

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE BY-LAWS

A. ALL P.I. A. A. RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY.

B. CONFERENCE TROPHIES (AWARDS)

There will be no Junior High championships.

Whenever possible the championship trophy and runner-up trophy will be presented at the conference championship event. **IN ORDER TO HAVE A CONFERENCE CHAMPION DECLARED A MINIMUM OF FOUR SCHOOLS MUST PARTICIPATE IN THAT SPORT.**

Boys Golf	Dual match champion – Conference trophy (based on won/lost record), Maximum of 8 medals for the championship team. Conference golf tournament – rotating tournament champion trophy held one year by championship team. Four (4) medals for the championship team.
Football	Conference Trophy & (max) 40 Medals for champion only.
Girls' Volleyball	Conference Trophy – (max) 25 Medals for champion & runner up. - Two sections - playoff between sectional champions.
Boys Soccer	Conference Trophy - (max) 40 Medals for champion No Play Offs Won/Loss Record
Girls Soccer	Conference Trophy - (max) 40 Medals for champion No Play Offs Won/Loss Record
Girls Basketball	Conference Trophy – (max) 25 Medals for champion & runner up.
Boys' Basketball	Conference Trophy – (max) 25 Medals for champion & runner up
Wrestling	Conference Champion – No Championship Match (based on won/loss record) (max) 25 Medals for champion.
Rifle	Conference Trophy – (max 12 Medals for champion)
Baseball	Conference Trophy – (max) 25 Medals for champion & runner up.
Softball	Conference Trophy – (max) 25 Medals for champion & runner up.
Girls' Track & Field	Conference Meet Champion-rotating championship trophy held one year by championship team. No medals Conference Relay Meet Champion-rotating Championship trophy held one year by championship team. No medals
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Meet Champion	Conference trophy and a maximum of 40 medals for the championship team.
Boys' Track & Field	Conference Meet Champion-rotating championship trophy held one year by championship team. No medals Conference Relay Meet Champion-rotating Championship trophy held one year by championship team. No medals. – Discontinued 2016
Track & Field Dual Meet Champion	Conference trophy and a maximum of 40 medals for the championship team.

C. ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

(Must have four (4) teams in competition for All-Stars to be recognized.)
Each will receive a certificate and a patch. These teams will be announced by the League Secretary, via the media, as soon as possible following the end of the regular season. Each member school will be represented on the All Conference Team. All Conference athletes are selected by their own coaches according to the following limitations.

Football	6 for champion team 4 for runner-up team 2 for each of the other conference teams
Volleyball	3 for the conference champion team 2 for the conference runner-up team 1 for each of the other conference teams
Basketball	3 for the conference championship 2 for the 4 teams in the conference playoffs 1 for each of the other conference teams
Baseball	4 for the conference championship team 3 for the conference runner-up team 2 for each of the other conference teams
Softball	4 for the conference champion team 3 for the conference runner-up team 2 for each of the other conference teams
Soccer –Girls	6 for the champion team 4 for runner up 2 for each of the other conference teams
Soccer –Boys	6 for the champion team 4 for runner up 2 for each of the other conference teams
Wrestling	One WestPAC certificate and patch will be awarded to ALL first place finishers, in each weight class, in the annual West PAC league tournament.

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Any wrestler that advances to the State tournament in Hershey will receive a certificate and patch, provided that individual did not get first in the WestPAC league tournament.

Should any one of the six wrestling schools not have a wrestler meet the two criteria above, then that school can name one athlete to the WestPAC All Conference and receive one WestPAC certificate and patch.

Track & Field Boys and Girls	Individual WP Track & Field Meet Champions All PIAA State Meet Qualifiers 1 for each team that does not otherwise qualify for the all conference team
Golf	First 5 places in the Conference Meet 1 for each team that does not otherwise qualify for the all-conference team
Rifle	3 for the conference champion team 2 for the conference runner-up team 1 for each of the other conference teams

D. TIE-BREAKING CRITERIA - To determine champions and sectional representatives

The following seven steps are to be used sequentially.

1. Most wins in the section.
2. **Head to head competition; tournaments will be counted.**
3. **Common opponents played the same number of times, unless one team wins all games and one team (the other) loses all games against the same opponent, tournaments will be counted.**
 - a. Conference opponents considered first.
 - b. Non-conference opponents considered second.
4. **Overall record (percentage) includes all games: Soccer, Basketball, Softball and Baseball effective 2019-20**
5. **Overall number of wins includes all games: Soccer, Basketball, Softball and Baseball effective 2019-20**
6. 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 7 and 8 will be applied.
7. Rose bowl rule.
8. Coin toss - Alphabetically the first team will be heads.
 - 8a. For determining the sectional representative for Baseball and Softball only. Use the run differential between the tied teams to determine the section champion.
 - 8b. Use the least number of runs given up between the tied teams to determine the section champion.

E. TIE-BREAKING GOLF – Regular Season matches

WestPAC Tournament - Team championship

- a. Total of all 4 players on the back nine holes

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- b. Total strokes of all 4 players on holes 13-18
- c. Total strokes of all players on holes 16-18
- d. Total strokes of all 4 players on hole 18

F. TIE-BREAKING AND SEEDING FOR WESTPAC & HERITAGE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND

(10th DATE)

- a. Head to head victor in regular season game (weeks 1-9) takes high seed if tied.
- b. If multiple teams are still tied after head to head competition, then the use of points scored against those "specific" tied teams will be utilized. The lowest point total(s) will produce the top 2. Once the top two of the multiple teams are determined, head to head winner of top two will be higher seed. If there is still a tie, using the same guidelines for lowest point total(s) then the use of points scored offensively will be utilized with "specific" tied teams.

G. WESTPAC/HERITAGE CONFERENCE CROSS OVERFOOTBALL GAMES

After the first 9 games the HERITAGE 1 and WestPAC 1 will play for what is called the Appalachian Bowl Championship with a Trophy awarded to the winner. Nine additional games will also be played the same weekend (HERITAGE 2 and WestPAC 2 , HERITAGE 3 and WestPAC 3, HERITAGE 10 and WestPAC10. All home sites will be from the same conference. Sites for all 10 games will rotate every year with the WestPAC hosting in 2016 and the Heritage Conference hosting all games in 2017. For the Appalachian Bowl one dollar will be added to the cost of regular season football ticket at the host school to fund trophies and other activities that may evolve during the Championship Week. The number of adult tickets sold times \$1.00 will be forwarded to the treasurer of the WestPAC. All other proceeds from the Appalachian Bowl and the other nine games will remain with the host school. The Appalachian Bowl will be played on a Saturday.

H. The PIAA INDOOR EVENTS: SPECTATOR DECORUM and OUTDOOR EVENTS: SPECTATOR DECORUM used for all PIAA District and Inter District contests will be also used at all WestPAC Championship Events.

**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
ALIGNMENT AND SCHEDULING GUIDELINES**

A. SOCCER - BOYS & GIRLS

Each school plays each section opponent twice. The top team will be conference champion. There will be only one section for soccer. Recommended starting time - 4:00PM (Afternoon) 7:00 PM (Evening)

B. FOOTBALL (starting Fall 2014)

Varsity

Berlin	Blacklick Valley
Conemaugh Township	Conemaugh Valley
Ferndale	Meyersdale
North Star	Portage
Shade	Windber

Each school plays a nine-game schedule weeks 1 through 9 playing each team once. The first nine weeks are regular season opponents with week 10 being a WESTPAC/HERITAGE

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CONFERENCE Cross-Over championship weekend pairing teams, 1&1, 2&2, 3&3, 4&4, 5&5, 6&6, 7&7, 8&8, 9&9 and 10&10. Recommended starting times -7:00 PM (evening games) 1:00PM (afternoon games)

JV Football (starting Fall 2006)

The schedule is played on Monday following the Varsity schedule at the opposite site. Games following the first & ninth varsity games may be eliminated by mutual consent of the schools involved. No standings or championships are determined. Each school plays a eight or nine-game schedule Recommended starting times -7:00 p.m.(evening games) 1:00 p.m. (afternoon games) J.V. & JH - (4:15pm)

7 – 8 Grade Football (starting Fall 2006)

The schedule is played on Thursday following the Varsity schedule. Games following the first & ninth varsity games may be eliminated by mutual consent of the schools involved. No standings or championships are determined. Each school plays a eight or nine-game schedule Recommended starting times -7:00 p.m.(evening games) 1:00 p.m. (afternoon games) J.V. & JH - (4:15pm). Recommended that special teams be utilized starting with the second play date. (7th Grade only games, special teams play is by mutual consent.)

C. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Varsity

North

Conemaugh Township
Conemaugh Valley
Ferndale
North Star
Portage
Windber

South

Shade
Rockwood
Salisbury
Shanksville
Berlin
Meyersdale

Each school plays each section opponent twice. Section records determine the playoff teams. The top team in each section will meet for the conference championship. Recommended starting time - JV - 6:00 p.m. Home teams will supply all balls for the game and warm-up.

Junior Varsity

Best of 3 to 25 points

Junior High Volleyball

Spring

Windber
North Star
Conemaugh Twp. (2016-17)
Shade

Fall

Conemaugh Valley (2016-17)
Rockwood
Shanksville
Salisbury
Meyersdale
Berlin
Portage (2017-18)
Ferndale (2019-20)

Fall – Best of 3 to 25 points, “B” game to follow Junior High Game, best of 3 to 25 points. 5 minute warm-up between games. Recommended start time - 5:30pm.

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Spring - Best of 3 to 25 points, "B" game precedes Junior High Game, best of 3 to 25 points. Standard warm-up between games. Season starts 2 weeks earlier than the PIAA Spring Season and ends 2 weeks earlier.

Home teams will supply all balls for the game and warm-up.

D. GOLF

An annual tournament will be held to determine the tournament conference champion. Each school competes against conference opponents twice. Conference champion is determined by dual meet records.

WestPAC Team Matches --- 5 out 6 players count to make the team total.

- a. Match the scores of the two final players who haven't yet counted in the match
- b. Total team strokes for all golfers on the 9 holes
- c. Total team strokes for all 6 golfers on holes 4-9
- d. Total team strokes for all 6 golfers on holes 7-9

Total team strokes for all golfers on hole 9

E. BASKETBALL - BOYS & GIRLS

North

Conemaugh Township
Conemaugh Valley
Ferndale
North Star
Blacklick Valley
Portage
Windber

South

Shade
Rockwood
Salisbury
Shanksville
Turkeyfoot Valley
Berlin
Meyersdale

Each school plays each section opponent twice. The 12 section games will determine the playoff teams. The top team in each of the 2 sections will meet the other two section's 2nd place teams in the semi finals. The winners from each of the semi-final games will play each other for the conference championship. Recommended starting time - JV - 6:00 p.m. -

Each team is guaranteed by the league, 12 section games plus 4 cross-over games for a total of 16 games.

Home teams will supply all balls for the game and warm-up.

JV Basketball

All Conference league basketball games will have a limit of 6 minute quarters. Home teams will supply all balls for the game and warm-up.

Junior High Basketball

Play 6 minute quarters unless mutually agreed upon by participating schools. Play each section opponent twice. **(Ending after 2013-14 school year)**

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Each school will be scheduled to play section opponents twice and cross-over section opponents once. No limit on the number of games a school can exclude from their final schedule. (**Beginning with the 2014-15 School Year**)

No standings or championships are determined.

Home teams will supply all balls for the game and warm-up.

Girls Junior High Basketball

Fall (Ending after 2013-14 school year)

Windber
North Star
Conemaugh Valley
Ferndale
Blacklick Valley
Portage
Shade

Spring (Ending after 2013-14 school year)

Conemaugh Township
Rockwood
Shanksville
Salisbury
Turkeyfoot
Meyersdale
Berlin

Boys Junior High Basketball

Winter (Ending after 2013-14 school year)

Windber
North Star
Conemaugh Valley
Ferndale
Blacklick Valley
Portage
Shade

Spring (Ending after 2013-14 school year)

Conemaugh Township
Rockwood
Shanksville
Salisbury
Turkeyfoot
Meyersdale
Berlin

Girls Junior High Basketball & Boys Junior High Basketball

Beginning with the 2014-15 School Year

(Starting 2 weeks earlier than the PIAA Winter Season and also ending 2 weeks earlier)

Beginning with the 2018-19 School Year

Starting the same dates as the Varsity Programs (Also same genders playing same day and same site)

Winter

North

Blacklick Valley
Conemaugh Township
Conemaugh Valley
Ferndale
North Star
Portage
Windber

South

Berlin
Meyersdale
Rockwood
Salisbury
Shade
Shanksville
Turkeyfoot

F. WRESTLING

Each school competes against conference opponents once. Conference champion is determined by dual meet records. There will be a conference individual tournament to name a conference champion at each weight class. Recommended starting time - 6:00 p.m. for Junior High, JV, and Varsity Sequence 7:00 p.m. for JV and Varsity Sequence.

Junior High Wrestling

There will be no conference tournament/champion.

G. RIFLE

Each school plays each opponent once. The top team will be the conference champion. There will only be one section for rifle.

H. BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

North

Conemaugh Township
Conemaugh Valley
Ferndale
North Star
Blacklick Valley
Portage
Windber

South

Shade
Rockwood
Salisbury
Shanksville
Turkeyfoot
Berlin
Meyersdale

Each school plays each section opponent twice. The section games will determine the playoff teams. The top team in each section will meet for the conference championship. Recommended starting time - 4:00 p.m. - two sections - playoff between sectional champions

K. TRACK & FIELD (BOYS' & GIRLS')

One section. Each team will compete against each school once. The top team will be the conference champion. Recommended starting time 4:00 p.m.

Team Conference & Relay Championship meets will rotate (alphabetical & for 2 consecutive years) sites between Berlin, Conemaugh Twp., Meyersdale, Portage and Windber beginning in 2009 with the Relay meet at Meyersdale and the Championship meet at Portage.

****Any postponed/cancelled league game must be played the next available date.**

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- A. PLAYOFF INFORMATION - Neutral Sites to be selected except for the basketball semi-finals where each section champion will host the a semi-final game.
(In the event that sites are rotated between participating schools, rotation for the 2000-2001 school year will begin with the North schools hosting the tournament and alternating thereafter - odd years in the North and even years in the South)**

1. Host schools will provide the following: site manager, security, ticket takers and sellers, PA system and announcer, locker room facilities, scoreboard/clock operator and other personnel necessary to conduct the championships.

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2. Cancellation/postponement: The cancellation, postponement and/or rescheduling of a playoff game will be decided by the site manager, conference president, participating school principals and league secretary.
3. Game balls are the responsibility of the participating teams.
4. Tickets: Players, coaches, trainers, statisticians and managers will be admitted without charge. Varsity cheerleaders, from participating schools, will be admitted with their advisor without charge.
5. Passes: No passes will be honored. 10 complimentary tickets will be issued to each participating team.
6. Filming will be permitted by the participating schools. The site manager will designate the area for filming. Two persons may be admitted without charge for the purposes of filming.
7. Radio/TV Broadcast: To be approved by the site manager and league secretary.
8. Payment of workers: Workers will be paid out of gate receipts. All disbursements should be verified by the signature of the recipient. The rate of pay should be in accordance with the host team fee schedule.
9. Programs, Refreshments, etc: These are solely under the control of the host school. All costs and receipts belong to the host school. In exchange the school will not charge the conference a rental fee.
10. Property Damage: If property damage is done at a playoff site, the cost and repair will come from gate receipts of the participating schools. If the matter cannot be resolved at this level the conference will make a decision on payment for repairs.

Also refer to the Conference Game Manager's Forms.

B. MEMBER SCHOOLS HOSTING A TOURNAMENT OR CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Any conference playoff or tournament hosted by a member school will be financed by the conference so that the host school will never take a loss.

C. TICKET PRICES FOR CONFERENCE PLAYOFFS & TOURNAMENTS

To be recommended annually for all events by Finance Committee prior to first meeting.

Voted on at first meeting.

D. CONFERENCE DUES

Dues for each school will be assessed annually based on their participation in the sports sponsored by the conference plus 10% of the total bill.

Conference Dues in each sport is determined by the following formula:

Cost of Trophies + Cost of Medals + Cost of All-Star Patches ÷ # of Schools Participation

E. SALARIES/STIPENDS/EXPENSES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

1. Transportation is not included as an expense.
2. The conference will cover any loss so that no host school takes a financial loss.
3. The Finance Committee shall recommend and the Conference shall approve all salaries/stipends/expenses for championship events at the first regular meeting of the school year.

F. Stipends for Secretary and Treasurer to be determined by the Finance Committee and approved and voted on annually at Fall Regular Business Meeting of the Conference.

SECRETARY JOB DESCRIPTION (See also Article VI #3)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Distribute to member schools
 - a. Dues notice
 - b. Notice of meetings and agendas
 - c. Minutes of meetings
 - d. All-Conference Ballots
2. Handle official conference mail
3. Distribute information to media (i.e. All-Conference Teams and conference standings)

MEETINGS & BANQUETS

1. Make site arrangements for all meetings and banquets.
2. Make financial arrangements for all meetings and banquets.

AWARDS

1. Order conference trophies, All-Conference patches, certificates and medallions.
2. Prepare and distribute the All-Conference certificates and patches.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

1. Work with game managers and tournament directors with regard to conference playoffs and tournaments.
2. Work with the conference president in preparing meeting agendas.
3. Work with the scheduling committee in preparing schedules.
4. Update and keep a history of the conference standings and other records.
5. Update and keep a history of all All-Conference teams.
6. Be a contact person and source of conference information for the member schools.
7. Annually update and distribute a conference directory.
8. Prepare and distribute a conference calendar for each school year.
9. Regularly update the conference Constitution, By-Laws, Alignment & Scheduling, Guidelines, Policies information and the event manager's handbook.

TREASURER JOB DESCRIPTION (See Also Article VI, #4)

1. Pay all conference bills
2. Keep appropriate financial records and make regular financial reports to the conference.

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3. Monitor the collection of dues and other fees.
4. Check the financial reports for conference playoffs and tournaments.
5. Arrange (with the Finance Committee) for an annual audit.
6. Make recommendations to the finance committee regarding stipends, dues, profits, ticket prices, etc.

TRACKER & CHAMPIONSHIP COORDINATOR

1. Track and publish Conference won/loss records throughout the various seasons.
2. Contact schools possibly involved in championship events.
3. Make all necessary arrangements needed for championship events.

WEBPAGE & ONLINE SCHEDULER

1. Publish a website for the Conference that lists member schools, championship teams and all conference selections.
2. Coordinate the posting of schedules for all member schools on a web based scheduler that is available to individual member schools as well as the public.
3. Serve as Chairperson for the entering of approved schedules to the web based scheduler.