALL BE THE MID-OHIO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
- ARTICLE II PURPOSE OF THE CONSTITUTION**
- SECT 1** THE CONFERENCE SHALL ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
- ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**
- SECT 1** CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE INCLUDE: BUCKEYE VALLEY, CARDINGTON, ELGIN, HIGHLAND, MT. GILEAD, NORTH UNION, NORTHMOR, PLEASANT, RIDGEDALE AND RIVER VALLEY
- SECT 2** NEW SCHOOLS MAY BE ADMITTED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CONSTITUTION BY  $\frac{3}{4}$  VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP
- SECT 3** NEW MEMBERS MAY BE ADDED TO THE CONFERENCE UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES:
- a) APPLICATION MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE COMMISSIONER
  - b) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PRESENT THE APPLICATION TO THE MEMBERS AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE.
- SECT 4** A MEMBER MAY WITHDRAW FROM THE CONFERENCE BY NOTIFYING ALL MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONER NOT LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER OF ANY GIVEN YEAR. WITHDRAWAL SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE TWO (2) YEARS LATER.
- SECT 5** AN EXISTING MEMBER CAN BE REMOVED FROM THE CONFERENCE BY  $\frac{3}{4}$  VOTE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.
- SECT 6** THE CONFERENCE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT A UNIFORM MEMBERSHIP FEE, WHICH WILL BE DUE AT THE AUGUST MEETING.
- ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION**
- SECT 1** THE OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE SHALL BE: PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT-ELECT, AND COMMISSIONER.
- SECT 2** THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF EACH ELECTED OFFICER SHALL BE ONE (1) YEAR.

**SECT 3** THE PRESIDENCY OF THE CONFERENCE WILL ROTATE ALPHABETICALLY ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. THE PRESIDENT-ELECT SHALL BE FROM THE SCHOOL NEXT IN THE ROTATION. THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S COMMITTEE WILL BE THE A.D. FROM THE SCHOOL OF THE PRESIDENT. THE ORDER OF ROTATION FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT-ELECT SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

2010-2011	NORTH UNION
2011-2012	NORTHMOR
2012-2013	PLEASANT
2013-2014	RIDGEDALE
2014-2015	RIVER VALLEY
2015-2016	BUCKEYE VALLEY
2016-2017	CARDINGTON
2017-2018	ELGIN
2018-2019	HIGHLAND
2019-2020	MT. GILEAD

ALL OFFICERS SHALL ASSUME THEIR OFFICE AT THE SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.

**SECT 4** THE PRESIDENT'S DUTIES SHALL INCLUDE ACTING AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CONDUCTING THE EVALUATION OF THE COMMISSIONER, AND KEEPING IN CONTACT WITH THE COMMISSIONER. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PRESIDE OVER EXECUTIVE MEETINGS, AND SET THE AGENDA AS OUTLINED BY THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE PRESIDENT. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE COMMISSIONER, THE PRESIDENT WILL BE IN CHARGE OF CONDUCTING ALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

**SECT 5** THE DUTIES AND SALARY OF THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE ESTABLISHED ANNUALLY.

**ARTICLE V MEETINGS**

**SECT 1** EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:

- a) THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY OF AUGUST
- b) THE WEDNESDAY AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE CONFERENCE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE.
- c) THE WEDNESDAY AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE CONFERENCE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE. (BOYS OR GIRLS WHICHEVER IS LAST.)
- d) SECOND WEDNESDAY OF JUNE
- e) ALTERED DATES MAY BE NECESSARY IF CONFLICTS OCCUR
- f) THE ATHLETIC DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE SHALL MEET PRIOR TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SETTING THE AGENDA AND RECOMMENDING COURSES OF ACTION.

**SECT 2** SPECIAL MEETINGS MAY BE CALLED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSIONER OR A MAJORITY OF THE CONFERENCE MEMBERS. THE MEETING SHALL BE CALLED UNDER THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- a) ALL MEMBERS SHALL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING
- b) AT LEAST 6 OF THE 10 MEMBER SCHOOLS MUST BE PRESENT BEFORE BUSINESS CAN BE CONDUCTED
- c) ANY BUSINESS REQUIRING VOTING BY THE MEMBERSHIP MUST PASS BY  $\frac{3}{4}$  VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP

**SECT 3** AT THE CONFERENCE SPONSORED MEETINGS REQUIRING THE MEMBERSHIP TO VOTE THOSE VOTERS MUST BE THE BUILDING PRINCIPAL OF THE MEMBER SCHOOL OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE.

**ARTICLE VI RATIFICATION & AMENDING OF THE CONSTITUTION**

**SECT 1** PROVISIONS OF THIS CONSTITUTION MUST BE RATIFIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE MEMBERS.

**SECT 2** THE CONSTITUTION MAY BE AMENDED BY  $\frac{3}{4}$  VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP. AMENDMENTS MUST BE INITIATED AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO BEING ACTED UPON AND SHALL BE ACTED UPON ONLY AT AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

**ARTICLE VII ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS**

**SECT 1** THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF ANY ACTIVITY OF THE CONFERENCE SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE RULES OF ELIGIBILITY OF THE OHSAA AND THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER SCHOOLS.

**SECT 2** IF A SUSPENDED ATHLETE FROM ONE SCHOOL TRANSFERS TO A MEMBER SCHOOL THE SUSPENSION WILL FOLLOW THE STUDENT. AFTER THE STUDENT HAS FULFILLED SUSPENSION REQUIREMENTS HE/SHE WILL THEN BECOME ELIGIBLE AT THE NEW SCHOOL.

**SECT 3** INCOMING STUDENTS WILL FOLLOW NEW SCHOOL GPA REQUIREMENTS.

**ARTICLE VIII DETERMINATION OF CHAMPIONSHIPS & AWARDS**

**SECT 1** EACH SCHOOL SHALL PLAY ALL SCHEDULED CONFERENCE SCHOOLS WHO PARTICIPATE IN A SPORT TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THAT SPORT, UNLESS WEATHER AND/OR TIME PROHIBITS PLAYING THE SCHEDULED GAMES UNLESS THOSE GAMES HAVE AN OUTCOME ON THE CHAMPIONSHIP OR ALL-SPORTS TROPHY. IN THAT CASE THEY WILL BE PLAYED.

**SECT 2** IN CASE OF A TIE FOR THE CONFERENCE OR DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP THERE WILL BE NO PLAYOFF TO DETERMINE THE UNDISPUTED CHAMPION.

**SECT 3** THE CONFERENCE WILL AWARD DIVISION CHAMPIONS IN EACH ACTIVITY ANNUALLY. IN CASE OF CO-CHAMPIONS, TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO ALL CHAMPIONS.

**SECT 4** SIX MEMBER SCHOOLS MUST PARTICIPATE IN A SPORT FOR THAT SPORT TO BECOME A CONFERENCE ACTIVITY.

**SECT 5** THE MOAC WILL RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING SPORTS AS ACTIVITIES: FOOTBALL, GOLF, BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY, VOLLEYBALL, BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, BOYS & GIRLS TRACK, BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL, WRESTLING **AND BOWLING**.

- a) AT THE AUGUST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, IT WILL BE DETERMINED WHICH SPORTS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS CONFERENCE SPORTS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR.
- b) IF FEWER THAN SIX (6) SCHOOLS FIELD A TEAM IN ANY GIVEN SPORT, THE MOAC WILL NO LONGER RECOGNIZE THAT SPORT AS A CONFERENCE ACTIVITY, OR HOST A CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT.
- c) IF FEWER THAN THREE (3) DIVISION SCHOOLS FIELD A TEAM IN A PARTICULAR ACTIVITY DURING THE YEAR IN QUESTION NO DIVISION CHAMPION WILL BE RECOGNIZED.

**ARTICLE IX CONTRACTS**

**SECT 1** THE HOME TEAM IN ALL CONTESTS INVOLVING FINANCES SHALL RETAIN ALL RECEIPTS.

- SECT 2** THE CONFERENCE SHALL ADOPT A UNIFORM ADMISSIONS FEE FOR EACH ACTIVITY ANNUALLY.
- SECT 3** CONFERENCE BLANKET CONTRACTS ARE BINDING.
- ARTICLE X ABEYANCE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE**
- SECT 1** EACH SCHOOL HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CONFERENCE AGREES TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE AND IF, FOR ANY REASON, A SCHOOL IS SUSPECTED OF VIOLATION OF THE RULES OR REGULATIONS, A WRITTEN CHARGE MAY BE MADE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE CONFERENCE WHOSE DUTIES IN SUCH A CASE ARE AS FOLLOWS:
- a) SEND A WRITTEN COPY OF THE CHARGES TO THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF ALL THE MEMBER SCHOOLS;
  - b) SET A TIME AND PLACE FOR THE HEARING OF THE CASE AND NOTIFY THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS OF EACH OF THE MEMBER SCHOOLS;
  - c) CONDUCT A STRICTLY IMPARTIAL HEARING. IN CASE THE SCHOOL OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER IS A DIRECT PART OF THE HEARING, THE PRESIDENT-ELECT SHALL PRESIDE. IN CASE THE SCHOOLS OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRESIDENT-ELECT ARE DIRECT PARTIES THE REMAINING MEMBERS WILL ELECT A PRESIDING OFFICER FOR THE HEARING;
  - d) FINDINGS OF THE HEARING SHALL BE DETERMINED BY  $\frac{3}{4}$  VOTE OF THE MEMBERS NOT PARTY TO THE CHARGES.
- ARTICLE XI COMMISSIONER**
- SECT 1** THE MID-OHIO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE SHALL EMPLOY A COMMISSIONER TO ADMINISTER THE CONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE OHSAA AND THE POLICIES OF THE MOAC.
- SECT 2** THE COMMISSIONER'S DUTIES WILL BE OUTLINED IN A JOB DESCRIPTION INCLUDED AS PART OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE MOAC.
- SECT 3** THE COMMISSIONER WILL BE ISSUED A CONTRACT AT THE SPRING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
- SECT 4** THE COMMISSIONER'S SALARY WILL BE PAID IN TWO EQUAL INSTALLMENTS: (1) THE FIRST OF DECEMBER AND (1) THE FIRST OF MAY.
- SECT 5** THE COMMISSIONER'S PERFORMANCE WILL BE REVIEWED IN THE FEBRUARY EXECUTIVE MEETING FOR RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT AT THE SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING. A COMMITTEE MADE UP OF THE CURRENT PRESIDENT, PAST PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT-ELECT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING THE COMMISSIONER'S PERFORMANCE.
- ARTICLE XII THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
- SECT 1** THE CONTROLLING BODY OF THE CONFERENCE SHALL BE THE PRINCIPALS. EACH SCHOOL SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE. IF THE PRINCIPAL IS NOT PRESENT, THE SCHOOL'S VOTE MAY BE CAST BY THE PRINCIPAL'S DESIGNEE. THE PRESIDENT'S SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR WILL BE THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND BE A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AS A NON-VOTING MEMBER.
- SECT 2** THE TIME OF THE MEETINGS SHALL BE 11:00 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.
- SECT 3** PLACE OF THE MEETINGS WILL BE TRI-RIVERS CAREER CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE CHANGED.

**SECT 4** DUTIES: TO ACT UPON GENERAL BUSINESS OF THE CONFERENCE. ALL BUSINESS ACTED UPON BY THIS BODY SHALL BE FINAL.

**SECT 5** THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL INCLUDE THE PRINCIPALS AND THE ATHLETIC DIRECTORS OF THE MEMBER SCHOOLS OR THEIR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.

**ARTICLE XIII SCHOLARSHIP**

**SECT 1** ANY STUDENT WHO HAS MAINTAINED A 3.2 GPA AT THE END OF THE THIRD NINE WEEKS OR THE FIFTH SIX WEEKS GRADING PERIOD, FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR, WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY THE CONFERENCE FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENT AS A SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AND RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE HONORING THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT. THIS INCLUDES ALL PARTICIPANTS IN **ANY OHSAA OR MOAC SPONSORED** ATHLETICS, INCLUDING CHEERLEADERS, MANAGERS, AND TRAINERS.

## THE MID-OHIO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE BY-LAWS

- BY-LAW I DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER**
- SECT 1** THE COMMISSIONER IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
- SECT 2** THE COMMISSIONER'S CONTRACTUAL YEAR BEGINS AUGUST 1.
- SECT 3** THE COMMISSIONER'S SALARY IS SET AT THE SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.
- SECT 4** SALARY AND EXPENSES SHALL BE COMMENSURATE WITH THE DUTIES PERFORMED.
- SECT 5** SALARY SHALL BE PAID IN TWO EQUAL INSTALLMENTS: (1) THE FIRST OF DECEMBER AND (1) THE FIRST OF MAY.
- SECT 6** THE COMMISSIONER WILL:
- a) SERVE AS THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE CONFERENCE
  - b) REFRAIN FROM OFFICIATING ANY CONTESTS INVOLVING THE MOAC SCHOOLS
  - c) SECURE AND ISSUE ALL CONFERENCE PASSES AT THE AUGUST AD'S MEETING
  - d) ORGANIZE AND ADMINISTER ALL-CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS IN COOPERATION WITH PERSONNEL FROM THE HOST SCHOOL
  - e) INVESTIGATE GRIEVANCES AS OUTLINED IN THE CONSTITUTION
  - f) INVESTIGATE WRITTEN COMPLAINTS FROM THE SCHOOLS REGARDING THE OFFICIATING OF CONTESTS
  - g) DRAFT ALL MOAC SCHEDULES WITH THE ASSISTANCE FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTORS OF THE MEMBER SCHOOLS
- SECT 7** THE COMMISSIONER WILL COORDINATE AND PROMOTE THE INTERESTS OF THE MOAC BY:
- a) ATTENDING THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
  - b) PRESENTING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION
  - c) ATTENDING AS MANY CONFERENCE EVENTS AS POSSIBLE INCLUDING ONE HOME FOOTBALL OR BASKETBALL GAME AT EACH MEMBER SCHOOL
  - d) ACT AS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CONFERENCE AS DEEMED NECESSARY AND AS AUTHORIZED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
  - e) PREPARE AND DISTRIBUTE CONGRATULATORY NOTES AND OTHER NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE ACTS OF COURTESY
  - f) MAINTAIN THE DIGNITY OF THE CONFERENCE BY PERFORMING THE TASKS OF THE COMMISSIONER IN AS UPRIGHT, FORTHRIGHT, AND HONEST MANNER. EXPECTING THE SAME RESPONSES FROM EACH OF THE MEMBER SCHOOLS
  - g) MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP IN THE OHSAA'S CERTIFIED ASSIGNERS PROGRAM
  - h) RESPOND TO THE TASKS REQUESTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND MAINTAIN OPEN LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH EACH MEMBER SCHOOL AND THEIR STAFF AND PERSONNEL

**SECT 8 AWARDS**

- a) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND SELECTION OF ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. HE SHALL RELEASE THE ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS TO THE MEDIA IN THE LOCAL AREAS. HE SHALL COORDINATE THE SELECTION PROCESS AND ALL PRESENTATION PROGRAMS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
- b) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PURCHASE ALL AWARDS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE USE IN THE AWARDS PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE

**SECT 9 OFFICIALS**

- a) DEVELOP AN APPROVED LIST OF OFFICIALS FOR FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL
  - 1) OFFICIALS CURRENTLY BEING ASSIGNED IN THE CONFERENCE WILL BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL EVALUATION AND APPROVAL
  - 2) OBSERVE AND EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE OF YOUNG OFFICIALS BEING UTILIZED FOR THE JV CONTESTS FOR THE POSSIBLE USE AT THE VARSITY LEVEL IN THE FUTURE
- b) USE THE OHSAA CONTRACT FOR ALL OFFICIALS. CONTRACT OFFICIALS AT LEAST ONE (1) YEAR IN ADVANCE FOR BOTH CONFERENCE AND NON CONFERENCE GAMES WHEN POSSIBLE KEEPING IN MIND THE IMPLICATIONS INVOLVED BY THE USE OF AN APPROVED LIST.
- c) ASSIGN OFFICIALS TO CONTESTS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:
  - 1) SCHOOL ATTITUDES TOWARD THE OFFICIAL BEING ASSIGNED
  - 2) TIME AND TRAVEL CONSIDERATIONS
  - 3) OFFICIALS AFFILIATION WITH THE CONFERENCE SCHOOLS
  - 4) NUMBER OF TIMES AN OFFICIAL WORKS AT A GIVEN SCHOOL. THE GOAL SHOULD BE NOT MORE THAN TWICE IN VARSITY FOOTBALL AND VARSITY BASKETBALL PER SCHOOL YEAR
- d) COMMUNICATE TO THE ASSIGNED OFFICIALS THEIR GAME ASSIGNMENTS WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE GAME DAY, CONFERENCE RULES APPROPRIATE TO THEIR ASSIGNMENT, NAMES, TITLES, ADDRESSES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS, AND AN EXPLANATION OF EVALUATION FORMS AND PROCEDURES
- e) BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF OFFICIALS FOR ALL CONFERENCE SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS

**SECT 10 NEWS RELEASES AND PUBLICITY**

- a) PREPARE AND RELEASE APPROPRIATE PUBLICITY REGARDING CONFERENCE MATTERS AND STATUS TO STATE WIDE MEDIA
- b) PREPARE AND RELEASE NEWS REGARDING THE CONFERENCE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
- c) BE PREPARED TO SPEAK AT SCHOOL AND CIVIC EVENTS FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE MOAC AND ITS ACTIVITIES
- d) PROMOTE THE MOAC BY MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH THE NEWS MEDIA TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES
- e) BE PREPARED TO PRESENT OR ASSIST IN THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS THAT PROMOTE THE MOAC

**SECT 11 RECORDS**

- a) MAINTAIN WIN-LOSS LEAGUE RECORDS AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE ALL-SPORTS TROPHY, AND ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS.

**SECT 12 FINANCIAL**

- a) PREPARE AN ANNUAL BUDGET BY PROJECTING ALL REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR
- b) PREPARE AND SUBMIT A FINANCIAL STATEMENT AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE FALL, WINTER, AND SPRING SPORTS. ADDITIONALLY, PREPARE AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT DETAILED BY MONTH FOR THE PRESENTATION AT THE AUGUST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
- c) PREPARE STATEMENTS AND COLLECT CONFERENCE FEES AND FINES FROM MEMBER SCHOOLS AS WELL AS REVENUES GENERATED BY LEAGUE EVENTS
- d) ALL MONIES FROM EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE MOAC WILL BE GIVEN TO THE COMMISSIONER BY SCHOOL ISSUED CHECK AND WILL INCLUDE A TICKET RECONCILIATION SHEET
- e) FINES WILL BE LEVIED AGAINST THOSE SCHOOLS WHOSE COACHES DO NOT SUBMIT STATS TO THE MOAC WEBSITE WEEKLY OR EVALUATE OFFICIALS WEEKLY. FINES WILL BE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH PAYMENT ADDED TO THE CONFERENCE DUES FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR
- f) PAY ALL BILLS INCURRED BY AND APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY THE CONFERENCE

**BY-LAW II DIVISIONING**

**SECT 1** ALL VARSITY SPORTS WILL BE DIVISIONED. THERE WILL BE A RED DIVISION AND A BLUE DIVISION CHAMPION TROPHY AWARDED IN ALL SPORTS

**SECT 2** BEGINNING IN THE FALL OF 1990 THE DIVISIONAL ALIGNMENT SHALL BE:

<u>RED DIVISION</u>	<u>BLUE DIVISION</u>
BUCKEYE VALLEY	CARDINGTON
ELGIN	MT. GILEAD
HIGHLAND	NORTHMOR
NORTH UNION	PLEASANT
RIVER VALLEY	RIDGEDALE

**BY-LAW III CONFERENCE PASS POLICY**

- SECT 1**
- a) EACH SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE 60 CONFERENCE AND 5 BAND PASSES. **BAND PASSES ARE GOOD ONLY FOR FOOTBALL SEASON.**
- b) ALL PASSES WILL BE NUMBERED AND WITH THE FOLLOWING DISTRIBUTION: **BUCKEYE VALLEY 1-60, CARDINGTON 61-120, ELGIN 121-180, HIGHLAND 181-240, MT. GILEAD 241-300, NORTH UNION 301-360, NORTHMOR 361-420, PLEASANT 421-480, RIDGEDALE 481-540, RIVER VALLEY 541-600. BAND PASSES WILL NOT BE NUMBERED**
- c) THE NUMBER ON THE PASS WILL ONLY BE HONORED ONCE PER CONTEST AT THE SITE
- d) PERSONS USING THE PASSES MUST SIGN THEIR NAME TO THE CORRESPONDING NUMBER ON THE LIST AT THE SCHOOL SITE

- e) THE CONFERENCE AND BAND PASSES ARE ONLY GOOD FOR ONE PERSON ADMITTANCE, NOT FAMILY OR RELATIVES. LIFETIME PASSES ARE GOOD FOR TWO (2) PERSONS.
- f) ANYONE ENTERING A CONTEST MUST PAY OR HAVE A PASS WITH A NUMBER THAT HAS NOT BEEN USED FOR THE CONTEST.
- g) COACHES, MANAGERS, STATISTICIANS, FILMERS, CHEERLEADERS COMING LATER THAN THE TEAM MUST PRESENT A PASS OR PAY. THEY MAY NOT GET A COACH OR AD TO VERIFY. THEY MUST ENTER WITH THE TEAM, PRESENT A PASS, OR PAY.
- h) IF A SCHOOL HAS DOUBLE ON PASSES OR BREAKS ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES, THAT SCHOOL WILL BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE HOME SCHOOL FOR THE AMOUNT OF ADMISSION FOR THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ENTERING IMPROPERLY.
- i) LIFETIME PASSES WILL BE ISSUED TO THOSE DESERVING SUCH RECOGNITION BY A VOTE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
- j) WRESTLING HOST SCHOOL WILL ISSUE 20 PASSES TO MEMBER SCHOOLS FOR THE MOAC TOURNAMENT. THE COACH WILL FILL OUT A LIST AT THE SEED MEETING.

**BY-LAW IV REPORTING**

- SECT 1**
- a) SCORES SHALL BE CALLED IN IMMEDIATELY AFTER EVERY FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL GAME.
  - b) THE HOME TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE TO REPORT TO THE NEWS MEDIA AND RADIO STATIONS THE SCORES AND DETAILS OF THE GAME.
  - c) IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER, NO CONTEST WILL BE PLAYED. IF BOTH SCHOOLS MUTUALLY AGREE TO PLAY THE GAME, THE CONTEST CAN TAKE PLACE.

**BY-LAW V CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES**

- SECT 1 ALL SPORTS TROPHY**
- a) THE ALL-SPORTS TROPHY WILL BE A ROTATING TROPHY AND AWARDED TO THE MOAC SCHOOL ACCUMULATING THE MOST POINTS AS DESCRIBED BELOW.
  - b) EVERY CONFERENCE SPORT IS OF EQUAL VALUE. **POINTS WILL BE AWARDED BY DIVISION. IF A SCHOOL DOES NOT FIELD A TEAM, THE POINT VALUE WILL BE 0.** POINT SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING THE ANNUAL WINNER IS AS FOLLOWS:

1) 1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE	<b>5 POINTS</b>
2 <sup>ND</sup> "	<b>4"</b>
3 <sup>RD</sup> "	<b>3"</b>
4 <sup>TH</sup> "	<b>2"</b>
5 <sup>TH</sup> "	<b>1"</b>

- 2) THE SUM OF EACH SCHOOL'S POINTS WILL BE DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF CONFERENCE SPORTS IN WHICH THE SCHOOL PARTICIPATES. THE SCHOOL WITH THE HIGHEST POINT AVERAGE WILL BE THE WINNER.

**SECT 2 ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS AND AWARDS**

- a) THE PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE'S HEAD COACH, FOR ANY GIVEN YEAR, WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE TEAM SELECTION MEETINGS ALONG WITH THE LEAGUE COMMISSIONER. THE SCHOOL OF THE PRESIDENT WILL HOST ALL SELECTION MEETINGS EXCEPT FOR THOSE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DISTRICT MEETING, IN

WHICH CASE, THE ALL-CONFERENCE MEETING WILL PRECEDE THE DISTRICT MEETING AT THE DISTRICT SITE.

b) IN ALL SPORTS, TEAM AND/OR INDIVIDUAL, AWARDS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1) FIRST TEAM	MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES
2) SECOND TEAM	CERTIFICATES
3) HONORABLE MENTION	CERTIFICATES

c) IN ALL SPORTS WHERE ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS ARE SELECTED BY THE COACHES (VOTING):

- 1) 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE VOTED ON BY ALL COACHES. HONORABLE MENTION WILL BE SELECTED BY THE COACH. HONORABLE MENTION WILL CONSIST OF ONE (1) PLAYER FROM EACH SCHOOL
- 2) COACHES ARE ALLOWED TO VOTE FOR THEIR OWN PLAYERS
- 3) BREAKING TIES: RE-VOTE ONCE, IF STILL A TIE, THEN ALL WHO TIED WILL MAKE THE TEAM
- 4) 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> TEAMS WILL CONSIST OF THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS THAT CAN PLAY AT ONE TIME PLUS 2:

VOLLEYBALL	6+2= 8
FOOTBALL	12 + 2 = 14 OFFENSE 11 PLAYERS BY POSITON & K ICKER + 2
FOOTBALL	12 + 2 = 14 DEFENSE 11 PLAYERS BY POSITION & PUNTER +2
BASKETBALL	5+2= 7
BASEBALL	10 + 2 = 12
SOFTBALL	10 + 2 = 12

d) IN SPORTS WHERE ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS ARE SELECTED BY HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITION (TRACK & WRESTLING)

- 1) 1<sup>ST</sup> TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE THE WINNER OF EACH EVENT
- 2) 2<sup>ND</sup> TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE THE SECOND PLACE FINISHERS OR RUNNER-UP IN EACH EVENT
- 3) HONORABLE MENTION WILL BE THE THIRD PLACE FINISHER OF EACH EVENT

e) IN SPORTS WHERE ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS ARE THE RESULT OF INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS IN A TEAM SETTING (CROSS COUNTRY & GOLF) THE TOP 21 ELIGIBLE EFFORTS WILL RECEIVE ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS:

1) 1 THROUGH 7	1 <sup>ST</sup> TEAM MEMBERS
2) 8 THROUGH 14	2 <sup>ND</sup> TEAM MEMBERS
3) 15 THROUGH 21	HONORABLE MENTION

### SECT 3 FOOTBALL

- a) A NINE (9) GAME CONFERENCE SCHEDULE WILL BE PLAYED WITH CHAMPIONSHIPS EARNED ON A DIVISIONAL BASIS COUNTING ALL NINE (9) GAMES.
- b) GAME TIME: ALL GAMES **ON FRIDAY** WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 PM.
- c) PRE-GAME ACTIVITIES: BOTH TEAMS SHALL LEAVE THE FIELD BY 6:45 PM TO ALLOW FOR THE PRE-GAME ACTIVITIIES WHICH SHALL CONCLUDE BY 6:55 PM.
- d) HALF TIME ACTIVITIES: 20 MINUTES WILL BE ALLOWED FOR THE BANDS' HALF TIME SHOW. THE VISITING TEAM SHALL BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF ANY SPECIAL PRE-GAME OR HALF TIME ACTIVITIES.

- e) PROGRAM LISTINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE HOME SCHOOL NO LATER THAN TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED CONTEST BETWEEN THE TWO SCHOOLS.
- f) HEAD COACHES SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DVD EXCHANGE. THE HEAD COACH OF THE HOME SCHOOL SHOULD CALL TO ARRANGE FOR THE EXCHANGE. THE SCOUTS FROM THE NEXT WEEKS OPPOSING SCHOOLS WILL PICK UP THE TWO (2) GAME TAPES PRIOR TO THE GAME BEING SCOUTED. THE SCOUTS SHOULD PICK UP THE TAPES ON THE FIELD PRIOR TO THE GAME.
- g) EACH SCHOOL SHOULD HAVE A QUALIFIED TIME KEEPER AND SPOTTER AVAILABLE FOR EACH GAME.
- h) JV FOOTBALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON THE SATURDAY MORNING FOLLOWING THE VARSITY GAME AT THE OPPOSITE SITE UNLESS AGREED UPON BY THE 2 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS. (10:00 AM)
- i) FRESHMAN FOOTBALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE VARSITY GAME AT THE OPPOSITE SITE UNLESS AGREED UPON BY THE 2 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS. (4:30 PM)
- j) THE FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE: WILL CONSIST OF 28 PLAYERS AS SET UP BY THE FOOTBALL COACHES. (12 OFFENSIVE PLAYERS, A KICKER + 2 AND 12 DEFENSIVE PLAYERS, A PUNTER + 2) SECOND TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE WILL CONSIST OF 28 PLAYERS VOTED ON BY THE COACHES (12 OFFENSIVE PLAYERS, A KICKER +2 AND 12 DEFENSIVE PLAYERS, A PUNTER +2. EACH SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE ONE HONORABLE MENTION WHO WILL BE CHOSEN BY THE COACH.
- k) NO SIGNS OR DEROGATORY PICTURES OR DUMMIES SHALL BE PARADED OR SHOWN IN FRONT OF THE STANDS.
- l) FOOTBALL COACHES ARE TO SUBMIT GAMES STATS TO THE MOAC WEBSITE BY WEDNESDAY FOLLOWING THE VARSITY GAME
- m) FOOTBALL COACHES ARE TO EVALUATE GAME OFFICIALS EACH WEEK
- n) FAILURE TO COMPLETE ITEMS "l" AND/OR "m" WILL RESULT IN THE SCHOOL BEING PENALIZED:

1) FIRST OFFENSE	WARNING
2) SECOND OFFENSE	\$50.00 FINE
3) THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES	\$100.00 FINE FOR EACH VIOLATION.

#### SECT 4 BASKETBALL (BOYS & GIRLS)

- a) DIVISIONAL PLAY WILL BE IN AFFECT
- b) EACH SCHOOL WILL PLAY 13 CONFERENCE GAMES IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:
  - 1) EIGHT (8) WITHIN THEIR DIVISION (HOME & HOME)
  - 2) FIVE (5) WITH THE OTHER DIVISION SCHOOLS (1 EACH SCHOOL)
- c) DUE TO TITLE IX, ALL GAMES, BOYS AND GIRLS, WILL BE PLAYED SO THAT GIRLS PLAY AN EQUAL NUMBER OF GAMES ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS
- d) 20 MINUTES WILL BE ALLOWED BETWEEN THE JV AND VARSITY GAMES
- e) THE TIMEKEEPER WILL START THE CLOCK WHEN THE JV TEAMS HAVE CLEARED THE FLOOR
- f) TEAMS WILL RESTRICT THEIR WARM-UP ACTIVITIES TO THEIR END OF THE FLOOR
- g) ALL NIGHT JV GAMES WILL START AT 6:00 PM
- h) BOYS AND GIRLS JV QUARTERS WILL BE 7 MINUTES IN LENGTH
- i) THE MOAC WILL SPONSOR A FRESHMAN BOYS AND GIRLS TOURNAMENT. SITES WILL BE AT THE SCHOOL WITH THE HIGHEST SEED. NET PROCEEDS FROM THE TOURNAMENT WILL GO TO THE MOAC TREASURY.

- j) EACH SCHOOL WILL SCHEDULE AS MANY CONFERENCE SCHOOLS AS POSSIBLE.
- k) THERE WILL BE NO TUNNELS OTHER THAN BY THE TEAM AND CHEERLEADERS
- l) FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE WILL CONSIST OF 7 PLAYERS (5 + 2) CHOSEN FROM THE WHOLE LEAGUE. SECOND TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE WILL CONSIST OF 7 PLAYERS (5 +2) CHOSEN FROM THE WHOLE LEAGUE. EACH SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE ONE (1) HONORABLE MENTION WHO WILL BE CHOSEN BY THE COACH.
- m) BASKETBALL COACHES ARE TO SUBMIT THE PREVIOUS WEEK'S GAME STATS TO THE MOAC WEBSITE BY WEDNESDAY OF THE NEXT WEEK
- n) BASKETBALL COACHES ARE TO EVALUATE GAME OFFICIALS EACH WEEK
- o) FAILURE TO COMPLETE ITEMS "n" AND /OR "O" WILL RESULT IN THE SCHOOL BEING PENALIZED:

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| 1) FIRST OFFENSE                 | WARNING                          |
| 2) SECOND OFFENSE                | \$50.00 FINE                     |
| 3) THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES | \$100.00 FINE FOR EACH VIOLATION |

**SECT 5 BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL**

- a) DIVISIONAL PLAY WILL BE IN AFFECT
- b) EACH SCHOOL WILL PLAY 13 CONFERENCE GAMES IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:
  - 1) EIGHT (8) WITHIN THEIR DIVISION (HOME & HOME)
  - 2) FIVE (5) WITH THE OTHER DIVISION SCHOOLS (1 EACH SCHOOL)
- c) THE HOME TEAM WILL TAKE THE FIELD AT 4:30 PM AND THE VISITING TEAM AT 4:45 PM. EACH TEAM WILL HAVE THE FIELD FOR 10 MINUTES. THERE WILL BE NO BATTING PRACTICE AFTER 4:30 PM.
- d) TIME GAMES WILL START AT 5:00 PM
- e) THE HOME TEAM WILL FURNISH HIGH QUALITY BASEBALLS/ SOFTBALLS
- f) ALL TEAMS MUST COMPLETE THE SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCE GAMES. **(EXCEPTION) IF THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE IS NOT COMPLETE BEFORE BOTH TEAMS HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED FROM THE OHSAA TOURNAMENT AND THE CONFERENCE GAME WOULD NOT AFFECT A DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, THE GAME (S) NEED NOT BE MADE UP.** GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAYS. TUESDAY WILL BE KEPT OPEN FOR MAKE-UP GAMES IN CASE OF POSTPONEMENT.
- g) CONFERENCE GAMES WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER NON-CONFERENCE GAMES IN THE EVENT OF MAKE-UP. STATE TOURNAMENT GAMES TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ALL GAMES.
- h) IF A GAME CAN'T BE PLAYED AT THE SCHEDULED SITE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.THE GAME **WILL** BE MOVED TO THE VISITING SITE IF IT IS PLAYABLE AND AGREEABLE BY BOTH COACHES ON ARRIVAL. THE VARSITY GAME WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER THE JV GAME.
- i) IN CASE OF POSTPONEMENT DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER OR WET GROUNDS THE HOME TEAM WILL NOTIFY THE VISITING TEAM AND THE OFFICIALS NO LATER THAT 2:00 PM THE DAY OF THE GAME, SO OTHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.
- j) SCHEDULING/TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
  - 1) VARSITY BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL AT ONE SITE
  - 2) JV BASEBALL AND JV SOFTBALL AT THE OPPOSITE SITE

- k) FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE WILL CONSIST OF 12 PLAYERS (10 + 2) CHOSEN FROM THE WHOLE LEAGUE. THE SECOND TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE WILL CONSIST OF 12 PLAYERS (10 + 2) CHOSEN FROM THE WHOLE LEAGUE. EACH SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE ONE (1) HONORABLE MENTION WHO WILL BE CHOSEN BY THE COACH
- l) BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL COACHES ARE TO SUBMIT THE PREVIOUS WEEK'S GAME STATS TO THE MOAC WEBSITE BY WEDNESDAY OF THE NEXT WEEK
- m) BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL COACHES ARE TO EVALUATE GAME OFFICIALS EACH WEEK
- n) FAILURE TO COMPLETE ITEMS "l" AND/OR "m" WILL RESULT IN THE SCHOOL BEING PENALIZED:

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| 1) FIRST OFFENSE                 | WARNING                          |
| 2) SECOND OFFENSE                | \$50.00 FINE                     |
| 3) THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES | \$100.00 FINE FOR EACH VIOLATION |

## SECT 6 VOLLEYBALL

- a) DIVISIONAL PLAY WILL BE IN AFFECT.
- b) EACH SCHOOL WILL PLAY 13 CONFERENCE GAMES IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:
  - 1) EIGHT (8) WITHIN THEIR DIVISION (HOME & HOME)
  - 2) FIVE (5) WITH THE OTHER DIVISION SCHOOLS (1 EACH SCHOOL)
- c) CONFERENCE GAMES WILL BE SCHEDULED ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHTS WITH SATURDAY MORNINGS TO BE USED AS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE SCHEDULE. STARTING TIME WILL BE 4:30 PM FOR FRESHMAN GAMES DURING THE WEEK WITH JV GAMES TO START 20 MINUTES AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE FRESHMAN. IF THERE IS NO FRESHMAN GAME JV GAMES WILL BEGIN AT 5:30 PM. FRESHMAN AND/OR JV GAMES WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 AM ON SATURDAYS WITH ALL OTHER GAMES TO FOLLOW.
- d) FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE WILL CONSIST OF 8 PLAYERS (6 + 2) CHOSEN FROM THE WHOLE LEAGUE. SECOND TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE WILL CONSIST OF 8 PLAYERS (6 + 2) CHOSEN FROM THE WHOLE LEAGUE. EACH SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE ONE (1) HONORABLE MENTION CHOSEN BY THE COACH.
- e) VOLLEYBALL COACHES ARE TO SUBMIT THE PREVIOUS WEEK'S GAME STATS TO THE MOAC WEBSITE BY WEDNESDAY OF THE FOLLOWING WEEK
- f) VOLLEYBALL COACHES ARE TO EVALUATE GAME OFFICIALS EACH WEEK
- g) FAILURE TO COMPLETE ITEMS "e" AND/OR "f" WILL RESULT IN THE SCHOOL BEING PENALIZED:

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| 1) FIRST OFFENSE                 | WARNING                          |
| 2) SECOND OFFENSE                | \$50.00 FINE                     |
| 3) THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES | \$100.00 FINE FOR EACH VIOLATION |

## SECT 7 CROSS COUNTRY (BOYS AND GIRLS)

- a) THE MOAC WILL SPONSOR A CONFERENCE MEET ANNUALLY ON THE SATURDAY PRIOR TO THE STATE DISTRICT MEET. THE MEET WILL DETERMINE THE DIVISIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS. THE MEET WILL START AT 10:00 AM UNLESS CHANGED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

- b) THE TOP SEVEN (5 + 2) RUNNERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE. THE NEXT SEVEN (5 + 2) ELIGIBLE RUNNERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS SECOND TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE. HONORABLE MENTION RECOGNITION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE NEXT SEVEN (5 + 2) ELIGIBLE RUNNERS.

**SECT 8 TRACK (BOYS AND GIRLS)**

- a) THE MOAC WILL SPONSOR A CONFERENCE MEET ANNUALLY THE TUESDAY AND THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE STATE DISTRICT MEET. STARTING TIME WILL BE 4:30 PM ON BOTH DAYS
- b) ONLY SCHOOLS WITH EIGHT LANE ALL WEATHER TRACKS MAY HOST THE CONFERENCE MEET. HOSTING RESPONSIBILITIES WILL ROTATE ALPHABETICALLY ANNUALLY.
- c) EACH SCHOOL WILL FURNISH THE NEEDED REPRESENTATIVES TO HELP WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE EVENT.
- d) THE MOAC MEET MANAGER WILL BE SOMEONE OTHER THAN A CONFERENCE TRACK COACH.
- e) NET PROCEEDS FROM THE CONFERENCE MEET WILL GO TO THE CONFERENCE TREASURY.
- f) SCHOOLS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER ONE RELAY TEAM PER SCHOOL FOR THE CONFERENCE MEET.
- g) ADMISSION FEES FOR THE CONFERENCE MEET WILL BE PER THE PUBLISHED CONFERENCE SCHEDULE FOR MAJOR EVENTS PER DAY OR THE CONFERENCE MAY SET A TWO (2) DAY FEE.
- h) DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS WILL BE AWARDED ANNUALLY.
- i) FIRST PLACE FINISHERS IN EACH EVENT WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE. SECOND PLACE FINISHERS IN EACH EVENT WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS SECOND TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE. THIRD PLACE FINISHERS IN EACH EVENT WILL RECEIVE HONORABLE MENTION RECOGNITION.

**SECT 9 GOLF**

- a) DIVISIONAL PLAY WILL BE IN AFFECT
- b) EACH SCHOOL WILL PLAY 13 CONFERENCE MATCHES IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:
- 1) EIGHT (8) WITHIN THEIR DIVISION (HOME & HOME)
  - 2) FIVE (5) WITH THE OTHER DIVISION SCHOOLS (1 EACH SCHOOL)
- c) ALL MOAC MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED (**SCHEDULED**) ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 4:00 PM. TUESDAY WILL BE USED FOR MAKE-UP MATCHES, (**IF AVAILABLE**) ALL CONFERENCE MATCHES WILL BE NINE (9) HOLES AND ALL CONFERENCE MATCHES MUST BE COMPLETED.
- d) **EVERY SCHOOL HAS THE OPTION TO SCHEDULE TRI-MATCHES AND QUAD MATCHES TO FREE UP DAYS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN MORE 18 HOLE INVITATIONALS. ALL 13 MOAC MATCHES WILL STILL BE PLAYED, BUT THEY DO NOT HAVE TO BE PLAYED AS 13 DUAL MATCHES**
- e) **IF ANY OF THE 13 MATCHES HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED THEN THEY MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE SAT. FOLLOWING THE SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT.**
- f) **THE ALL-CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM WILL BE DETERMINED BY AN AVERAGE POINT SYSTEM BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FORMULA:**
- 1) **TOTAL MATCH POINTS FOR 13 MATCHES**
- g) THE TOP SEVEN (5 + 2) GOLFERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE. THE NEXT SEVEN (5 + 2) ELIGIBLE GOLFERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS SECOND TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE. HONORABLE MENTION RECOGNITION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE NEXT SEVEN (5 + 2) ELIGIBLE GOLFERS.

**SECT 10 WRESTLING**

- a) DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS WILL BE AWARDED.
- b) THE MOAC WILL SPONSOR A CONFERENCE MATCH ANNUALLY ON THE SATURDAY ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE STATE SECTIONALS OR DISTRICT MATCH.
- c) HOSTING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE CONFERENCE MATCH WILL ROTATE ALPHABETICALLY ANNUALLY AMONG THE COMPETING CONFERENCE SCHOOLS.
- d) NET PROCEEDS OF THE CONFERENCE MATCH WILL GO TO THE CONFERENCE TREASURY.
- e) THE LEAGUE WILL HIRE A MEET MANAGER TO RUN THE TOURNAMENT.
- g) THE CHAMPIONS OF EACH WEIGHT CLASS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE. THE SECOND TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE WILL BE THE RUNNER-UP OF EACH WEIGHT CLASS. HONORABLE MENTION RECOGNITION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE THIRD PLACE FINISHERS IN EACH WEIGHT CLASS.

**SECT 11 BOWLING**

- a) DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS WILL BE AWARDED
- b) THE MOAC WILL SPONSOR A CONFERENCE MEET ANNUALLY ON THE WEEKEND PRIOR TO THE STATE SECTIONALS OR DISTRICT MEET.
- c) NET PROCEEDS OF THE CONFERENCE MATCH WILL GO TO THE CONFERENCE TREASURY.
- d) THE LEAGUE WILL HIRE A MEET MANAGER TO RUN THE TOURNAMENT.
- e) THE CONFERENCE MEET WILL FOLLOW THE OHSAA BOWLING TOURNAMENT FORMAT.
- f) THE TOP SEVEN (5 + 2) BOWLERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE. THE NEXT SEVEN (5 + 2) ELIGIBLE BOWLERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS SECOND TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE. HONORABLE MENTION RECOGNITION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE NEXT SEVEN (5 + 2) ELIGIBLE BOWLERS.

**BY-LAW VI CONFERENCE SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY**

**SECT 1** THE MEMBER SCHOOLS OF THE MOAC BELIEVE THAT INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION INVOLVING MEMBER SCHOOLS SHOULD BE GOVERNED BY THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP. THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED TO INSURE THAT ALL MEMBERS HAVE A COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THOSE BASIC PRINCIPLES.

WE BELIEVE THAT PARTICIPATION IS MORE THAN WINNING. WE BELIEVE THAT STUDENTS SHOULD BE COACHED TO PLAY TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY AND TO UNDERSTAND THAT TO PLAY WELL IS TO PLAY HONORABLY. THE PROMOTION OF SPORTSMANSHIP IS THE OBLIGATION OF ALL SCHOOL PERSONNEL, (PRINCIPALS, AD'S AND COACHES) AND IS DIRECTED TO THE BEHAVIOR OF THE SPECTATORS, COACHES AND PLAYERS. AN ADDITIONAL COMPONENT TO CONSIDER IS IN THE AREA OF COACHES ETHICS. WE BELIEVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP THROUGH THE PRACTICE OF ETHICAL BEHAVIOR AND MORAL REASONING IS ONE OF THE ACKNOWLEDGED OBJECTIVES OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS. WE THEREFORE EXPECT MEMBER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, COACHES, ATHLETES, CHEERLEADERS AND SPECTATORS TO KNOW AND EMBRACE THE FOLLOWING FUNDAMENTALS OF SPORTSMANSHIP:

- a) RESPECT SHOULD BE DEMONSTRATED FOR AN ATHLETIC OPPONENT AND THEIR SCHOOL AT ALL TIMES. HOST SCHOOLS SHOULD TREAT THE VISITING TEAM AND THEIR SUPPORTERS AS GUESTS AND ACCORD THE CONSIDERATIONS THAT ALL HUMAN BEINGS DESERVE. VISITING SCHOOLS SHOULD RESPECT THE PROPERTY AND DIGNITY OF THEIR HOST SCHOOL AND THE ATHLETES.

- b) RESPECT SHOULD BE SHOWN TO THE OFFICIALS AT ALL TIMES. OFFICIALS MUST BE ASSUMED TO BE ACCEPTED AS IMPARTIAL ARBITRATORS WHO ARE TRAINED TO DO THEIR JOB AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO DO IT TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY.
- c) KNOWLEDGE OF AND RESPECT FOR THE CURRENT RULES OF THE CONTEST SHOULD GUIDE THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PARTICIPANTS. RULES ESSENTIAL FOR A FAIR CONTEST AND GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP SUGGEST THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFORMING TO THE SPIRIT AS WELL AS THE LETTER OF THE RULES
- d) ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD STRIVE TO MAINTAIN SELF CONTROL AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CONTEST. THE DESIRE TO WIN SHOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED AS AN EXCUSE FOR ABANDONING RATIONAL BEHAVIOR. A PROPER PERSPECTIVE MUST BE MAINTAINED BY ALL IF THE POTENTIAL EDUCATIONAL VALUES OF ATHLETIC COMPETITION ARE TO BE REALIZED.
- e) ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD LEARN TO RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE SKILL IN PERFORMANCE REGARDLESS OF THE AFFILIATION. RECOGNITION OF A GOOD PERFORMANCE BY AN OPPONENT IS THE DEMONSTRATION OF GENEROSITY AND GOOD WILL THAT IS ENCOURAGED IN ALL MEMBER SCHOOLS. IN ORDER FOR GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP TO PREVAIL IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS UNDERSTAND THEIR INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTED MODES OF BEHAVIOR BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER CONTESTS

## SECT 2 COACHES

THE COACHES BEAR THE GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTSMANSHIP AS THEY HAVE THE GREATEST INFLUENCE ON ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIORS OF THE PARTICIPANTS, THE STUDENT BODY AND THE COMMUNITY. COACHES MUST VALUE SPORTSMANSHIP AND TEACH IT THROUGH THEIR WORDS AND THROUGH THEIR EXAMPLE. THEREFORE COACHES SHOULD EMBRACE THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATE BEHAVIORS:

- a) INSTRUCT THEIR PLAYERS IN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.
- b) TEACH THE VALUE OF CONFORMING TO THE SPIRIT AS WELL AS THE LETTER OF THE RULES.
- c) MAKE SPORTSMANSHIP A MATTER OF TEAM DISCIPLINE WITH APPROPRIATE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE TEAM MEMBERS THAT DISPLAY BEHAVIORS CONTRARY TO THAT OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.
- d) REMIND THE STUDENT BODY AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY THAT THE VISITING TEAMS ARE THE GUESTS OF THE SCHOOL AND AS THEIR HOSTS THEY SHOULD BE POLITE AND COURTEOUS.
- e) RESPECT THE OFFICIALS JUDGEMENT AND INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES.
- f) DEMONSTRATE PUBLICLY THE IDEALS OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP BY SUCH ACTS AS SHAKING HANDS WITH OFFICIALS AND OPPOSING COACHES BEFORE AND AFTER THE CONTEST.

COACHES SHOULD AVOID INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIORS AS FOLLOWS:

- a) USE OF PROFANITY
- b) EJECTION FROM CONTESTS
- c) BERATING OFFICIALS OR PLAYERS
- d) INCITING SPECTATORS OR PLAYERS TO DO INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

SUGGESTED DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

- a) CONFERENCE/HEARING WITH SCHOOL OFFICIALS
- b) GROWTH PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT
- c) POSSIBLE SUSPENSION/TERMINATION
- d) IF EJECTED, 2 GAME SUSPENSION

**SECT 3 PARTICIPANTS****PLAYERS:**

BECAUSE PLAYERS ARE RESPECTED, ADMIRER AND EXERT A GREAT DEAL OF INFLUENCE OVER THE ACTIONS AND BEHAVIOR OF THE SPECTATORS, IT IS IMPORTANT PLAYERS:

- a) TREAT OPPONENTS WITH RESPECT THAT IS DUE THEM AS GUESTS AND FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS.
- b) SHAKE HANDS WITH THEIR OPPONENT AND WISH THEM A GOOD CONTEST, WHEN APPROPRIATE
- c) EXERCISE SELF CONTROL AT ALL TIMES, ACCEPTING THE JUDGEMENT OF THE OFFICIALS AS JUST, THE BEST JUDGEMENT THEY COULD HAVE MADE GIVEN WHAT THEY KNOW AND SEE. NEVER ARGUE OR MAKE GESTURES INDICATING LACK OF RESPECT FOR THE OFFICIAL'S JUDGEMENT.
- d) ACCEPT BOTH VICTORY AND DEFEAT WITH PRIDE AND COMPASSION. CONGRATULATE YOUR OPPONENT IN A SINCERE MANNER AFTER VICTORY OR DEFEAT.
- e) ACCEPT SERIOUSLY THE RESPONSIBILITY AND PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTING YOUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

**CHEERLEADERS:**

CHEERLEADERS ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR STUDENT BODY. BY SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE, THE CHEERLEADERS CAN INFLUENCE AND CONTROL THE ACTIONS OF THE STUDENT SPECTATORS BY:

- a) ESTABLISHING STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR IN KEEPING WITH THE FUNDAMENTALS OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP FOR THE CHEERLEADERS AND PEP CLUB.
- b) USING POSITIVE CHEERS THAT ENCOURAGE THEIR OWN TEAM WITHOUT DEMEANING THEIR OPPONENT
- c) USING DISCRETION DECIDING WHEN TO CHEER AND WHAT CHEERS TO USE
- d) TRYING NEVER TO DISTRACT YOUR OPPONENTS OR IN ANY WAY TO INTERFERE WITH THEIR PERFORMANCE
- e) SERVING AS HOSTS TO THE OPPOSING CHEERLEADERS

**PARTICIPANTS: (PLAYERS AND CHEERLEADERS)**

SHOULD AVOID THE FOLLOWING INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIORS:

- a) TAUNTING OFFICIALS, OPPONENTS, OR SPECTATORS
- b) VIOLATION OF BENCH RULES:
  - 1) IF ANY ATHLETE LEAVES THE BENCH AREA AND IS INVOLVED IN AN ALTERCATION ON THE FLOOR OR FIELD, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE ATHLETE BE SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) CONTESTS. THE SUSPENSION SHOULD INCLUDE NON-CONFERENCE AND TOURNAMENT GAMES AND SHOULD CARRY OVER INTO THE NEXT SPORTS SEASON.
- c) EJECTION FROM CONTESTS
- d) USE OF PROFANITY
- e) DAMAGE/DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY
- f) THEFT OF SCHOOL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

**SUGGESTED DISCIPLINARY ACTION:**

- a) BENCHING OF THE PARTICIPANT
- b) REMOVAL FROM THE CONTEST
- c) SUSPENSION FOR A PORTION OF THE SEASON
- d) RESTITUTION
- e) CONFERENCE/SCHOOL HEARING WITH SCHOOL OFFICIALS

**INDOOR CONTEST REGULATIONS FOR MOAC CONTESTS****a) SIGNS AND BANNERS**

- 1) ALLOWABLE: POSITIVE SIGNS OR BANNERS SUPPORTING YOUR SCHOOL, TEAM OR PLAYERS
- 2) PROHIBITED: SIGNS OR BANNERS AGAINST OPPONENTS, BALLOONS, CONFETTI, LASER POINTERS, FLASHLIGHTS, HAND-HELD SIGNS, ITEMS THAT MAY BLOCK VIEW OF OTHER SPECTATORS OR BE HARMFUL TO OTHERS, ANY OBJECT THAT WOULD NOT BE NEEDED TO SIT AND WATCH A GAME, ETC.

**b) NOISEMAKERS**

- 1) ALLOWABLE: PEP BANDS (CAN ONLY PLAY DURING A DEAD BALL, BETWEEN GAMES OR INTERMISSION)
- 2) PROHIBITED: HORNS, AIR HORNS, BELLS, SIRENS, DRUMS, STICKS, KAZOOS, WHISTLES, MEGAPHONES, ETC.

**c) CLOTHING:**

- 1) CLOTHING WORN TO EVENTS HOSTED BY A MOAC SCHOOL SHALL BE IN GOOD TASTE. ANY ITEM OF CLOTHING THAT EXPRESSES A NEGATIVE CONNOTATION TOWARD ANY OF THE PARTICIPATING TEAMS, PLAYERS, COACHES OR OFFICIALS IS PROHIBITED. THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOST SCHOOL SHALL HAVE THE FINAL SAY ON ALL CLOTHING MATTERS. AS PER OHSAA GUIDELINES, SHIRTS MUST BE WORN

**d) TUNNELS**

- 1) ALLOWABLE: TEAMS AND CHEERLEADERS
- 2) PROHIBITED: STUDENT AND SPECTATOR TUNNEL

**SPECTATORS:**

PARTISAN SPECTATORS BY THEIR BEHAVIOR AND REACTIONS DETERMINE TO A LARGE EXTENT THE REPUTATION FOR SPORTSMANSHIP OF THEIR SCHOOL. SPECTATORS SHOULD BE REMINDED AND SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT THE ATHLETES ARE FRIENDLY RIVALS AS MEMBERS OF OPPOSING AMATEUR TEAMS. THEY ARE TO BE TREATED AS SUCH. SPECTATORS SHOULD BE REMINDED ALSO, THAT THE CONTEST SHOULD BE DECIDED BY THE ATHLETES AND NOT THEIR SUPPORTERS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL SPECTATORS:

- a) KNOW AND DEMONSTRATE THE FUNDAMENTALS OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP
- b) RESPECT, COOPERATE AND RESPOND ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO THE CHEERLEADERS, COACHES AND ATHLETES AT ALL TEAMS
- c) CENSOR OTHER SPECTATORS WHOSE BEHAVIOR HAS BECOME UNSPORTSMANLIKE
- d) BE POSITIVE TOWARD COACHES AND PLAYERS REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE CONTEST
- e) RESPECT THE PROFESSIONALISM OF THE OFFICIALS AND COACHES

## SPECTATOR'S INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

- a) VERBAL/PHYSICAL ABUSE OF OFFICIALS
- b) BERATING THE OPPOSING PLAYERS, COACHES OR SPECTATORS
- c) CHANTS, SIGNS, OR CHEERS BERATING PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS
- d) INTERRUPTION OF THE CONTEST BY:
  - 1) THROWING OBJECTS ONTO THE FLOOR/FIELD
  - 2) ENTERING THE PLAYING AREA
  - 3) DISPLAYING DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR

## SUGGESTED DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- a) REMOVAL FROM THE CONTEST AREA
- b) CONFERENCE/SCHOOL HEARING WITH SCHOOL OFFICIALS

WE BELIEVE THAT EACH MEMBER SCHOOL OF THE MOAC IS COMMITTED TO UPHOLDING THE IDEALS OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AS SET FORTH IN THIS DOCUMENT.

IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT THE SUGGESTED DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS ARE PROPOSED. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN MEMBER SCHOOLS WHEN INCIDENTS OF INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR ARISE. THE QUALITY OF THE MOAC DEPENDS UPON THIS MUTUAL RESPECT WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT BEING PROACTIVE IS VITAL TO THE EDUCATION OF OUR STUDENTS AND SPECTATORS AND THEREFORE OFFER THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS AT CONTESTS  
 LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY  
 INSERT IN THE PROGRAM  
 TEAM NIGHT PROMOTION OF SPORTSMANSHIP  
 COACHES INSERVICE (ETHICS AND SPORTSMANSHIP)  
 BEGINNING YEAR ASSEMBLIES

