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Independent Small Schools Athletic Conference

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

- Section 1. National Federation of State High Schools rules will govern all sports unless otherwise stated. Special rules or procedures may be submitted by member schools for approval prior to their respective season. All rule changes are subject to a majority vote of the member schools that are participating in that sport.
- Section 2. Tournaments
- a) Post-season tournaments will be established during the final week of play. Each participant of regular season play shall participate in tournaments.
 - b) Regular season games must be completed by the predetermined date without exception, unless the entire league is affected by a common event, i.e. weather. Tournament dates will not be rescheduled except for the following reasons:
 - i. unsafe weather conditions.
 - ii. the regular season champion has not been determined.
 - c) When appropriate, seeds shall be determined by regular season standings. Unless stated otherwise, standings shall be maintained according to a points system (+2 for a win, +1 for a tie, 0 for a loss, and -1 for a forfeit). In the event of a tie in the number of points, head-to-head records will be used, then divisional record, and then a coin toss if a tie still exists.
- Section 3. Awards
- a) A First-place plaque shall be awarded to league champions.
 - b) A Second Place plaque shall be awarded to league runner-up.
 - c) A First-place team plaque shall be awarded for tournament play, *unless the league champion is determined by the tournament results, in which case a first-place plaque be awarded.*
 - d) All-League medals/trophies shall be awarded for varsity play according to selection procedures approved by the league President.
 - e) An MVP/runner-up trophy/plaque shall be awarded for varsity play in each sport according to procedures approved by the league President.
- Section 4. Rosters and Schedules
- Both Varsity and Middle School rosters and schedules must be sent to the sports commissioner prior to the first scheduled ISSAC conference game of the season. The roster shall contain the name, uniform number, grade, gender, and birth date of all players. Also included should be the coaches and their phone numbers (including cell phone and email address), uniform colors, and address of the school or home facility. Any changes throughout the season must be made known to the commissioner via email immediately. Failure to submit roster changes may result in a forfeit of previously played games.

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Season schedules are binding as of the official start of the season, as determined by the sport commissioner. EVERY scheduling change MUST be submitted to the sport commissioner via email (the opposing AD must also be included in the email). Teams withdrawing from a sport must give notice via email to the sport commissioner.

Section 5. Officials

Officials are the responsibility of the home team (unless the “visiting” team is allowing the home team to use their facility – in such a situation, the “visiting” team will contract for the officials and the “home” team will bring a check to the game for the officials). If your school has two scheduled games against an opposing school (and both games are being played at one facility), the “visiting” team will contract for the officials for both games and the “home” team MUST pay for the first game officials. The check must be handed to the “visiting” AD prior to the game.

Schools must request two qualified officials from a recognized association (such as “DC Approved Basketball Officials Association” – Joe Marosey) for all scheduled contests for which officials are required (unless agreed upon by both AD’s prior to the game. Such an agreement MUST be sent via email to the sports commissioner at least one week before the game).

If only one official is available, athletic contests will take place.

If no official arrives by game time:

- The game should be delayed, and a telephone call should be made to ascertain the whereabouts of the official.
- If an official is on the way, the game should be delayed until the official arrives.
- If no official is coming, the game should be re-scheduled.

Section 6. Game Confirmation

The home team is responsible for confirming all game conditions within a reasonable period of time prior to all contests. It shall not be more than 72 hours or less than 24 hours before game time. These conditions include game time, location, and uniform colors.

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Section 7. Players and Coaches expelled from games

Any player or coach removed from a League game by an official shall be ineligible to play or coach in the next League game (unless the league Commissioner rules otherwise). The Commissioner shall be notified immediately by the school concerned, and in turn the Commissioner shall notify the next opposing team.

Section 8. Forfeit

A team shall forfeit a game for any of the following violations:

- a) Not showing up for the game.
- b) Lateness as determined by each sport – team shall forfeit warm-up period after scheduled game time.
- c) Not enough players to start the game as determined by each sport.
- d) Failure to arrange for officials and playing area.
- e) Failure to give sufficient notice of cancellation according to Section 9.
- f) Failure to reschedule according to Section 9.
- g) Improper equipment or facilities as determined by each sport.
- h) Rosters and schedules do not meet conditions according to Section 4.
- i) Failure to confirm game conditions.
- j) Failure to report and remove expelled player(s) according to Section 7.
- k) Failure to comply with specifically designated sports rules or procedures deemed necessary or forfeit according to each respective sport hereafter established.

Section 9. Cancellation and Rescheduling

Under no circumstances shall a game be cancelled for personal reasons. Game cancellations must be within two business days. In the last three weeks of the season, it shall be the decision of the AD of the opposing school whether or not to reschedule. In the event a reasonable accommodation can not be made, the game will count as a win for the opposing team. The league commissioner must be made aware of the situation via email.