

Southwest Suburban Conference

Constitution, By-Laws, and Handbook



Constitution of the SouthWest Suburban Conference

PART I - PREAMBLE

Article I - Purpose

The purpose of this Constitution and By-Laws are to provide a governing body for the SouthWest Suburban Conference and to provide for the member schools of this Conference a code of principles and a set of operational procedures.

Provisions are made in this Constitution and accompanying By-Laws to include all co-curricular activities that may be carried on in this Conference.

Article II - The Place of Co-Curricular Activities in the Educational Program

Co-curricular activities are offered by schools of the Conference in the belief that they can make valuable contributions toward the achievement of educational goals.

Because of the nature of these activities, exceptional opportunities are present for guidance in the development of sound, ethical standards. However, these values do not result automatically from co-curricular programs. Their realization depends on the purposes for which the program is operated and to the extent to which those in direct charge of activities believe to be worthwhile. Leadership from the Boards of Education, Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, Activity Directors, coaches and sponsors is critical to the appropriate emphasis on the co-curricular program.

Article III – Principles of the Co-Curricular Program

Section 1. The co-curricular program is designed to challenge the student whose capacities, abilities and interests extend beyond the regular academic program.

Section 2. The amount of time required for co-curricular participation should not be so great that it interferes with a student's success in the academic program. Likewise, an academic program that permits no time for the pursuit of co-curricular activities and interests fails to recognize the needs of students.

Section 3. The amount of specialization or time required for participation in any one high school activity should not be so great as to limit a student's participation in other activities. Therefore, the use of undue influence by a sponsor/coach to take the student away from another activity infringes upon that student's freedom of choice.

Section 4. Co-curricular activities in the schools should be conducted in such a manner that they provide a quality experience for both participants and spectators.

PART II - ORGANIZATION OF THE SOUTHWEST SUBURBAN CONFERENCE

Article I - Name

This association of schools shall be known as the SouthWest Suburban Conference.

Article II – Membership, Dues and Assessments

Section 1. Membership of the SouthWest Suburban Conference shall include the following high schools: Victor J. Andrew, Bradley-Bourbonnais, Homewood-Flossmoor, Lincoln-Way Central, Lincoln-Way East, Lincoln-Way West, Lockport Township, Carl Sandburg, Amos Alonzo Stagg;

Section 2: The SWSC may enter within agreement(s) with other schools or school organizations to form partnerships or leagues for specific sports or activities as deemed necessary by the conference. Recommendations for partnerships and leagues shall come from an identified special council composed of principals and athletic directors or activity directors representing each school district in the SWSC as directed by the Superintendents. Recommendations shall be voted upon by the Athletic Directors or Activities Directors, Principals and Superintendents. If approved, partnerships and leagues shall develop guidelines and rules specific to the agreement collaboratively developed by the SWSC and the partner organization.

Section 3: Annual dues to cover the regular and customary costs and expenses of the SWSC operations shall be determined and assessed annually to each member school. Annual dues shall be of an equal amount for each school payable by October 1 and after July 1.

Section 4: Whenever the SWSC has incurred or suffered any extraordinary expense or financial obligation of any kind whatsoever and such an expense or obligation has been approved by the Superintendents' by a two thirds vote, the schools shall pay a proportional sum sufficient to cover the expense. Any school that fails to pay annual dues or assessments may be expelled from the SWSC by a two-thirds vote of the Superintendents.

Article III – Legislative Bodies and Officers

Section 1. The legislative authority of the SouthWest Suburban Conference shall be vested in and shared between the Superintendents and Principals.

Section 2. The Superintendents shall be composed of the chief administrators of the member school districts or their delegated representatives. In any official action, each member district shall be entitled to one vote. The Superintendents shall choose a president, president-elect and secretary by their own methods.

Section 3. The Principals-Board of Control- The Principals shall be composed of the principals of the

member school districts or their delegated representatives. In any official action, each member district shall be entitled to one vote. The Principals shall choose a president, president-elect and secretary by their own methods.

Section 4. Each member school shall be represented by the principal or delegated representative at meetings. The presidents of the Athletic Directors and Activity Directors shall also attend these meetings to give reports and answer questions. In any official action, each high school shall be entitled to one vote. The officers of the legislative body are a central element in the success of the Southwest Suburban Conference. Therefore, ensuring that the functions of the officers are well understood and shared among all members is important for safeguarding the Southwest Suburban Conference against unplanned and unexpected change.. The positions of President, Vice-President, and Secretary within the Southwest Suburban Conference shall be considered three year term positions. Within each three-year term, the elected officer will serve a one year role beginning as Secretary serving as Vice-President in the second year, and culminating in the third year as President. If for any reason a member elected to one of the positions cannot or will not complete the term, a majority vote by the Principals shall elect a replacement. The Treasurer will be determined by the school district which holds the SWSC Financial Account. In the case of a multi-school district, the treasurer will be determined by the school district holding the account.

Section 5. The Athletic Directors shall select a president, vice-president and a secretary by their own methods. Each athletic director shall have one vote. The Athletic Directors shall act as an advisory capacity to the Principals and carry out such activities as delegated by the Principals. Minutes of their meeting shall be forwarded to all Principals.

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Section 6. The Activity Directors shall select a president, vice-president, business manager and secretary by their own methods. Each activity director shall have one vote. The Activity Directors shall act as an advisory capacity to the Principals and carry out such activities as delegated by the Principals. Minutes of their meeting shall be forwarded to all Principals.

Article IV – Meetings

Section 1. The Superintendents shall meet monthly and shall meet at such additional times as it is deemed appropriate to carry on the work of the SWSC. The presidents of the Principals, Athletic Directors and Activity Directors shall attend the annual meeting to give a report.

Section 2. The Principals shall meet monthly from September through May one week after the Athletic Directors meeting. A June meeting may be used if necessary.

Section 3. The Athletic Directors shall meet monthly August through May. A June meeting may be used if necessary. These meetings should precede the Principals' monthly meeting.

Section 4. The Activity Directors shall meet monthly August through May. A June meeting may be used if necessary. These meetings should precede the Principals' monthly meeting.

Section 5. All meetings should be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Article V – Powers and Responsibilities of the Superintendents

Section 1. The expressed powers of the Superintendents are:

- A. To admit or expel a school by a two-thirds vote of eligible votes cast.
- B. To realign member schools in the SWSC by a two-thirds vote of eligible votes cast.
- C. To control all matters relating to significant financial commitments of the SWSC.
- D. To review and approve any action taken by the Principals if requested by a two-thirds vote of eligible votes cast.
- E. To approve dues, assessments and budgets.
- F. To amend the constitution by a two-thirds vote of eligible votes cast.

Section 2. On powers reserved for the Superintendents, the Principals shall submit recommendations to the Superintendents provided the recommendations pass by a two-thirds vote of eligible votes cast.

Section 3. The Superintendents shall be the final authority on interpreting the constitution.

Section 4. Any temporary suspension or change of a by-law shall be considered temporary and set for a specific time length. All permanent changes to the by-laws shall follow the official process for said changes(s) to become permanently incorporated into the SWSC by-laws. An affirmative vote by a simple majority of the members of the SWSC Superintendents group representing quorum and voting shall be required for the temporary suspension of any by-law to take effect as designated by the superintendents. The results of any vote to suspend or change a by-law shall be shared with the President of the SWSC Principals.

Article VI – Powers and Responsibilities of the Principals

Section 1. On powers reserved for the Principals, the Athletic Directors and Activity Directors shall submit recommendations to the Principals provided the recommendations pass by a two-thirds vote of eligible votes cast.

Section 2. The Principals shall be the final authority on interpreting the By-Laws.

PART III - OPERATION OF THE SOUTHWEST SUBURBAN CONFERENCE

Article I - Appeals

Section 1. The Principals shall rule on contests, appeals, and/or protests providing that first an attempt shall have been made by the schools officially involved in the disagreement to arrive at an amicable settlement.

Section 2. Protests may be filed by the principal or designee of any member school in the conference

under the following provisions:

- A. The protest shall first be filed with the conference by the athletic director or activity director by the time of their next regular meeting. If the protest is not resolved satisfactorily by Athletic Directors or Activity Directors, the protest shall then be filed in writing with the Principals within ten days following that meeting.
- B. The protest shall state the exact nature of the violation, together with the evidence available in support of the protest.

Section 3. Procedure for considering protests:

- A. The Principals shall consider evidence submitted by the schools involved at its next regularly scheduled meeting.
- B. Action of the Principals shall be final with respect to any protest. Copies of the full proceedings shall be filed in the secretary's records.

Article II – Guidelines for Admission to the SWSC

Section 1. Only secondary schools that share the common beliefs stated in the purpose and principles in this document will be considered for admission into the SWSC.

Section 2. The SWSC shall have an established group of individuals who serve as the committee to contact and recommend schools for possible membership. The President of the Principals or his/her designee will serve as the official spokesperson of the conference. This individual shall initiate all contact and communication related to schools outside of the current membership body. This group shall consist of six members:

- President of the Superintendents
- President of the Principals
- President of the Athletic Directors
- President of the Activity Directors
- President-Elect of the Principals
- President-Elect of the Athletic Directors

Section 3. Any school applying for admission and presently in a conference, must be in good standing in that conference and be applying voluntarily for admission.

Section 4. Any school applying for admission must have athletic and activity programs that are comparable in breadth and scope to those offered by the member schools of the SWSC. This includes, but is not limited to, designation in the same IHSA division, approval by the IHSA in the case of cooperative programs (as described in Articles VII and VIII of the SWSC By-Laws), and substantially similar number of students trying out for and participating in the programs. A list of these appears in the appendix.

Section 5. Any school applying for admission must offer sanctioned activities that are comparable in breadth and scope to those offered by the member schools of the SWSC. This includes, but is not limited to, substantially similar numbers of students trying out for and participating in the programs.

Section 6. Any school seeking admission to the conference must submit a written request for consideration to the SWSC Membership Committee no later than August 1st prior to the school year when admission is requested. Interested schools can request an informational packet from any current member within the Southwest Suburban Conference and, if interested, must submit the following items in writing:

- A. A statement indicating the primary reason for seeking entry into the SWSC. The statement should address an understanding and belief in the purpose and principles of the SWSC Constitution.
- B. A statement affirming that the school is currently in good standing in any conference in which it is currently a member.
- C. A listing of current athletic and sanctioned activities offered by the school including all information showing that these activities comply with the sports and activities noted in Part III, Article II, Section III - Appendix. If the school does not currently comply with the comparable sports and activities, a transition plan can be submitted by the school with the goal of seeking full compliance.
- D. A specific request regarding the school year by which the school seeks to join the SWSC.

Section 7. A member school who has the intent of withdrawal from the conference must submit a request for withdrawal to the president of the SWSC Superintendents by May 1, fifteen months prior to the withdrawal taking effect. Such a withdrawal will be considered to be in good standing. This withdrawal will be effective for that school year unless the withdrawing school and the SWSC Superintendents mutually agree upon another date.

Article III – Guidelines for expulsion from the SWSC

Section 1. Failure of a member school to maintain athletic and activity programs that are comparable in breadth and scope to those offered by the other member schools of the SWSC may lead to expulsion from the Conference. This includes, but is not limited to, the failure of a member school to retain a designation in the same IHSA division, retain approval by the IHSA in the case of cooperative programs, maintain the same level of teams as currently exists within the SWSC, and have substantially similar numbers of students trying out for and participating in the programs. A list of the athletic and activity programs appears in the appendix.

Section 2. If a member school fails to maintain athletic and activity programs that are comparable in breadth and scope to those offered by the other members schools of the SWSC, as illustrated in Part III, Article II, Section III - Appendix, the school in violation will be required to resume programming within the comparable breadth and scope the following school year. If the school fails to return to full operation, there will be a probationary cycle established for the school by the Principals Board of Control:

- A. Stage 1, Year 2 - If the school should fail to return to full standing in the next respective season through internal controls, the school must submit a plan of action to return to full standing. This plan will outline steps they have completed and steps they will pursue to become compliant. This plan must be submitted to the President of the

Principals Board of Control.

- B. Stage 2, Year 3 - If the school should fail to return to full standing two seasons after their initial warning, the school will receive notification from the President of the Principals Board of Control regarding a final attempt to sustain a comparable program. The school will be required to submit an updated plan to the Principals Board of Control.
- C. Stage 3, Year 4 - If the school should fail to return to full standing three seasons after their initial warning, the school will receive notification from the President of the Principals Board of Control regarding a hearing by the Board to review the school's membership in the SWSC. The Principals Board of Control may make a formal recommendation for removal from the SWSC. If said vote is approved by a two-thirds vote, the action moves forward to the Superintendents Board of Control of the SWSC.

Section 3. If a member school fails to comply with the requirements for admission to the SWSC pursuant to Part III, Article III, Section II, that school shall be expelled from the SWSC upon a two-thirds vote of the Superintendents pursuant to Part II, Article V, Section I.

Section 4. Within 30 days following its expulsion, the school may appeal its expulsion by requesting, in writing, that the Superintendents reconsider their decision at the next monthly meeting. At this meeting, the expelled school may make a statement and present evidence to show why the Superintendents should overturn the expulsion. After reviewing any evidence presented, the Superintendents shall vote as to whether the expulsion shall be overturned. The expulsion shall be overturned and the expelled school shall be readmitted to the SWSC upon a two-thirds vote of the Superintendents pursuant to Part II, Article V, Section 1.

Section 5. Any school expelled from the SWSC may apply for readmission to the Conference pursuant to the admission guidelines as stated in Part III, Article II no earlier than one calendar year following its initial expulsion. (For example, if a school were expelled from the SWSC in March 2008, that school would have to wait until March 2009 to submit a written request for consideration of readmission to the SWSC effective March 2010.)

BY-LAWS OF THE SOUTHWEST SUBURBAN CONFERENCE

PART I - ORGANIZATION

All members of the SWSC shall belong to the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) and conform to the rules of that organization.

PART II - CODE OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Article I - Basic Responsibilities of Administrators

It is the responsibility of the Principal, Administrators, Athletic Director and Student Activities Director to do the following:

Section 1. See that the co-curricular programs are closely articulated with and operated on the same basis as other departments of the school.

Section 2. See that there is sufficient adult and/or police supervision at all games and activities to properly handle the spectators.

Section 3. See that rules governing coaching practices as stated in these By-Laws and as provided in the rules and regulations of the IHSA are obeyed.

PART III - OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

Article I – Addition of Conference Programs (Athletic or Activity)

Any proposed new interscholastic program should be presented in writing to the Athletic Directors or Activities Directors and if approved, will then go to the Principals for final action. Proposals must be submitted within one month following the conclusion of season that the new program would be played. The Athletic or Activity Directors and Principals must ratify said recommendation by a two-thirds majority of eligible votes cast.

Article II - Conference Division and Championships

Athletics:

Divisions will be determined by enrollment for each sport with the largest half assigned to the Blue Division and the smaller half to the red division. If the number of schools in each division is unbalanced, the Red Division will have one more team than the Blue Division. Alignment will occur every odd year and will be determined using enrollment data taken at a determined date prior to the September meeting of the Principals. This process will be followed for all athletic programs unless a partnership or league has been established. In this case, the agreement's rules and guidelines would

supersede any alignments outlined above. When a sport has at least 10 teams, there will be two divisions with each champion receiving similar awards.

A division team championship will be determined for both divisions (Red and Blue) unless in the interest of improving competitive opportunities and the overall development of the sport or activity, it is determined that the two divisions should be combined for a single conference championship.

A championship will be recognized at the varsity and sophomore/junior varsity levels in the following sports:

Badminton	Baseball	Basketball	Bowling
Cheerleading	Competitive Dance	Cross-Country	Football
Golf	Gymnastics	Soccer	Softball
Swimming	Tennis	Track & Field	Volleyball
Water Polo	Wrestling		

Trophies and Awards shall be purchased by the winning school.

The Principals shall purchase individual athletic awards. The following sports shall receive individual awards as specified for each gender and division or combined conference as specified by the individual sport guidelines and listed in the charts. Varsity athletes will receive neck draped medals and/or all conference certificates. Sophomore/junior varsity winners will receive ribbons.

- A. Badminton - see chart for number of awards
- B. Baseball - all conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)
- C. Basketball - all conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)
- D. Bowling - see chart for number of awards
- E. Cheerleading - all conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)
- F. Competitive Dance - all conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)
- G. Cross-Country - see chart for number of awards
- H. Football - all conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)
- I. Golf - see chart for number of awards
- J. Gymnastics - 4 medals per event (1st thru 4th place)
- K. Soccer - all conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)
- L. Softball - all conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)
- M. Swimming - see chart for number of awards
- N. Tennis - see chart for number of awards
- O. Track - see chart for number of awards
- P. Volleyball - all conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)
- Q. Wrestling - all conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)
- R. Water Polo - all conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)

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Activities Recommendation:

If there are 7 or less teams in a competitive activity we will have 1 division. When there are 8 or more teams in a competitive activities we will split into two divisions. If the number of schools in each division is unbalanced, the Red division will have one more team than the Blue division. Alignment will occur every year and will be determined by the process outlined in the by-laws. (Pending approval of Principals and Superintendents)

Article III - Conduct of Contests

General regulations regarding SouthWest Suburban Conference contests shall be in accordance with the IHSA Rules and Regulations unless otherwise stated in the Athletic or Activity Handbooks.

Article IV - Tickets, Passes and Admissions

Section 1. Conference passes will permit admission to any conference contest and conference tournament. It is valid for the person to whom it is issued and two guests.

- A. SouthWest Suburban passes are not honored at IHSA Regional, Sectional, Super Sectional and/or State Tournaments.
- B. SWSC high schools may also conduct some special tournaments where the Conference Passes would not be honored.

Section 2. All employees of member SWSC schools shall be permitted complimentary admission with proof of employment when their school is playing. Each employee may bring two guests.

Section 3. Lifetime passes may be issued in May by the Superintendents upon the recommendation of the Principals based upon the following criteria:

- A. An employee of a member school who has made significant contributions towards the enhancement of interscholastics athletics or activities.
- B. An individual must be retired or within four months of retirement to be eligible.

Section 4. All SICA lifetime passes will be honored by the SWSC.

Section 5. Other complimentary admissions are limited to:

- A. Cheerleaders in uniform
- B. One (1) student photographer.
- C. One (1) student reporter.
- D. Trainer and staff
- E. Managers, filmers and statisticians traveling with the team.
- F. Bus driver(s) for visiting team

Section 6. Admission charges for SWSC Conference contests are as follows:

- A. Football and boys basketball games – Adults: \$6.00; Students with ID's: \$3.00; Senior citizens over 60: Free.
- B. Schools reserve the right to charge for contests other than football and boys basketball

games at the discretion of their district. Should schools charge for contests, the charge would be the same as the price for football and boys basketball games.

Article V – Assignment Chairs & Officials

The Principals will contract with suitable individuals to perform the responsibilities of Assignment Chairpersons for the selection and scheduling of officials or will engage other entities to provide such services. The Principals retain final authority to review the selection of officials and to deny hire to any individual who is deemed in its sole discretion to be inappropriate for the positions.

Assignment Chairpersons are authorized by the Principals to enter into written agreements with officials. Each agreement shall extend for no more than a single sport and season. The Principals shall have no obligation to rehire any official after a specific contract is fulfilled. Assignment Chairpersons and officials are independent contractors.

As a condition of hire, officials agree to conduct themselves at all times in the best interests of the Conference and of the students and schools involved in the athletic events at which they officiate. Officials acknowledge that the safety and the integrity of interscholastic sports is their primary responsibility. Grounds for immediate termination by the Conference of a contract with an official shall include but not be limited to:

- A. Failure to competently and properly officiate at assigned athletic events.
- B. Dangerous, rude or otherwise improper conduct toward students, coaches or spectators in connection with assigned athletic events.
- C. Failure to disclose on a timely basis to the Assignment Chairperson or Principals a relationship with a school, coach or student involved in an athletic event that would create or give the appearance of a conflict of interest.
- D. Any illegal or unethical conduct that reasonably casts doubt on the individual's character.

If any allegations are made that an official or assignments chair has engaged in conduct that would warrant termination of his or her contract, the Assignment Chairperson or the principal may suspend without pay the individual pending investigation of the allegations. The individual will be informed of the allegations and given an opportunity to respond before the Principals take final action. If allegations are determined to be unfounded, the individual will be paid for any assignments missed while on suspension or at the discretion of the Assignment Chairperson and the Principals, an equivalent number of additional assignments will be provided. If allegations are determined to be founded, the contract will be terminated without any additional pay.

Article VI - Finances

At the April Principals' meeting, the Treasurer will submit a preliminary budget for the next school year. At the May Principals' meeting, the Treasurer will review all expenses from the past year and make a recommendation for an annual budget and recommend assessment for each school in the SouthWest Suburban Conference. This assessment for the upcoming year will be reviewed and voted on by the Principals and recommended to the Superintendents.

The Treasurer will be responsible for maintaining the financial records of the SouthWest Suburban Conference. This responsibility includes maintaining the checkbook and paying the bills. Conference money will be placed in an account approved by the Principals.

Each year by June 30, an internal audit committee will meet to review the treasurer's books for the year. The committee will consist of the current: president, treasurer, and secretary. At the September SouthWest Suburban Conference meeting, the committee will present the audit report to the Principals for approval. This procedure will ensure an accurate set of books for the president-elect and the treasurer.

Article VII - Forming a Cooperative Program

The following are the recommended steps for schools wishing to form a Cooperative Program in any SouthWest Suburban Conference Sport and/or activity program:

- A. The two or more schools that are member district in the SWSC will need to use the SWSC Guidelines for Cooperative Program Sponsorship to establish a written agreement that would be approved by their local School Boards. Items to be considered are:
 - a. Where will the cooperative team practice and play their games.
 - b. Financial agreement (budget for the activity/ sport) signed by each school entering into the Co-op.
 - c. Develop a set of written rules to be followed by the Co-op Team concerning the areas listed below:
 - i. Academic standards for eligibility.
 - ii. Discipline standards.
 - iii. Athletic/activity code (training rules, parent permission slips, physical forms, etc.).
 - iv. Transportation policy.
 - v. Sportsmanship enforcement.
 - vi. Athletic awards criteria.
 - vii. Which one of the two schools' administration will handle problems, concerns, and conflicts?
- B. After securing this agreement between the two or more schools, the Athletic Director responsible for the Cooperative program will submit the following information to the SouthWest Suburban Conference (SWSC) Athletic Directors:
 - a. Provide a written rationale indicating the need for a cooperative program.
 - b. Submit a history of participation for the past three years, if there has been an existing interscholastic, club and/or intramural program at one or more of the schools and the number of students from each of the cooperative schools expected to participate.
 - c. Provide the written agreement for the newly formed co-op.
 - d. Provide written assurance that the cooperative team will not limit participation opportunities for students in any of the cooperating schools
 - e. Provide additional information that will be helpful in determining the schools need to form a cooperative team/activity.
- C. The SWSC Athletic Directors will make a recommendation on the cooperative

agreement to the Principals, who will vote on the proposed formation and the acceptance of the newly formed cooperative team/activity team into the SWSC.

- D. Upon approval of the SWSC Principals, the cooperating schools will file their formal application to the Illinois High School Association (IHSA).
- E. Upon approval by the IHSA the cooperative team/activity may begin participation within the SWSC Guidelines.

Article VIII - Guidelines for cooperative program sponsorship

Section 1 - Philosophy Statement: The SouthWest Suburban Conference schools should provide interscholastic activities and sports programs in as many areas as possible. Increased opportunities for individual students should be the primary driving force, when a Conference school explores the formation of a cooperative agreement with another school to maintain their existing program and/or to add a new program for their students. The SWSC Conference will consider cooperative agreements between IHSA member schools that will foster increased opportunities for students.

Section 2 – Rationale: Reasons for a school to consider a cooperative agreement may consist of, but are not limited to the following:

- A. Establishing a new program that would provide increased opportunities for students.
- B. Expanding opportunities for students within an existing program.
- C. Maintaining a program that is experiencing a decline in student participation.
- D. Continuing a program when faced with a loss of a coach/sponsor and/or facility.

Section 3 – Scheduling: For scheduling purposes, schools entering into a cooperative agreement adding a new sport may begin play upon receiving approval of the IHSA. Application for co-op agreement must be approved no later than the last principals meeting of the year. A school that is unable to meet the above stated timeline will be able to compete as a coop team with other SWSC schools on a non-Conference basis.

Article IX – Extracurricular Philosophy Statement

The SouthWest Suburban Conference Principals recognizes the value to the school, community and individual of participating in extracurricular activities. The student who becomes actively involved in school-sponsored activities and/or athletics under the supervision of qualified sponsors and coaches is able to extend the learning process beyond the regular classroom program of studies and receive greater value from his or her education.

The activities and athletic programs offer a means for each student to gain an awareness of himself or herself and an appreciation of others, regardless of differences. SouthWest Suburban Conference students are offered opportunities to develop and broaden their special interests and skills, make new friends, compete, develop leadership skills, serve other, and, in general, have fun through participation in any of the extensive number of activities.

The value of these programs is extenuated by the wholesome atmosphere in which the activities and

contests are held, as well as the supervision and structure that are also prevalent. The Conference is committed to providing students with alternative activities that are drug-, alcohol-, tobacco-, and gang-free and to teaching the harm of drug, alcohol, and tobacco usage and gang affiliation.

All participating schools must adhere to the letter and spirit of the SouthWest Suburban Conference constitution and the Illinois High School Association's rules and regulations.

Appendix to the Constitution SouthWest Suburban Conference

Part III – Article II – Section III: Any school applying for admission must offer comparable sports and activities presently offered in the SWSC.

For purposes of both petition to join the SWSC as well as possible expulsion, the following categories are defined as followed:

Comparable programs are defined as a minimum scope of programs offered by the SWSC as well as the requisite number of levels within each program. For any sport or activity that is required to have multiple levels, it is additionally required to support programs at the Varsity level. *These programs are to be considered required to be members in good standing within the SWSC.*

Recommended programs are defined as a scope of programs that SWSC members in good standing are suggested to support, but not required. These programs have an SWSC schedule, tournament, or festival; therefore, SWSC members are strongly encouraged to participate.

<i>Comparable Sports and Activities</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Boys Cross Country – 2 levels</i> ➤ <i>Girls Cross Country – 2 levels</i> ➤ <i>Football – 3 levels</i> ➤ <i>Boys Soccer – 3 levels</i> ➤ <i>Girls Tennis – 2 levels</i> ➤ <i>Girls Volleyball – 3 levels</i> ➤ <i>Boys Basketball – 3 levels</i> ➤ <i>Girls Basketball – 3 levels</i> ➤ <i>Wrestling – 3 levels</i> ➤ <i>Baseball – 3 levels</i> ➤ <i>Girls Soccer – 3 levels</i> ➤ <i>Softball – 3 levels</i> ➤ <i>Boys Tennis – 2 levels</i> ➤ <i>Boys Track – 2 levels</i> ➤ <i>Girls Track – 2 levels</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Chess (Competitive)</i> ➤ <i>Mathletes (Competitive)</i> ➤ <i>Scholastic Bowl (Competitive)</i> ➤ <i>Speech (Non-Competitive)</i> ➤ <i>Band (Non-Competitive)</i> ➤ <i>Choir (Non-Competitive)</i> ➤ <i>National Honor Society (Non-Competitive)</i> ➤ <i>Student Council (Non-Competitive)</i>

Recommended Sports and Activities

- *Girls Swimming - 2 levels*
- *Girls Bowling - 2 levels*
- *Girls Golf - 2 levels*
- *Competitive Cheerleading - 2 levels*
- *Boys Swimming - 2 levels*
- *Boys Volleyball - 2 levels*
- *Boys Golf - 2 levels*
- *Boys Bowling - 2 levels*
- *Competitive Dance - 2 levels*
- *Boys Water Polo - 2 levels*
- *Girls Water Polo - 2 levels*
- *Boys Gymnastics - 2 levels*
- *Girls Gymnastics - 2 levels*
- *Badminton - 2 levels*

- *Contest Play (Competitive)*
- *Group Interpretation (Competitive)*
- *Science (Competitive)*
- *Literary Magazine (Non-Competitive)*
- *Newspaper (Non-Competitive)*
- *Visual Arts (Non-Competitive)*
- *Yearbook (Non-Competitive)*
- *Speech (Non-Competitive)*

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PART 1 - ORGANIZATION

Section #1 - History

On February 8, 2005, Athletic Directors representing eleven schools convened at Lincoln-Way Central High School in New Lenox for the purpose of assisting in the coordination of athletic programs and activities that would equitably address the diverse and expansive offerings these secondary schools offer to their communities and students.

The criteria utilized in the selection of these secondary schools as members of this conference were: current scope of programs, geographic proximity, and student enrollment. The conference formation aligns ten of the premier secondary schools in the southwest suburbs in the Chicagoland area.

A debt of gratitude is owed to many people for their vision, courage, and untiring work and efforts in bringing this conference into being.

Special recognition is given to the people who made the formation of the SouthWest Suburban Conference (SWSC) possible.

Mr. Paul Swanstrom	Superintendent	District 204
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Dr. Lawrence Wylie	Superintendent	District 210
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Mr. Ken Shultz	Athletic Director	Homewood-Flossmoor
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Mr. Bob Fabrizio	Athletic Director	Amos Alonzo Stagg
Mr. Ross Howatt	Asst. Athletic Director	Homewood-Flossmoor
Mr. Ted Robbins	Asst. Athletic Director	Lincoln-Way Central

Section #2 - Principles of the Interscholastic Athletic Program

1. All member schools shall be in good standing with the Illinois High School Association (I.H.S.A.).
2. The Interscholastic athletic program is designed to challenge the student, whose capabilities, abilities, and interests in athletics are above those required in the regular Physical Education classes and in the intramural program.
3. The amount of time required for athletic participation should not be so great that it interferes with a student's success in the academic program, which permits no time for the pursuit in sport activities, or fails to recognize the needs of youth.
4. The amount of specialization or time required for participation in any one high school sport should not be so great as to limit a student's participation in other sports or activities. Sport seasons that extend year round or take part in any other sport activity, limits the educational experience of a student and takes away his/her right to pursue his/her own interests in the school program. Likewise, the use of undue influences by a coach to take the student away from another sport infringes upon that student's right to a freedom of choice in athletic activities.
5. Athletic activities in the schools shall be conducted in such a manner that they provide a wholesome experience for both player and spectators. While the Principal and the Athletic Director have the responsibility directly, it is the Coach who has the greatest influence on the conduct of players and the attitude of spectators.
6. Interscholastic athletics are worthy of a place in the educational program. Therefore, each member school shall give adequate financial support to maintain SWSC scheduled competitive activities.

Section #3 - Conference Divisions

Divisions will be determined by enrollment for each sport with the largest half assigned to the Blue Division and the smaller half to the Red Division. If the number of schools in each division is unbalanced, the Red Division will have one more team than the Blue Division. Alignment for the 2016-17 school year will be determined using enrollment data taken at a determined date prior to the September meeting of the Principals. Each sport will be re-aligned every odd year thereafter.

Beginning with the 2016-17 year, football will be 1 division of 13 teams. The schedule will be determined equally by a combination of the conference win/loss record rankings over the previous four years and with the enrollment rankings.

All sports will be re-aligned every odd year using enrollment numbers as reported to the IHSA.

Section #4 – New Team Application Procedures

When a SWSC member school wishes to add a sport or compete as individuals in a sport, the following guidelines need to be followed.

Guidelines:

1. A letter requesting a divisional schedule shall be submitted to the President of the SWSC Athletic Directors.
2. In order to be considered for a divisional schedule, a school must apply by the following deadlines.
 - a. Fall Sports October 1st of the previous year
 - b. Winter Sports January 1st of the previous year
 - c. Spring Sports March 1st of the previous year
3. Schools may enter teams and individuals after the above dates but will not be guaranteed a conference schedule. Teams and individuals may compete for conference championships at the conference meet without a divisional schedule.
4. Schools who plan on entering teams and individuals without a divisional schedule must notify the President in writing prior to the official start of that particular sport season.
5. Placement in the conference tournament shall be the decision of the Athletic Directors.

Section #5 - Cooperative Team Policies

Philosophy:

The purpose of Cooperative Teams is primarily for the maintenance of programs, but also allows for the creation of programs. In maintaining a program, at least one school in the co-op has fielded a team in that sport activity the previous year, and is combining with another school(s) to support one team.

Guidelines:

1. Follow Illinois High School Association guidelines as stated in By-Law #2.030 – Cooperative Team Sponsorship.
2. SWSC schools may co-op only with other SWSC schools.
3. Application deadlines for co-op teams shall be:
 - a. Fall Sports July 1st
 - b. Winter Sports Oct. 1st

c. Spring Sports Feb. 1st

Application Procedures:

A letter of application and the IHSA application for Cooperative Team Sponsorship shall be submitted to the President of the SWSC Athletic Directors by the above deadlines for conference approval. Conference approval shall consist of a majority vote of all SWSC schools present.

Upon approval or disapproval by the conference, the application shall be submitted to the Principals for further action.

An application to review the Cooperative Team's status shall be submitted to the SWSC Athletic Directors every two years for conference approval.

Section #6 - SWSC Administrators & Officers

The administrators and officers will be reviewed on an annual basis and updated on the following sheet.

SWSC Administrators and Officers

Section #7 - Handbook Revision Details

The handbook will be reviewed on an annual basis with input from the coaches at the post-season meetings.

PART 2 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Section #1 - Sportsmanship Code

The objectives of the Illinois High School Association shall be to stress the educational importance, the cultural values, the appreciation of the skills involved in all interscholastic activities, and to promote cooperation and friendship among member schools. It is the clear obligation of principals, athletic directors, coaches, faculty and all other representatives of Illinois High Schools to practice the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity in all interscholastic competition.

As members of the IHSA, all SWSC schools shall support and follow the "Sport A Winning Attitude!" campaign of the IHSA as well as the following SWSC sportsmanship guidelines:

1. There shall be no display of derogatory or unsportsmanlike banners or signs at the contest site. (All breakthrough signs and homecoming signs/floats must be non-derogatory).
2. The use of mechanical noisemakers, such as horns, sirens, cowbells, or band instruments (other than by band members) shall not be allowed indoor. Schools will

- adhere to the IHSA guidelines at all events they host outdoors.
3. Students and fans are encouraged to participate only in acts that will tend to promote cooperation and friendship among the students and schools in the SouthWest Suburban Conference.
 4. A Sportsmanship announcement should be read prior to the beginning of and during each contest. Examples can be found in the SAWA Campaign from the IHSA.

SWSC Pre-Game Sportsmanship Announcement

Good evening, _____ (host school) would like to welcome the athletes, coaches, and fans from _____ (visiting team) high school to tonight's (today's) contest. The objectives of the IHSA and the SouthWest Suburban Conference are to promote the educational importance of interscholastic events and good sportsmanship by the student-athletes, coaches, and spectators. In order to maintain the integrity and spirit of interscholastic activities as an extension of the classroom the SWSC would ask that you respect the efforts of all the participants involved with a positive display of sportsmanship. Negative comments, cheers, chants or behaviors directed at officials, student athletes, coaches, or teams will not be tolerated. During the contest please be supportive and show your appreciation for the efforts of both teams as you enjoy tonight's game.

_____ (host institution) thanks you for your support and cooperation.

(After line-ups are introduced--then introduce contest officials.)

The officials for tonight's game/meet are: (name of officials.)

The Illinois High School Association registers the officials. Their experience and integrity qualify them to administer the rules of this game/meet. We hope you will enjoy the game/meet and support the athletes in a positive sportsmanlike manner!

Section #2: – Resource Athletic Director

It shall be the responsibility of each SWSC School's *sport level coach* or designee to *post home* SWSC contest scores *on the SWSC website within 24 hours of the end of the contest.*

The resource athletic director will be responsible to *monitor* the SWSC website *for* scores and standings and to verify the conference championship winner for each level and sport based upon these standings. In sports that use the division or conference meet to determine the championship, the resource athletic director is responsible to forward the final results for the team champion and the individual accomplishments to the historian and to enter the team champion and all-conference athletes on the website. The resource athletic director is also responsible to conduct the preseason and postseason meeting for their sport.

Section #3– Historian

It is the responsibility of the historian to maintain the conference championship teams and individuals both on the web site and in a file. The web site and/or file should include all championships won by teams in levels that compete for a championship trophy, all individuals who received awards in the championship meets, and all all conference recipients for all sports.

Section #4- Meetings

A monthly meeting of athletic directors from each conference school shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month at a site to be determined.

Section #5– Officer Duties

Duties of the President

1. Preside at all meetings of the general body.
2. Attend the monthly Principals' meetings acting as a non-voting member. A quarterly report will be given and upon request to the superintendents.
3. Replace members to active committees where needed.
4. Assign members to new committees as needed.

Duties of the Vice-President

1. Assist the president where needed.
2. Assume the duties of the president when needed.
3. Acting chair of the Assignment Chairperson Committee
4. Act as an ex-officio member of other committees
5. Attend the final yearly meeting of the Principals' as an observer.
6. Assume the position of President at the May meeting.
7. Updates google drive resources

Duties of the Secretary

1. Take minutes at all meetings and distribute them to the member schools
2. Distribute contest openings lists to all member schools from monthly meetings.
3. Assume the position of Vice-president at the May meeting.

Section #6 – Conduct at Contests

In general, the athletic director is responsible for the organization of game administration and actions of the coaching staff. The head coach is responsible for the actions of their staff and players. The administrator in attendance at contest is responsible for the actions of the crowd.

1. The home (host) school shall retain all gate receipts for all contests.
2. Visiting schools shall pay all traveling expenses to and from the playing site.
3. An administrative staff member shall be appointed from each visiting school to take the

responsibility for student conduct at contests. It is believed that this procedure will help unify and strengthen practices of good sportsmanship and ethical conduct among all students in the conference. The administrator in charge shall report to the host administrator and make their identity and whereabouts known. This practice will be required for all varsity football and boys' basketball contests.

4. Visiting teams should be afforded secure locker rooms for all indoor contests when requested. Locks and towels will not be provided.
5. Forfeits will follow IHSA and SWSC regulations.
6. A player may not participate in two levels on the same day against the same opponent unless there has been prior approval by the Principals and Athletic Directors. Levels are defined as Varsity, JV, sophomore, frosh/soph and freshmen.
7. Each school shall be responsible for the maintenance of its interscholastic athletic teams on a nondiscriminatory basis. It is the policy of the conference to accommodate the interests and abilities of both genders with the primary goal of maximizing athletic opportunities for the greatest number of participants of both genders.
8. Member schools operating or sponsoring separate gender teams shall be responsible for student athletes consistent with the applicable rules of the Illinois State Board of Education.
9. In the event that any athlete asserts that they have been the subject of discrimination due to the operation of the rules set forth, the athlete will submit the complaint to their superintendent. The superintendent may seek any exception deemed to the complaint to the president of the Superintendents. The Board of Appeals shall respond to the request within 21 days.
10. SWSC conference meets shall be held in all sports where individuals may advance in the IHSA tournaments.
11. The starting times for contests will be mutually agreed upon between the competing schools taking factors such as travel, daylight, officials' availability, and special circumstances into account.
12. Officials shall be provided and paid by the host school in accordance with the regulations of SWSC and the IHSA.
13. The host school is responsible to provide the necessary equipment and game assistance to conduct the contest.
14. The home school prepares and sends contracts. Schedules shall be sent to the assignment chairs within the SWSC timelines.
15. All athletes are eligible for the varsity and junior varsity competition. Sophomore competition shall be limited to sophomores and freshmen. Freshmen competition shall be limited to freshmen.
16. Starting times, specific locations, and other modifications should be spelled out in the agreed contract. The visiting school shall be notified immediately if any changes in this situation arise.
17. In the event of an emergency situation prior to the start of the contest, the host school shall determine if the contest will be held. Once the contest starts, the decision rests

with the game officials. In the event that the contest has no officials, the host school has jurisdiction to cancel a contest.

18. If a uniform color conflict occurs, the home team will provide a method of distinguishing the two teams.
19. If two or more levels are played at the same site and some officials do not show up, the host athletic director has the authority to move officials to facilitate playing games.

Section #7– Assignment Chairperson Duties

1. The assignment chairperson is responsible for “contracting” officials for all interscholastic contests. The officials should have up-to-date IHSA registration. The assignment of unregistered officials to any SWSC contests could result in termination of this contract.
2. Assignment chairs are prohibited from collecting fees from or requiring officials to attend clinics or camps as a prerequisite to be assigned SWSC contests.
3. The assignment chair shall communicate in writing the “Duties and Expectations of Officials” to each official and handbook guidelines for the sport that they officiate.
4. One month prior to the start of the sport season, the chairperson shall provide each athletic director
 - a. One copy of a master schedule for each level listing the officials assigned to each contest or a web based access.
 - b. One list of officials’ names, addresses, telephone numbers and social security numbers (whenever possible). This list should be updated and kept current throughout the season or a web based access.
5. When changes in school’s originally assigned officials occur, the assignment chairperson shall notify the host athletic director by phone, fax or e-mail prior to the contest.
6. When the host school makes changes to their schedule, the assignment chairperson shall be responsible for assigning/reassigning officials.
7. The chairperson shall provide two lists of officials for the purpose of rating officials for the next season. This list should be distributed prior to the end of the sport season.
8. The chairperson shall provide an emergency or alternative phone number or contact person for times when they are unavailable.
9. A contract is included in the appendix.

Section #8– Official Duties

Duties of Officials:

1. Any official working any SWSC contest must possess current IHSA registration.
2. Any contracted official working a SWSC contest must contact the assignment chairperson if they cannot fulfill their contract. In the case of an emergency cancellation, the official should contact the host school athletic director.
3. Officials should contact the host athletic director to verify their assignment either prior

to or on the day of the contest.

4. Officials should plan on arriving at the game site at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time unless prior arrangements have been made.
5. Upon arrival, the official should report to the athletic director or person in charge.
6. When circumstances warrant, the athletic director may reassign officials.
7. If an official shows up for a contest but that contest cannot be played, they shall receive a fee equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of their contracted fee. If the contest starts, they shall receive a full stipend for one contest.

Officials assigned by the assignment chairs shall be compensated according to the SWSC salary schedule included in the appendix.

Section #9 – Grievance Procedures

1. When two member schools cannot find an agreeable solution or when a school feels that a conference regulation has not been followed, a request will be filed with the President.
2. The Officers will make a decision as to the outcome of the grievance and submit the findings to the athletic director(s) of the school(s) involved.
3. A subsequent report will be given to the Principals.
4. In the event that a school is not satisfied with the outcome of the decision, they may appeal the finding to the Principals.

Section #10 – Policy Exceptions

Individual member schools are allowed to request exceptions to the SWSC handbook.

1. The individual member school shall submit its request in writing with rationale to the president.
2. The request must be made at least one meeting prior to the start of the contest season for which the exception is being requested. No requests may be considered after this time.
3. The athletic director of the requesting school shall provide copies of the request with rationale to all members and the President of the Principals.
4. The conference will consider the request and vote to approve or disapprove the request. A simple majority of those schools present constitutes approval.
5. If approved, the President shall sign and date the same copy and forward it to the Principals indicating that the exception was approved.
6. In the event that an exception was not granted, the member school requesting the exception can appeal the decision to the Principals.

Section #11 – Awards

1. A championship will be recognized at the varsity and sophomore/junior varsity levels in the following sports:

Badminton	Baseball	Basketball	Bowling
Cheerleading	Competitive Dance	Cross-Country	Football
Golf	Gymnastics	Soccer	Softball
Swimming	Tennis	Track & Field	Volleyball
Water Polo	Wrestling		

2. Trophies and awards shall be purchased by the winning school.
 - a. When a sport has at least 10 teams, there will be two divisions with each champion receiving similar awards.
3. The Principals shall purchase individual athletic awards. The following sports shall receive individual awards as specified for each gender and division or combined conference as specified by the individual sport guidelines and listed in the charts. Varsity athletes will receive neck draped medals and/or all conference certificates. Sophomore/junior varsity winners will receive ribbons.
 - a. Badminton - (see chart for number of awards)
 - b. Baseball - all-conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)
 - c. Basketball - all-conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)
 - d. Bowling - (see chart for number of awards)
 - e. Cheerleading - all-conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)
 - f. Competitive Dance- all-conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)
 - g. Cross-Country - (see chart for number of awards)
 - h. Football - all-conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)
 - i. Golf - (see chart for number of awards)
 - j. Gymnastics - 4 medals per event (1st thru 4th place)
 - k. Soccer - all-conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)
 - l. Softball - all-conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)
 - m. Swimming - (see chart for number of awards)
 - n. Tennis - (see chart for number of awards)
 - o. Track - (see chart for number of awards)
 - p. Volleyball - all-conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)
 - q. Wrestling – all-conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)
 - r. Water Polo - all-conference certificates (see chart for number of certificates)

Click [here](#) for All Conference Certificate Chart:

4. Ties for Individual Awards
 - a. If a tie occurs for individual medals and ribbons in conference championship tournaments, both individuals will receive the award. (Duplicated awards shall be given to athletes who tie for the final place).
 - b. No special acknowledgments or presentations are to be made at the SWSC Championship Meets other than those sanctioned by SWSC.
 - c. Host - school Athletic Director is responsible for notifying the award supplier of any ties, requesting additional awards.
5. Ties for Team Awards
 - a. Duplicate varsity trophies and sophomore/junior varsity plates shall be awarded to teams tying for a SWSC Conference Championship.
 - b. Host school Athletic Director is responsible for notifying the award supplier of any ties, requesting additional trophies.
6. All-Conference nomination procedures:
 - a. A school representative may nominate any player they deem deserving of "all-conference" recognition.
 - b. At the all-conference meeting, the coach or designee will submit names of athletes to be considered based upon the number of selections listed in the sport handbook that the team has earned.
 - c. The coaches will vote to approve each school's selection. If the coaches do not approve a nomination, the school may replace them with another athlete.
 - d. Coaches may not share or trade all-conference selections.

Section #12– Admission Policy

1. Team members are required to pay the regular admission charge to games/contests when they attend away games unless they are active participants.
2. SWSC conference boys' and girls' athletic events shall have the following admission prices when tickets are sold at the door:

Football and Boys Basketball (all other sports when charged):

Adults: \$6.00

Students with ID: \$3.00

Seniors > 60: Free

SWSC Championship Tournaments or Meets

Adults: \$6.00 (seniors >60 free)

Students: \$3.00

SWSC, SAC and SSC gold cards will be honored at all contests for the holder and a guest.

3. Passes:
 - a. SWSC passes shall be issued to each member school to be honored at any contest. Fifteen passes shall be issued to each athletic department and the appropriate number to each administration. These passes will be distributed from the SWSC Principals.
 - b. Each SWSC school shall issue school passes/ID's to their faculty/staff members, identified by school colors or insignia and dated from year to year. This school issued pass/ID will permit free admission -- home or away -- to only those staff members whose respective school is participating in a SWSC conference contest.
 - c. School faculty activity passes shall be honored only when that school is participating.
 - d. Passes issued by Booster Clubs or School Activity Groups are ONLY honored at the issuing school's home contest.

Section #13– Schedules

1. The scheduler shall develop all schedules to be approved by the conference.
2. Each school may be represented by varsity, junior-varsity, sophomore, frosh/soph and freshman boys' athletic teams in the following sports:

Baseball (may include girls)	Golf	Tennis
Basketball	Track & Field	Bowling
Soccer	Volleyball	Cross Country
Swimming	Water Polo	Football (may include girls)
Wrestling (may include girls)		

3. Each school may be represented by varsity, junior-varsity, sophomore, frosh/soph, and freshmen girls' athletic teams in the following sports:

Badminton	Cross Country	Tennis
Basketball	Golf	Track & Field
Bowling	Gymnastics	Volleyball
Cheerleading	Soccer	Water Polo
Competitive Dance	Swimming	Softball

***NOTE:** Junior varsity and "B" level competition is encouraged when schools have a large number of

participants. This competition may be scheduled, by mutual agreement, between the two schools involved in a conference varsity or sophomore game/meet.

4. All schools shall maintain accurate athletic eligibility lists and all other materials pertinent to the contests according to the IHSA regulations.
5. Schedule Limitations:
 - a. IHSA limitations shall apply to all sports.
 - b. Varsity, Junior Varsity, sophomore, and freshmen are each considered individual levels of competition.

Section #14 – Strike Policy

1. Conference Championship Athletic Contests.
 - a. If a teachers' strike cancels an athletic contest, the athletic contest will not be rescheduled, a victory is awarded to the non-striking school that is prepared to play, and a defeat is administered to the striking school.
 - b. If both schools are on strike, a defeat is administered to both striking schools.
2. **Football Only**...if a championship results in a tie.
 - a. Two-way tie - Head-to-head competition will determine the champion;
 - b. Three-way tie:
 - i. If all three schools had played each other, the SWSC Point System will be utilized to determine the champion; (see football regulations in Part 3).
 - ii. If a strike prevented two of the three schools tied for the title from meeting:
 1. Drop the strike school
 2. Head-to-head competition between the remaining tied school will determine champion
 - c. Four-way tie
 - i. If all four schools played each other, the SWSC Point System will be used to crown the champion (see football regulations in Part 3).
 - ii. If a strike prevented two of the four tied schools from meeting:
 1. Drop the strike school
 2. Use the SWSC Point System for the remaining three schools to determine the champion.
3. Reimbursement of Officials.
 - a. The striking school is responsible for reimbursing the assigned official(s), unless the official can be contracted to another contest for that date.

Section #15 - All Academic Athletes/Teams

The SWSC will follow the criteria outlined by the IHSA for the Team Academic Award, All State Academic Team and Scholastic Recognition. It is the responsibility of the individual schools to recognize their athletes.