

BY-LAWS:

A. NOTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION:

1. Any schools desiring to participate in a sport in which they did not participate in the previous year, must notify in writing the conference by November 1st, of their intentions to participate in that sport(s) for the coming school year.
2. Whenever a member school cannot meet these requirements every effort will be made to accommodate the school in achieving a schedule.
3. Any school planning not to compete, for any reason, in a sport in which they participated in the previous year, shall notify the conference in writing as soon as the decision is made.
4. Each school district will be required to declare their participation in Modified Sports at the March Athletic Council Meeting.

B. DIVISIONAL ALIGNMENT:

1. When creating divisional alignments there shall be no more than one team difference between divisions. Participating schools shall be divided into divisions according to enrollment in grades 9 through 11. (Ungraded students shall count). Enrollment will be determined by the October Basic Educational Data Systems (BEDS) report submitted to the State Education Department.
2. The divisions will be determined by the Activity Boards and approved by a majority of the Athletic Council members who cast a vote.
3. Divisional Alignments are developed on an annual basis.
4. Alignments will be presented for all ECIC sponsored sports where there are 5 or more member schools participating.
5. Once divisional alignments are created, quality of competition may be a determining factor in adjusting divisional alignments.
6. Schools requesting moving from an ECIC Divisional Alignment to a Federated Alignment or a Federated Alignment to an ECIC Divisional Alignment, or wish to compete as an Independent, or Return to the league in that sport shall submit their request in writing to the Athletic Council by November 1st of the previous school year. (Appendix, M) The request shall be approved by the Athletic Council who cast a vote.

C. SCHEDULING:

1. Proposed schedules will be developed by the ECIC Office with conjunction with the Activity Board and Sports Chairs of that sport.
2. The proposed schedules will be based on the BOCES member schools' calendars and the starting Section VI post season dates.
3. Non-divisional contests may be included in the proposed schedule by mutual consent of the schools involved.
4. The proposed initial schedules may have more than three consecutive home or away contests.

D. ECIC CHAMPIONSHIPS:

1. A schedule of schools hosting ECIC Championships will be developed. A minimum of a 5 year schedule shall be submitted to the Athletic Council for approval at the September meeting in the 4th year of the rotation. A new 5 year schedule will be developed and submitted to the Athletic Council at the September meeting. (Appendix, K)
2. On an annual basis the Finance Committee shall review, recommend, and approve a fee structure for hosting ECIC Championships
3. Fee Structures will be approved by the Athletic Council. (Appendix, L)

E. POSTPONED CONTESTS:

1. If games or matches, are to be postponed because of emergency conditions, unusable facilities or by mutual agreement of the administrators because of unforeseeable circumstances it shall be the office staff's responsibility to reschedule officials based on their availability.
2. When postponing a contest, notification must be given directly to either the Director or Principal of the other school.
3. All division contests must be completed during the season. Postponed division contest must receive priority when rescheduling.
4. If a postponed Division contest cannot be rescheduled within the sports season, the team responsible for the postponement shall be declared the loser.
5. Postponement of a Division contest, (due to weather conditions), which cannot be rescheduled in the sports season, no contest shall be declared.

6. If the postponement occurs after hours, it will be the responsibility of the host school to notify the assigned officials.
7. The visiting team that cannot reach the contest site because of circumstances beyond their control should immediately notify the home school.
8. Any school that realizes it shall be late for a contest should notify the host school of this fact and possible arrival

F. TERMINATION OF A GAME BEFORE ITS COMPLETION:

1. After a contest has started, only the official(s) where there are officials assigned, shall have the authority to terminate the contest. Termination of a contest by a coach(s) and/or administrator for reason other than inclement weather shall result in the forfeiture of this activity by the school initiating the termination. It is strongly recommended that before any activity is terminated by official(s) that the coach(s) and/or administrator involved be consulted. After such consultation, the decision of the official(s) shall be final. However, the Athletic Director or school official in charge has the authority to postpone or cancel any contest due to unforeseen circumstances regarding safety of students. Notification of the officials association is necessary.

G. FOREFEITS DUE TO BUDGET DEFEATS OR WORK STOPPAGE:

1. If a school cannot play a game because of a budget or work stoppage the school will forfeit the game if another mutually agreeable date cannot be agreed upon.

H. JUNIOR VARSITY PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY:

1. Seniors are not eligible for JV Competition unless approved by the Athletic Council under unforeseen circumstances.

I. PROTEST PROCEDURES: (Appendix E)

Item A. PROTEST PROCEDURE

Protests and/or appeals must be notified to the league office and then shall be submitted in writing (Appendix E), approved and signed by the building principal, athletic director, and coach, clearly stating the case, to the proper authorities (Chairman of the appropriate Activity Board and President of the ECIC) no later than the third school day following the protested contest. EXCEPT where immediate action is necessary. Example, result of last basketball game could determine play-off representation.

1. Initial protest shall be directed to the chairperson of the proper Activity Board, President of the ECIC and the Athletic Director of the other school involved with a copy to the High School principal.
2. The Activity Board should schedule a hearing with all parties concerned. The time and place should be convenient for the representative of the schools involved and the official. At least thirty-six (36) hour notice should be given so that all can make arrangements to appear. This notice should be made to the Athletic Director, with a copy to the high school principal.

*NOTE: When a chairperson of the respective Activity Board receives the protest and hearing is scheduled, the chairperson will notify the officials immediately to send him/her a written statement of their version of the protest.

3. A decision reached by the Activity Board will be considered final. An appeal may be made to the League President.

Item B: APPEAL PROCEDURE

FROM AN ACTIVITY BOARD DECISION:

1. The school appealing a decision of the Activity Board must submit, in writing, a notification of appeal to the Past President. This is to be done within three (3) school days following receipt of the previous decision and shall include all pertinent information. The Past President will convene three (3) members of the Executive Committee to make a determination or call for a hearing. The Past President will notify schools involved within three (3) school days. Written notification will follow within five (5) school days. Should extenuating circumstances require the timeline to be extended the Past President will notify the schools involved.
2. If for any reason, a ruling cannot be determined by the Activity Board, the Chairperson of the Activity Board will notify the League Past Present immediately. Within three (3) school days, the Past President and three (3) members of the Executive Committee may make the determination; or call for a hearing. Written notification will follow within five (5) school days. Should extenuating circumstances require the timeline to be extended the Past President will notify the schools involved.