

BIG NORTHERN CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION (11/29/12)

ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1 The name of this conference shall be THE BIG NORTHERN CONFERENCE

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Section 1 The purpose of this conference is to foster all interscholastic activities among High Schools holding membership in this conference.

The Big Northern Conference will foster non-athletic activities such as literary, music, and other educational experiences.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 The member schools of this conference shall be:

Byron	Harvard	Richmond-Burton
Central	Marengo	Rockford Lutheran
Genoa-Kingston	North Boone	Stillman Valley
Oregon	Winnebago	Rock Falls
Rockford Christian	Mendota	

Section 2 The conference shall be the sole judge of its membership and may suspend or expel a member only by a unanimous vote of the membership excluding the vote of the school under consideration for suspension or expulsion.

Section 3 A member school of the conference may withdraw from the conference by filing a written notice with the president and executive secretary. Notice of withdrawal must be given prior to August 1st, two years prior of the school year preceding the anticipated withdrawal or sooner if possible, to prevent inconvenience to member schools.

Section 4 Other schools may be invited to participate in conference activities where it is necessary to have a certain number to fill out a tournament or other activity.

Section 5 Member schools will be assessed dues to meet the financial needs of the conference. Dues for member schools shall be determined annually at the May Board of Control meeting. The treasury shall be audited on a yearly basis prior to the September Board of Control meeting by a committee of principals appointed by the president at the last meeting in May.

Section 6 Member schools shall be governed by the rules and constitution of the Illinois High School Association.

Section 7 Criteria for new membership in the Big Northern Conference:

Letter of Application: Each school desiring to become a member of the Big Northern Conference shall express this desire in a letter to the conference president, stating that it would like to be considered for formal admission into the conference.

School Philosophy: The considered school's Education and Athletic Philosophy should reflect one of a total school program and a sincere commitment to participate in present and future programs which the conference agrees to undertake. The past records and present progress of the considered schools in

the major sports should be strongly weighted.

Location: All attempts will be made to keep travel at a minimal distance.

School Size: School size of member schools shall be a determining factor when considering the admission of new schools to the conference.

Facilities: Facilities to be considered should be ample to host the conference tournaments in any sport.

Screening Committee: This committee will be appointed by the president from the members of the conference. Administrative Staff or Athletic Directors will conduct an on-site visit of each school before any final recommendation is to be made to the present member schools.

- Section 8 Inactive Membership:
- a. Member schools may apply for inactive membership status by submitting a written request to the Board of Control. Inactive membership may be requested when a temporary financial situation exists that would preclude a member school from fulfilling constitutional obligations. A school in inactive membership may resume full membership by giving notice to the Board of Control of its intent to resume full participation: however, participation in conference fall sports shall be delayed for one year. Inactive members must notify the Board of Control of its membership intentions for the following school year by May 1. All constitutional obligations must be fulfilled to resume full membership. Inactive membership status shall be limited to one school year and may be renewed with written request and Board of Control approval subject to all conditions outlined in this section.
 - b. A vote of all member schools, as referred to in Article III, Section 1, excluding the school under consideration, is required to place a school in inactive membership.
 - c. A school in inactive membership will pay membership dues of \$100.00 for each year of inactive membership. The inactive school has no obligation to schedule contests with other member schools and other member schools have no obligation to schedule contests with schools in inactive membership.
 - d. Schools in inactive membership do not have a vote in conference matters. They will regain their vote on the day full membership resumes. Inactive member schools must be represented at Board of Control meetings.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

- Section 1
- a. Officers shall be selected from the Board of Control and shall be a president and president elect. The term of each officer shall be one year. The president elect shall serve the following year as president.
 - b. The rotation shall be made based on the alphabetical listing of the member schools. If the principal who is designated next in the rotation has not been associated with the conference for at least one school year prior to her/his appointment, the next principal in the rotation

shall be appointed. Officers shall assume their duties at the May meeting.

- Section 2 The president shall preside at all meetings of the conference, and appoint such committees as are needed. He/she will obtain sanctions for conference activities. He/she must be a principal of a member school. He/she shall not be deprived of his/her vote by virtue of his/her office.
- Section 3 The by-laws shall be amended by a majority vote of the member schools present. Written copies of proposed by-law amendments shall be included in the pre-published meeting agenda.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF CONTROL

- Section 1 The principals of the member schools shall act as a Board of Control. Each school shall have one vote on the Board. A principal's designee may act in his/her behalf.
- Section 2 A majority of the member schools shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 3 A majority vote of the members present at any legal meeting shall be sufficient to carry a proposition, except as otherwise provided herein.
- Section 4 Regular meetings of the Board of Control will be held on the third Thursday in September, November, January, March, and May, and special meetings will be called when necessary.
- Section 5 Special meetings may be called by the president or by the executive secretary-treasurer upon the written request of three of the principals of member schools.
- Section 6 All meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VI ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

- Section 1 The school who is in charge of the conference will be the President of the Athletic Directors. He/she will set up the agenda, run the Athletic Directors' meetings, and report to the Principals.
- Section 2 The school who will take over the following year will supply their Athletic Director as the Secretary who will work with the President to report to the Principals.
- Section 3 Athletic Directors meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

- Section 1 In order to amend the constitution of the Big Northern Conference, the following vote of eligible members of the conference is needed: six of eight, six of nine, seven of ten, eight of eleven, and 3/4 vote of any number over eleven schools in the conference.
- Section 2 Any amendment must be adopted and ratified at consecutive meetings of the Board of Control. A written copy of the proposed amendment is to be presented at the meeting at which it is to be ratified.

ARTICLE VIII SANCTIONS

- Section 1 A member school may be sanctioned by a unanimous vote of the member schools excluding the school for which sanctions are being considered. The Board of Control may impose sanctions for breaches of the conference constitution or by-laws, IHSA constitution or by-laws, or for other actions it deems worthy of sanction.
- Section 2 Sanctions may include probation in one or more sports, probation for a period of time, denial of a conference championship, forfeiture of contests, or other such actions as the Board of Control deems fitting and just. No school sanction shall prevent an individual athlete's eligibility to be named to all-conference teams. During a period of probation, a school shall not be eligible for conference championships.

BIG NORTHERN CONFERENCE BY-LAWS

BY-LAW I INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

- Section 1 The conference is designated as a frosh-soph and varsity conference with the exception of cross country, bowling, golf, wrestling and soccer, where it will sponsor varsity and jv/open competitions. Cheerleading will compete only at the varsity level.
- Section 2 No conference wide activities will be sponsored as money-making events. All receipts from such activities, less guaranteed expenses to the host school, shall be returned to the conference treasury.
- Section 3 When at least 1/2 the conference member schools field an activity, that activity shall be a conference activity. The Board of Control may sanction other conference activities on a financially self-supporting basis.
- Section 4 It will be the responsibility of the Principal/Athletic Director of each school to distribute the conference passes (80 maximum per school). Conference passes will be valid for regular season games only; they will not be valid for tournaments. An IHSA pass list will be used for conference tournaments. Admission to conference games will be established annually by the board of control. Season ticket prices, family and children admissions are left to the discretion of individual schools. Senior citizens may be admitted free at the discretion of a member school. Maximum admission prices are: Adults - \$4.00; Students and Senior Citizens - \$3.00. Family rates may be set at a school's discretion.
- Section 5 In all conference sanctioned activities, a conference champion may be declared when approved by the Board of Control.
- Section 6 Equal facilities shall be provided for both participating schools for filming and spotters. Filming of games for scouting purposes is allowed. Only adults will be allowed to do the filming, no special accommodations will be made, and the school should call the home school in advance to notify them of attendance. If a home non-conference opponent denies this request, we will honor their wishes. There will be a mandatory film exchange. Availability of facilities shall be determined prior to the start of each season. No BNC school shall exchange

films with a non-conference opponent for the purposes of scouting another BNC school.

Section 7 No athletic contest is worth risking the safety of students, faculty or fans. If, in the judgment of the administrators or their designee, safety becomes a legitimate concern, action needs to be taken. It is understood that once the game has started, the officials are in charge. However, if the administrators or his designee, feel the officials are using poor judgment, they should not hesitate to assure the safety of everyone involved.

Section 8 INCLEMENT WEATHER: The Big Northern Conference will follow all IHSA policies regarding control of contest. Since the school districts and administrators will be the ones to assume the liability, these guidelines will assist administrators in making decisions with the game officials. The contest may be cancelled, provided the game has no impact upon the conference championship and mutually agreed upon.

DEFINITIONS:

Delayed Game: Before the start of the contest the host school administrator will make the decision (in consultation with the visiting school representative and the officials) to delay the start of the contest because of inclement weather.

Postponed Game: A game that has not officially started. The host school administrator (in consultation with the visiting school representative and the officials) makes the decision to postpone and reschedule the game.

Suspended Game: A game that has officially started. Because of inclement weather, it is the decision of the officials that the game be suspended. The decision to re-start will be the officials and host school in consultation with the visiting school representative.

GUIDELINES :

- a. Host school administrator will accept the responsibility of delaying games.
- b. If a varsity game is delayed a decision to postpone will not be made until 30 minutes past the scheduled starting time of the contest.
- c. There should always be a 30-minute delay before a final decision is made to postpone or suspend a game. The host school administrator can delay more than 30 minutes before any final decision is made.
- d. The varsity game is paramount. Every attempt will be made to reschedule Sophomore games.
 1. In football, if the sophomore game is suspended at the conclusion of the 1st half or at anytime during the second half, the score will stand.
 2. If a varsity football game is postponed or suspended it must be completed within 5 school days. Other contests or events shall be made up upon mutual agreement of the two schools.
- e. The host school administrator is responsible for rescheduling the game after

consultation with the visiting school representative.

f. Each school has the option of completing a suspended game or accepting a loss and not completing the game.

g. Officials:

1. Once the contest has started the officials are in charge of the game per IHSA policy.
2. It is the host school's responsibility to pay officials per contract.
3. The host school is responsible for contracting officials to make up or complete a game. The host school is responsible for the payment of officials.

Section 9 In team sports with ten or more schools participating, there will be two separate divisions based on geography. Team sports are sports that do not crown an individual champion. They included: volleyball, football, boys soccer, girls basketball, boys basketball, wrestling, cheerleading, bowling, baseball, softball, and girls soccer.

Section 10 Crossover games count toward the divisional conference championship if all participating teams are played in that sport's crossover schedule.

BY-LAW II ELIGIBILITY

Section 1 The minimum rules governing eligibility shall be the same as those of the Illinois High School Association.

Section 2 Eligibility - Any student may participate on a varsity squad. However, only a student enrolled for no more than four semesters may participate on the fresh/soph level.

BY-LAW III SCHEDULING

Section 1 All scheduling will be done by the athletic directors.

Section 2 No athletic event shall start before 4:00 P.M. on a scheduled school day except by mutual consent.

Section 3 If a contest is canceled without sufficient notice, cost of the officials will be borne by the canceling school.

Section 4 Division alignment among member schools shall be re-evaluated at the October meeting of even numbered years to affect the schedule for the Fall of the next even numbered year.

BY-LAW IV TROPHIES AND AWARDS

Section 1 The conference will pay for trophies awarded in the conference activities at the fresh/soph and varsity level. Award plaques will be given for each conference championship.

Section 2 All conference trophies and awards will be purchased by the executive secretary-treasurer.

- Section 3 In the event of a tie, the conference will provide identical awards.
- Section 4 The conference shall present individual certificates to "All-Conference Athletes" in all appropriate sports.
- Section 5 FALL SPORTS AWARDS

Cross Country (B & G)

1 Varsity Girls Plaque
 1 Varsity Boys Plaque
 22 Medals (Girls)
 22 Medals (Boys)
 44 Ribbons (Girls)
 44 Ribbons (Boys)
 22 All Conference Cert. (Boys)
 22 All Conference Cert. (Girls)

Golf (B & G)

1 Varsity Girls Plaque
 1 Varsity Boys Plaque
 10 Varsity Medals (Boys)
 10 Varsity Medals (Girls)
 1 JV Plaque (Boys)
 10 JV Smaller Medals (Boys)
 10 All-Conference Cert. (Boys)
 10 All-Conference Cert. (Girls)

Volleyball

2 Varsity Plaques
 2 F/S Plaques
 28 All-Conference Certificates

Football

2 Varsity Plaques
 2 F/S Plaques
 120 All-Conference Certificates

Boys Soccer

2 Varsity Plaques
 2 JV Plaques
 46 All-Conference Certificates

WINTER SPORTS AWARDS

Girls Basketball

2 Varsity Plaques
 2 F/S Plaques
 20 All-Conference Certificates

Boys Basketball

2 Varsity Plaques
 2 F/S Plaques
 20 All-Conference Certificates

Wrestling (2012-2013)

2 Varsity Plaques
 1 JV Plaque
 56 JV Medals
 56 All-Conference Certificates

Competitive Cheerleading

1 Varsity Plaque

Wrestling (2013-2014)

2 Varsity Plaques
 2 JV Plaques
 56 All-Conference Certificates

Bowling (G)

1 Varsity Plaques (G)
 10 Varsity Medals (Girls)
 10 All-Conference Certificates (G)

SPRING SPORTS AWARDS

Baseball

2 Varsity Plaques
 2 F/S Plaques
 38 All-Conference Certificates

Softball

2 Varsity Plaques
 2 F/S Plaques
 38 All-Conference Certificates

Boys Track

1 Varsity Plaque
 1 F/S Plaque

Girls Track

1 Varsity Plaque
 1 F/S Plaque

132 Varsity Medals
 48 Varsity Ribbons
 (places 1-6 in individual events)
 (places 1-3 in relay events)
 180 F/S Ribbons (places 1-6)
 All-Conference Certificates

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 (places 1-6 in individual events)
 (places 1-3 in relay events)
 180 F/S Ribbons (places 1-6)
 All-Conference Certificates

Girls Soccer
 2 Varsity Plaques
 2 JV Plaques
 46 All-Conference Certificates

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Math Contest
 1 Varsity Plaque
 114 Medals (places 1-3)
 114 Ribbons (places 4-6)

Scholastic Bowl
 1 Varsity Plaque
 1 F/S Plaque
 10 All-Conference Certificates

BY-LAW

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OFFICIALS

- Section 1 All officials must be registered with the Illinois High School Association.
- Section 2 Fees will be determined by the conference.
- Section 3 Basketball Officials
- a. Three registered officials will be scheduled for the Varsity game.
 - b. The host school will provide an adult scorer and an adult timer for fresh/soph and varsity competition.
- Section 4 Baseball and Softball Officials
- a. Two registered officials are required for varsity games.
 - b. At the Frosh/Soph level, only one registered official is required.
 - c. If a decision to postpone a game has not been made by 3:00 p.m. and the official(s) is present at the game, he shall be paid one half of the normal fee if the game is postponed and not started. The official shall be paid in full if the game begins and then canceled.
- Section 5 Volleyball Officials
- Two registered officials shall be employed to work the F/S and varsity matches. At the freshman level, only one registered official is required.
- Section 6 Boys and Girls Soccer Officials
- Two officials will be used in all varsity conference matches. At least one official is required for any lower level match.

BY-LAW VI BASKETBALL - BOYS AND GIRLS

- Section 1 The schedule shall consist of a double round of divisional play that will determine the divisional championship. One crossover game will be played each year which does not count towards the divisional championship.
- Section 2 Conference games will be held on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.
- Section 3 The host team will provide at least six IHSA regulation basketballs per team for warm-up.

BY-LAW VII BASEBALL

- Section 1 The baseball schedule will consist of a double round robin of divisional play and one crossover game with the other division. Crossover games do not count in determining the divisional championship.
- Section 2 Suspended games shall be played from the point the game was suspended.
- Section 3 Week day games shall begin no earlier than 4:00 P.M.
- Section 4 The ten-minute warm up period for the home team shall begin no later than when the visiting team's bus arrives or no later than 20 minutes before the game starting time.
- Section 5 The home team shall furnish the baseballs to be used in the game.
- Section 6 There is a ten-run rule for all levels of baseball.
- Section 7 Each school has the option of completing a suspended or re-scheduling a game postponed because of weather or accepting a loss and not competing the game provided the game has no impact upon either divisional championship.
- Section 8 In doubleheaders, the host school will be the home team in both games. The home team will provide baseballs for those games.

BY-LAW VIII SOFTBALL

- Section 1 The softball schedule will consist of a double round robin in your division and one crossover game with the other division. Crossover games do not count in determining the divisional championship.
- Section 2 Suspended games shall be played from the point the game was suspended.
- Section 3 Week day games shall begin no earlier that 4:00 P.M.
- Section 4 The ten-minute warm up period for the home team shall begin no later than when the visiting team's bus arrives or no later than 20 minutes before the game starting time.
- Section 5 The home team shall furnish the softballs to be used in the game.

Section	6	There is a ten-run rule for all levels of softball.
Section	7	Each school has the option of completing a suspended or re-scheduling a game postponed because of weather or accepting a loss and not completing the game, provided the game has no impact upon either divisional championship.
Section	8	In doubleheaders, the host school will be the home team in the first game. The visiting school will be the home team in the second game. The home team will provide softballs for that game.
BY-LAW	IX	VOLLEYBALL
Section	1	The schedule shall consist of a double round robin in your division and one cross-over match with the other division. Cross-over matches do not count in determining the divisional championship.
Section	2	Conference play will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays Alternative days may be used with the mutual consent of both schools. (Start in Fall of 2014-2015)
Section	3	Matches will begin at 4:30 pm when three levels are played in the same gym. Matches will begin at 5:00 pm when two gyms are used.
Section	4	Pre-game warm-ups shall be: Varsity, F/S and Freshmen warm-ups will be consistent with IHSA tournament series.
Section	5	The host team will provide at least twelve regulation volleyballs for warm-ups.
Section	6	No player may play in more than four games or two levels on a given day.
Section	7	Matches at all levels will consist of the current IHSA format. Presently this format is the best 2 out of 3 games to 25 points using rally scoring.
BY-LAW	X	FOOTBALL
Section	1	Divisional Play a. The Big Northern Football Conference shall consist of two seven (Eight 2014-2015) team divisions with a divisional champion in each division to be eligible for I.H.S.A. playoff competition. b. The champion in each division will be determined from games played solely within the division. c. Each division will select an all-conference team to be voted on by the coaches within the division. d. There will be two football crossover games, with one in accordance with enrolment and the other determined by random rotation. (There will be one football crossover game determined by enrollment. To be reevaluated every two years Starts in 2014-2015).
Section	2	Game Times

- a. All Friday preliminary contests shall start at 5:00 p.m. Saturday games will begin at 11:00 a.m.
- b. Half-time for the Frosh-Soph game is 10 & 3 minutes. Half-time for Varsity is 15 & 3 minutes.
- c. Varsity contests shall begin twenty minutes after the conclusion of the sophomore contest.
- d. Games times may be changed only by mutual consent of the competing schools.
- e. Freshman games will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Section 3 School Responsibilities

- a. Each school will secure a timekeeper and chain crew to administer their home games. These should be adults who have received sufficient training to be competent at the task.
- b. Each school will submit to the opposing team a numerical roster of players including name, position, height, weight, year in school as well as pertinent school information.
- c. Equal facilities shall be provided for both participating schools for filming and spotters. Filming of games for scouting purposes is allowed. Only adults will be allowed to do the filming, no special accommodations will be made, and the school should call the home school in advance to notify them of attendance. If a home non-conference opponent denies this request, we will honor their wishes. No BNC school shall exchange films with a non-conference opponent for the purposes of scouting another BNC school.

Availability of facilities shall be determined prior to the start of season.

- d. Each school will provide the visiting school and the officials a time schedule as to warm-up/band coming on to the field/National Anthem/introductions etc.
- e. A mandatory film exchange *of two games is required anytime two BNC schools play each other whether it is a conference or non-conference contest.* The exchange is to be made by 4:00 p.m. Saturday following a Friday night game or 4:00 p.m. on Sunday following a Saturday game. The exchange is to be made at an agreed half-way point between the two schools.

Section 4 Participation - The number of quarters a fresh-soph player can play may not exceed six in one day. Violation of this policy will be cause for the forfeiture of the game in which the violation occurs. This rule applies anytime two BNC schools play each other whether it is a conference or non-conference contest.

Section 5 Uniforms - Home teams shall wear dark jerseys. Visiting teams shall wear light jerseys, unless changed by mutual consent.

Section 6 Ties - The Kansas plan as adopted by the I.H.S.A. will be used in overtime when a varsity contest ends in a tie. Fresh-soph games that end in a tie will be counted as one-half game won and one-half game lost for standing purposes.

- Section 7 IHSA Football Play-off Automatic Tie Breaker
- a. The team with the best record within each division will represent that division in the IHSA play-offs.
 - b. If two teams tie within a division, the winner of the game between the two teams represents that division in the IHSA play-offs.
 - c. If more than two teams tie, the margin of victory will be used to select the team that represents that division in the IHSA play-offs. The only scores to be reviewed would be the games played between the teams tied. No margin greater than 14 points will be considered. If two teams remain tied after this step, the winner of the game between the two teams will be considered the IHSA play-off berth team.
 - d. If a tie still remains, all games within the division will be reviewed using the same procedure as in c.
 - e. If two teams remain tied at this point, lots previously drawn will decide which team will be rewarded the automatic play-off bid.. The lots are to be drawn at the September Athletic Director's meeting.
 - f. In the case of a multiple deadlock, as soon as any team is eliminated by chronologically proceeding from steps one through five, it is eliminated from further consideration for the automatic bid.

- Section 8 Conference Champion
- g. The conference shall award a standardized trophy to each member school winning a divisional varsity or frosh-soph championship. In case of a tie, multiple trophies will be purchased by the conference.

- Section 9 Canceled Games
- a. If a football game is canceled by the home team, the contest will be forfeited to the visiting team. There will be no monetary compensation.
 - b. If the contest is canceled by the visiting team, the game will be forfeited to the home team and the visiting team will pay for the cost of officials.
 - c. In no case will a canceled or forfeited contest be rescheduled.

BY-LAW XI WRESTLING

- Section 1 The conference championship will be determined by dual meets within each of the two divisions.
- Section 2 The wrestling post season meeting will be held the first Monday following the State dual team meet.
- Section 3 Trophies and Awards - Two Varsity and one JV Plaque. **(Two Varsity and Two JV Plaques 2014-2015)**
- Section 4 The JV Conference Championship will be determined a JV individual tournament. The tournament will consist of an "A" and "B" level format to be run as two

separate tournaments. The “A” tournament will be run to crown the JV team champion. Any wrestler eliminated from the “A” tournament prior to the medal round may be bracketed into the “B” tournament. **(The JV Conference Champions will be determined by dual meets within each of the two divisions 2014-2015)**

BYLAW	XII	GOLF
Section	1	The conference schedule will consist of a single round of dual team matches, a Varsity tournament, and a Junior Varsity tournament (boys only).
Section	2	Teams shall consist of 4 to 6 players with the lowest four scores counting and the others used to break ties. In the event that a school does not have 4 players for a match, the school having 4 players will win the match by forfeit.
Section	3	A conference match will consist of nine holes.
Section	4	There will be two levels of boys competition - Junior Varsity and Varsity; one level of girls competition - Varsity. Girls Junior Varsity competition will be added when the number of participants is sufficient.
Section	5	<p>The Varsity conference championship will be determined by the combined total of points accumulated in both the conference dual meets and the conference meet. Points would be accumulated as follows:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A 1 point for each dual meet win</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">B 1/2 point for each dual meet tie</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">C conference tournament points</p> <p>The first place team is awarded the same number of points as the number of teams in the tournament, 2nd place team receives one less point, etc. through the last place team.</p> <p>The Junior Varsity conference championship will be based solely on the results of the Junior Varsity conference tournament.</p>
Section	6	<p>The Varsity Conference Tournament will consist of 18 holes. The starting time shall be determined by the host. The boys’ tournament will be held on the Thursday prior to the IHSA Regional tournament; the girls’ tournament will be on Wednesday prior to the IHSA Regional Tournament. Medals will be awarded to the top 10 finishers. Finishers 11-15 will receive Honorable-Mention certificates.</p> <p>The Junior Varsity conference tournament will consist of 9 holes, with the starting time determined by the host school. The Junior Varsity tournament will be held on the Saturday prior to the IHSA Regional tournament. Smaller medals will be awarded to the top 10 finishers.</p> <p>In case of a tie for medalist, a sudden-death playoff will be held beginning on Hole # 1. If a tie exists for places two through nine, a comparison of hole-by-hole scores beginning with Hole # 9, then Hole #8, etc. will be used to break the tie. If a tie exists for tenth place, duplicate awards will be presented.</p>
Section	7	Individual entries from conference schools are permitted to compete in the Conference Tournament and are eligible to receive an award but not earn team points.
BY-LAW	XIII	TRACK

- Section 1 The conference schedule will consist of a single, separate meet for the boys and girls.
- Section 2 The Frosh/Soph Boys Conference Meet will be the Monday prior to the Boys Varsity Meet and the Frosh/Soph Girls Conference Meet will be the Monday Prior to the Girls Varsity Meet. The Varsity Girls meet will be the Thursday the week before the Girls Sectional meet and the Varsity Boys meet will be the Thursday the week before the Boys Sectional meet.
- Section 3 The host school will collect seeding information by FAX or online entry prior to the meet and seed the heats and lanes for the conference meet. The host school should hire competent personnel to run the meet. Each school shall provide two workers to insure a smooth running meet.
- Section 4 Scoring for the conference meet shall be 10-8-6-4-2-1.
- Section 5 Medals shall be awarded to the first three finishing teams in relays and the first six places in individual events in the Varsity meet. Ribbons will be awarded to the fourth, fifth, and sixth places in the varsity individual events and relays. Ribbons will be awarded to the first three finishing teams in relays and the first six places in individual events in the Frosh/Soph meet.
- Section 6 The conference meet should be run on an all-weather surface.
- Section 7 Individual entries from conference schools are permitted to compete in the Conference Meet and are eligible to receive an award but not earn team points.
- Section 8 An All-Conference team will be comprised of all event champions, as well as any individual who was not an event champion but scored a minimum of 15 points in the conference meet. For relay participants, each member of the relay will be awarded the full points earned by the squad.
- BY-LAW XIV CROSS COUNTRY**
- Section 1 The conference schedule will consist of a single meet, to be scheduled on the Saturday prior to the regional meet.
- Section 2 The meet will consist of a Varsity Boys race, a Varsity Girls race, F/S race, and an open race for boys and girls.
- Section 3 A maximum limit of 7 entries are permitted in the varsity boys, varsity girls, F/S races. All other contestants can enter the open race.
- Section 4 Medals will be awarded to the first **twenty-two (22)** finishers in the boys and girls varsity races. Ribbons will be awarded to the first **twenty-two (22)** finishing boys and **twenty-two (22)** finishing girls in the open and F/S races.
- Section 5 Individual entries from conference schools are permitted to compete in the Conference Meet and are eligible to receive an award but not earn team points.
- BY-LAW XV BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER**
- Section 1 The conference schedule shall consist of a double round robin within the division and two crossover matches. **(Genoa-Kingston will compete in the West Division for the sport of Girls Soccer 2013-2014)** Crossover matches do not

count in determining the divisional championship.

- Section 2 The conference championship shall be awarded to the team that earns the most points from conference play. Points are accumulated as follows:
- a. two (2) points for a win;
 - b. one (1) point for a tie;
 - c. zero (0) points for a loss.
- Section 3 Varsity matches should start at 4:30 p.m. followed by the JV matches unless other arrangements are made ahead of time.
- Section 4 Minimum Field/Game Standards:
- a. Fields & equipment per National Federation Rules;
 - b. The home team must supply three hand-stitched game balls of the same type for conference matches;
 - c. Pre-game warm-ups for both the varsity and junior varsity conference games shall be fifteen (15) minutes in length;
 - d. Varsity conference matches shall consist of two forty-minute halves;
 - e. Junior Varsity conference matches shall consist of two thirty-five minute halves unless it is being played after the varsity match. In this case the two coaches shall set the length of play but they may not exceed the thirty-two minute half limitation;
 - f. If a varsity conference game ends in a tie at the end of regulation time, two five-minute overtime periods shall be played with a golden goal ending the contest. If at the end of the two overtime periods a tie still exists, then the game will be a tie;
 - g. If a JV game ends in a tie, the game will be recorded a tie.
- Section 5 Home teams shall wear light-colored uniforms. Visiting teams shall wear dark-colored uniforms, unless changed by mutual consent.
- Section 6 A player is limited to 3 halves of play per day in any Big Northern match.
- Section 7 In boys and girls soccer, a school may qualify for the JV championship only if they participate with a separate team of non-starting varsity players on their roster.
- BY-LAW XVI GIRLS BOWLING**
- Section 1 The goal of each individual school shall be to field one varsity and one junior varsity team.**
- Section 2 Schedule**
Every team shall bowl each other once per season. The schedule will be created by the conference bowling chairperson. The schedule will be set on a home and away basis every other year. The home team is the second team listed on the schedule and is responsible to fax the scores to the conference chairperson.

- Section 3 Team Structure**
1. Six bowlers will bowl each game.
 2. A legal lineup will consist of at least four bowlers (see vacancy scores)
- Section 4 Point System**
- All bowlers will be done on a scratch basis. Each team will bowl six bowlers. No new game of bowling shall start until all bowlers at both levels have completed their games, unless both coaches agree. Each match will consist of three (3) games. The conference championship shall be awarded to the team that earns the most points from conference play. Points are accumulated as follows:
- (a) Winner of each GAME will receive two (2) points
 - (b) Team with the greatest series pin fall shall receive one (1) standings point.
 - (c) The team's finish in the conference tournament with 14 points awarded to the winner, 12 points for second, 10 points for third, 8 points for fourth, 6 points for fifth, 4 points for sixth, 2 points for seventh and 0 points for eighth.
- Section 5 Playing Format**
1. A team is expected to present a legal lineup on the lanes at the scheduled starting time for a match.
 2. Practice: 10 minutes is allowed (5 minutes on each lane). A team cannot start practice until both teams have arrived on the LANES.
 3. Substitutes – A substitute bowler may be used during a match at the start of any frame. The substitute may not be currently bowling at any level (varsity or JV) in the match (must be on the bench). A substitute must be declared by the head coach to the opposing team's head coach. Once a bowler has been removed from a game, he/she cannot return during that same game. The person who bowls the first frame of that game shall receive credit for that game. Substitutions from JV to Varsity will allowed at the completion of each game. The replaced Varsity player may not participate at the JV level the remainder of the contest; however, may be re-inserted into the Varsity line up at any time.
 4. Injury Substitutions – If an injury occurs during a match and an individual must be removed from the line up, the coach may either replace that individual with someone who is not currently participating in the match (at any level) OR they may take a 10% of the applicable vacancy score per frame for the remainder of the game.
 5. Vacancy Scores: Teams that have a legal, but less than full line up, may use up to two (2) vacancy scores. The vacancy score shall be the LOWER of 130 Varsity Girls and 100 for JV Girls OR the lowest score of the opposing team - when one vacancy score is used or the two (2) lowest if two (2) vacancy scores are used.
- Section 6 Uniforms**
- All bowlers will appear in school issued or approved team uniform.
- Section 7 Conference Tournament**
- It shall be a 6 game a 5 person team Varsity Tournament. The host school for the tournament will be based on a rotation and availability of a bowling center which can accommodate the event. If not available,

next school in the rotation will have the option to host.

- Section 8 Awards**
One plaque or trophy will be awarded to the school which finishes first at the Varsity level and first at the JV levels. The top five individuals with the five highest series in the conference tournament will be awarded medals.
- Section 9 All Conference**
An All-Conference team will be comprised of the twelve bowlers with the twelve highest averages in conference matches. The bowlers with the thirteenth through eighteenth highest averages in conference matches will be awarded honorable mention recognition. A bowler must have completed a minimum of 67% of total possible games played in the conference season in order to be eligible for all conference honors.

BY-LAW XVII CHEERLEADING

A Committee will be formed of the Athletic Director Representative and Cheerleading Coaches to form the BNC by-laws for the 2013-2014 School Year.

BY-LAW XVIII ASSIGNMENT CHAIRPERSON

- Section 1** An assignment chairperson shall be employed by the conference at a salary established by the Board of Control
- Section 2** The duties of the assignment chairperson shall be as follows:
- a. He/she schedules and contracts for officials for all games in football, volleyball, boys and girls basketball and soccer.
 - b. He/she will provide the Athletic Directors with a list of officials, including telephone numbers, and I.D. numbers assigned to their games at least one month ahead of the beginning of the season.
 - c. Be sensitive to the evaluations of officials made by the schools. Evaluations should be shared with the officials but the coach or school making the evaluation should not be involved or mentioned. If a school specifically requests that an official not be assigned to their games, every attempt should be handled during the course of assigning to avoid any personality conflicts that might arise.
 - d. If schools recommend officials, every effort should be made to assign those officials where possible.
 - e. Assign a variety of officials. No individual official shall officiate a team more than twice at home.
 - f. The assignment chairman must show a willingness to work with the Athletic Directors.
- Section 3** The performance of the assignment chairperson shall be evaluated annually by the Board of Control.

BY-LAW XIX CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Section 1 A conference executive secretary-treasurer shall be employed by the conference. Salary and expenses will be established by the Board of Control annually. The conference will pay for the substitute service when the secretary-treasurer attends conference meetings.

- Section 2 The duties of the conference secretary shall be:
- a. Authorized to pay conference expenses.
 - b. Keep accurate minutes of all meetings and transmit copies of the same to the principal of each member school within one (1) week after Board of Control meeting.
 - c. Keep the financial records, conduct financial business of the conference, prepare and submit a written current report at each meeting. By June 15, he/she shall send a yearly financial report to each member school.
 - d. Purchase all trophies and awards.
 - e. Prepare budget for March meeting of each year.
 - f. Send member schools letter regarding dues in August of each year.
 - g. The executive secretary-treasurer will notify the member schools at least five (5) days before all Board of Control meetings.
- Section 3 At the last regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Control of each school year, the Board of Control will evaluate the executive secretary in closed session, based on the performance of him/her.

BY-LAW XX ATHLETIC DIRECTOR DUTIES

Section 1 Publish the final conference standings and All-Conference selections in any and all conference approved competition.

Section 2 The athletic directors will prepare schedules showing days, dates, and school year.

Section 3 The athletic director in charge of that sport/activity will notify the member schools at least five (5) days before all-conference and pre-season or post-season meetings.

Section 4 Collect and compile weekly scores from all conference activities. On the Monday or the first school day following a holiday, the Athletic Director of the host school must FAX or E-mail the results of all conference activities to the Athletic Director in charge of that sport/activity. Weekly results and standings will be kept and sent to every school each Thursday.

BY-LAW XXI AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Section 1 The by-laws shall be amended by a majority vote of the member schools present. Written copies of proposed by-law amendments shall be included in the pre-published meeting agenda.

BY-LAW XXII ALL-CONFERENCE MEETING & SELECTION PROCEDURES

Section 1 Meeting Procedures

a. Notify Athletic Directors & Head Coaches of All-Conference Meeting

1. Several weeks prior to the All-Conference meeting the host Athletic Director should notify each school of the date, time, place and any other important information necessary for the All-Conference meeting.

b. Rule Recommendations

1. At the All-Conference meeting the host Athletic Director should review the Big Northern rules or any other concerns with the coaches seeking any recommendations from the group to be brought back to the Athletic Directors. After this is completed the All-Conference Team should be selected.

c. Only coaches (head &/or assistants will be allowed to participate in the discussions during this meeting.

d. All-Conference meetings will be held at the host school or centrally located school selected by the host Athletic Director.

Section 2 Selection Procedures

a. Submission of names for nomination

1. Before the last conference game of the season, head coaches will be asked to submit names of players from their team which they feel are worthy of consideration for All-Conference selection. This list of names will be faxed to the Athletic Director in charge of the meeting. It is suggested that coaches place the names on their submitted list in order of most deserving to least deserving athlete. The submitted list shall not be released to the public or press.

b. Host Athletic Director Compiles List of Submitted names for consideration

1. The host Athletic Director in charge of the meeting will make a list of submitted names which will be given to the coaches at the meeting. Recommended information to be included on the submitted list of athletes includes: Player's Name, Uniform Number, Position(s), Year in School.

2. The host Athletic Director should also have the list of submitted names for consideration compiled onto a worksheet prior to the start of the meeting. When the meeting begins he/she should ask if there are any additional names or deletions to be submitted to the list to be considered for nomination of All-Conference.

3. The final list submitted after deletions and/or additions shall represent

All-Conference nominations.

c. Big Northern & Overall Statistics

1. Coaches should bring written statistical information for each of their submitted names (one copy for each coach). Remember that Big Northern and overall statistics are to be included. Coaches should exchange their statistical information forms to each other.

d. Coaches Talk About Their Nominees

1. At this time each coach will be asked to talk about each of their nominations emphasizing the reason(s) that they feel the athlete should be voted onto the Big Northern All-Conference Team.

e. Honorable Mention Distinction

1. If athletes who are nominated for the All-Conference Team, but not voted to the All-Conference Team, will be noted as being Honorable Mention All-Conference if they receive at least two votes in any round of balloting.

f. 1st Round of Balloting - Unanimous Selection Only

1. Unanimous selection is meant to be a distinction that separates the elite players of the Big Northern Conference from the other All-Conference selections. The method of balloting will be done with a minimum of two (2) rounds. In the 1st round for unanimous selection only, coaches should only vote for those athletes that they feel deserve unanimous recognition. Coaches may vote for as many or as few as they desire. Coaches may not vote for players from their own team during this round. Athletes that receive votes from all will be designated as unanimous All-Conference Selections.

g. 2nd & Subsequent Round(s) of Balloting

1. After voting for unanimous elections the host Athletic Director should allow the coaches to briefly talk about all their remaining nominees once again having them emphasize the key reasons that they were nominated. Coaches may vote for players from their own team during this round. The coaches should vote for the number of spots remaining to be filled. Those athletes receiving the highest number of votes will be designated All-Conference. In case of a tie for the last All-Conference position, All-Conference teams will be increased. If the tie involves more than two (2) players, another vote will occur and only the top player will receive All-Conference recognition.
2. The All-Conference Selection Procedures (f & g above) will be used for the following sports:

Volleyball, Boys & Girls Soccer, Boys & Girls Basketball, Baseball, & Softball.

Football and wrestling will use the selection procedures that have been adopted.

publication the Wednesday following the team's selection to the Big Northern Conference media list.

Section

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Football

- a. The offensive team shall consist of 2 quarterbacks, 4 backs, 6 interior linemen and 3 ends. The defensive team shall consist of 5 defensive linemen including ends, 5 linebackers and 4 defensive backs. A player may only be named to either the offensive team or the defensive team but not both. A punter and a place-kicker will also be chosen. They, however, may also be chosen on the offensive or defensive team.
- b. The quarterback position shall be chosen first (before either offense or defense). Any quarterback not chosen to be the All-Conference quarterback will remain in the pool of backs for later consideration.
- c. On odd-numbered years the defensive team shall be chosen first. On even-numbered years the offensive team shall be chosen first. Place kicker and punter shall be chosen last.
- d. Five votes shall constitute a unanimous selection. No coach shall vote for his own players on the first ballot. If a tie exists for the last spot at a given position, those who are tied will appear on a second ballot. Coaches may then vote for their own players and if a tie still remains, all who are still tied will be placed on the all-conference team. A player must have three votes to be named to the all-conference team. If a tie exists with less than a majority, a second vote will be held to break ties.
- e. Once the all-conference team has been chosen, each coach may nominate a maximum of two players from which all coaches shall then select on player from each team to be named to a special mention squad regardless of position.

Section

5

Wrestling

- a. Twenty-eight wrestlers per division will be selected on The Big Northern All-Conference Wrestling Team plus one Honorable Mention per school. Criteria for selection will include:
 - 1.) State qualifying wrestlers will be automatic AC selections
 - 2.) Coaches Vote - strongly keeping in mind the difference in the level of competition between Class A, AA, and Class AAA especially at the individual state tournament series level;
 - 3.) Each school will be given the opportunity to name one wrestler to the All-Conference Special Mention list;
 - 4.) All wrestlers receiving the highest possible vote based on the number of coaches in attendance would also be considered for unanimous selection (for instance, if 7 coaches are in attendance, then 6 votes would be needed for unanimous selection since a wrestler's own coach cannot vote for his own wrestlers);
 - 5.) If a tie exists for the last spot, those who are tied will appear on

a second ballot. Coaches CAN vote for their own wrestlers this time around;

6.) If a tie still exists, all who are tied would be placed on the All-Conference Team;

7.) The All-Conference meeting will take place on the Monday following the Dual Team State Meet.

Section 6 Volleyball - Basketball - Baseball – Softball - Soccer

a. The number of All-Conference selections will determine the number of players each coach will vote for. The number of All-Conference selections include: **Volleyball 14 players/division**, Basketball 10 players/division, Baseball and Softball 18 players and a pitcher/division, Soccer 22 per division and a goalie.

BY-LAW XXIII BIG NORTHERN ACTIVITIES

Section 1 Non-Athletic activities as designated by the board of control shall be sponsored by the conference. Entry fees will be determined annually by the Board of Control.

Section 2 Academic Bowl

Each team may carry as many players as they wish with a maximum of five participating at one time. Each school may field a Freshman-Sophomore team and a Varsity team. One student should be designated as the captain. Each team from each school will be accompanied by an adult who will act as the team's coach. Each team is encouraged to use all of its members. Substitutions may be made in accordance with IHSA Terms and Conditions.

a. Each match consists of two periods with a three minute break between periods. Each period will consist of 12 toss-up questions.

b. Toss-up questions are worth fifteen points and may be answered by an individual only. The first individual to signal is eligible to answer the question for his/her team. Only ten seconds will be allowed to answer any toss-up question. A team member must begin the answer within three seconds upon being recognized after he/she signals. If he/she answers correctly, his/her team is awarded fifteen points and the opportunity to answer a bonus question worth thirty points. After the toss-up question has been completely read and an individual answers incorrectly, the opponents have the remaining time- or three seconds to attempt an answer. If the question had not been completely read when the incorrect answer was given, the question is re-read completely for the opponents; and the time is reset to fifteen seconds.

c. In answering bonus questions, the captain of the team will give the answers after the team has conferred for no longer than thirty seconds. The captain may designate another team member to give the answer to a bonus question by indicating the name of the person to provide the answer at the time when the team is ready to answer or at the end of the thirty second time period whichever comes first. Once the designated team member indicates readiness to answer the question, there will be no further conferences allowed for either team. Only the team controlling the bonus question may ask for a

bonus question or its parts to be repeated. The opposing team will have the opportunity to answer any incorrect parts of a bonus question. The captain will be asked to respond immediately- within three seconds- giving the answers to all parts of the bonus question. For either type of question, there is no penalty for incorrect answers.

If a team does not answer all parts of the bonus question correctly, the judge should say, "(Name of team), you have (Number) parts correct". "(Name of team), what are your answers?" Once the thirty seconds are over, or if the team controlling the bonus question indicates a desire to answer before the thirty seconds are over, the judge may need to say to the other team, "Stop conferring please" to notify the members that the controlling team is ready to answer.

- d. Answers for both math and science questions should have the appropriate labels. If a team fails to give a label the reader should ask for more information before ruling that the question was not answered correctly.
- e. A maximum of twenty-four questions will constitute one round of the contest.
- f. The moderator will ask the captain of each team to introduce his/her team members before each round begins. The moderator will review the rules if needed at this time. The decisions of the moderator will be final. Team members are not to address the moderator about any decisions made.
- g. All regular season and tournament matches will be ran in accordance with the IHSA Terms and Conditions.
- h. Each conference school will supply a reader for each meet and the conference tournament. Each school is responsible for paying their own readers for each meet and the tournament.
- i. The conference tournament will be hosted by each school on a rotating basis. The host school will determine the tournament manager.
- j. Questions for the season matches and the tournament will be purchased by a conference approved question service. The purchase and dispersal of the questions will be the responsibility of the host school of the previous year's tournament. The topics for the questions include: (5) mathematics, (5) science, (5) social studies, (5) literature, and (4) fine arts, language arts, and miscellaneous (i.e. Ag. Dr. Ed. health, sports, business, computers, etc.) questions. In the development of bonus questions, every attempt will be made to have three parts to each question.
- k. The conference champions will be the team who has accumulated the most earned season points (ESP) plus tournament points (TP). In case of a tie, the team who ranked higher in the tournament will be declared the winner. The succeeding rankings will follow the same procedure. See next page for a break down of the placement for conference standings.
- l. The selection of an All Conference team consisting of 10 members will take place at the Varsity Tournament. Each school will nominate team members. The conference coaches will then vote for ten members. The ten players with the highest vote total will be placed on the All Conference Team. **This is being looked at by our All-Conference Committee.**

m. Participation in the Frosh/Soph Conference Academic Bowl team will be limited to freshman and sophomores. Participation in the Varsity Conference Academic Bowl team will not be limited - freshmen through seniors may participate.

n. The conference matches will be conducted according to all I.H.S.A. Scholastic Bowl Terms and Conditions unless pre-empted by conference by-laws.

EARNED SEASON POINTS (ESP)

A team shall earn one point for each conference meet win during the regular season.

RANKING FOR THE TOURNAMENT

The team with the most number of wins (largest ESP) will be ranked first, the team with the second most number of wins will be ranked second, and so on. In the case of a tie the winner of the head to head match among the tied schools will be placed highest. If the tie involves multiple teams the tied schools will then be placed by looking at their season average score.

TOURNAMENT POINTS (TP)

A team shall receive tournament points by how they play in the conference tournament. A team will receive:

- 13 points – Tournament Champion
- 12 points – 2nd Place
- 11 points – 3rd Place
- 10 points – 4th Place
- 9 points – 5th Place
- 8 points – 6th Place
- 7 points – 7th Place
- 6 points - 8th Place
- 5 points – 9th Place
- 4 points – 10th Place
- 3 points – 11th Place
- 2 points – 12th Place
- 1 point - 13th Place
- 0 points - 14th Place

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

The team who has accumulated the most points (ESP and TP) shall be declared the winner. In case of a tie, the team who ranked higher in the tournament will be declared the winner.

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| Section | 3 | Choral Festival |
| | A. | GUIDELINES |
| | 1. | A committee of three choral directors will be responsible for organizing the Choral Festival. The committee will be staffed on a rotational basis consisting of: the choral director from the school that last hosted the festival; the director |

from the host school of that particular year; and the director from the school that will host the festival the following year.

The committee will be responsible for securing a guest conductor one year before the festival date. The guest conductor's fee will be \$400 which is to include expenses. An accompanist may also be secured for a fee of \$ 100 which is to include expenses.

The committee is responsible for choosing the musical selections. The guest conductor should be allowed input in this matter, and future programming needs of individual choirs shall be addressed. Each director will submit two selections for the committee's consideration. A minimum of six selections will be performed.

Each school's choral director shall nominate a maximum of **10 percent** of their choral personnel to the honor choir with a 3:2 girl/boy ratio. Any choir director unable to achieve this ratio will contact the festival director so suitable arrangements may be made to maintain proper section ratios. Any choir member is eligible for nomination.

Cost per student for dinner on the day of the event will be determined by committee. Arrival time to the host school on the day of the festival will also be determined by the committee. The Choral Festival will be held in conjunction with the Band Festival. It will start at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$ 4.00 per adult and \$ 3.00 per student.

B. Hosting a Choral Festival

1. 1 Year ahead-(at the Director's meeting during rehearsal for the current year's festival)-Brainstorm possible clinician. Contact and secure the services of clinician of choice. Decide with clinician who will secure an accompanist.
2. 7 Months ahead-committee selects music, and informs other choral directors in time for them to order music in August.
3. 4 Months ahead-copy information to all conference schools-date, clinician bio, selection sheets for vocal placement, info on what to wear and bring, dinner menus with count forms to be returned, festival guidelines. (Contact food service coordinator to determine menu first)
4. 2 Months - meet with building principal, activities director, campus maintenance director to determine logistics i.e.
 - a. Rehearsal space
 - b. 13 Homerooms-who will contact teachers and secure keys
 - c. Meeting space for the directors
 - d. Parking for buses
 - e. 13 Coat Racks for coats and robes
 - f. Concert set-up needs
 - g. Dinner location and times
 - h. Publicity-press release, etc.
5. 1 Month before-Put nomination forms into a seating chart

- a. Prepare the program including the names of the directors from the conference schools, translation of any foreign language songs.
 - b. Prepare an itinerary for the day and send out to directors with info on what to bring, wear etc., pencils.
6. Festival Day-Be prepared to conduct director's meeting as well as seating singers etc. Be sure the clinician has a place to relax and change clothes before the concert-a teacher's lounge with adjoining washroom works well. Decide who will sing the National Anthem.

C. SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2010-2011 Hampshire Harvard North Boone	2011-2012 Harvard North Boone Lutheran	2012-2013 North Boone Lutheran Marengo
2013-2014 Lutheran Marengo Oregon	2014-2015 Marengo Oregon Richmond-Burton	2015-2016 Oregon Richmond-Burton Stillman Valley

Section 4 Band Festival

- A. A committee of three band directors will be responsible for organizing the Band Festival. The committee will be on a rotation basis consisting of:
 - 1. the band director from the school that last hosted the festival;
 - 2. the director from the host school of that particular year;
 - 3. and the director from the school that will host the festival the following year.
- B. The committee will be responsible for securing a guest conductor. Fees and expenses for the guest conductor are not to exceed \$ 400.
- C. The committee is responsible for deciding on the musical selections to be played. It is suggested and encouraged that the guest conductor be allowed input in this matter. It is also advised that the selections not be extremely difficult due to the constraints put on the students in terms of preparation for the festival. A minimum of six selections should be performed.
- D. A maximum of **10%** of each school's band may be nominated by their director for selection to the honor band. Any band member is eligible to be nominated and is not limited to upperclassmen.
- E. The committee will select the final honor band instrumentation from the nominations sent in by the school. Selection will be based upon I.M.E.A. format. Because a student is nominated does **not** mean automatic selection to the conference honor band. All directors will be notified once selection of the honor band is finalized.
- F. The Big Northern Band Festival will be held in conjunction with the Choral

Festival. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

G. Cost per student for dinner on the day of the event will be determined by the committee. Arrival time to the host school on the day of the festival will also be determined by the committee.

H. Admission: \$ 4.00 for adults and \$ 3.00 for students and senior citizens.

Section 5 Math Contest

A. Richmond-Burton coordinates this contest with the help of another school in charge of awards.

B. The Big Northern Match Contest is held in Mid May bases on McHenry County College availability.

C. September Timeline

1. Contact test writers (\$ 800)
2. Contact McHenry County College for use of building
 - a. Rose Gosche (815) 455-8764
 - b. Request 12 rooms, 2 break-out rooms near cafeteria Rooms 166 & 167) and conference center

D. October-January Timeline

1. Solicit who will be attending the contest
2. Meet with coaches to go over any rule changes (possibly with test writers)
3. Contact the Secretary-Treasurer that awards are ordered.

E. March Timeline

1. Keep in touch with test writers (they will usually get in touch with you)
2. Get Certificate of Insurance (School Bookkeeper)
3. Get out Letter of Registration for the teams
4. Make sure that all forms and spreadsheets work

F. April Timeline

1. Contact test writers, MCC Facilities Director, and Cafeteria Manager
2. Go to MCC to deliver answer sheets (color-Coded), envelopes, folders, etc.
3. Walk the building with facilities director and locate the rooms
4. Talk to Cafeteria Manager about the menu, cost, and approximate number of students and faculty eating
5. Locate students to help in the stats room (approximately 6 students)

BY-LAW XXIV ALL-CONFERENCE JUNIOR/SENIOR SCHOLAR ATHLETES HONORS

Each school shall select their scholar athletes by April 15. Each school is to determine grades (average) at the end of the third nine weeks or fifth six weeks. Following is the criteria:

1. The Student athlete must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, or the equivalent, for the school year in which they are to receive recognition.

2. They must be a member of varsity team for the entire season and have earned a varsity letter.
3. They may not quit the team of their own volition. Injury would be an exception.
4. They must be recommended by their respective principal, attesting to the athletic participation, minimum GPA, and evidence of good citizenship.

BY-LAW XXV BIG NORTHERN CONFERENCE OFFICIAL LOGO

Section 1 The Big Northern Conference Logo appears on the 1st page of the Constitution.

BY-LAW XXVI HOST SCHOOL GUARANTEE

Section 1 For events which charge admission, the host school will deduct the costs associated with the event from the collected admission money. If there is money left over, the host school will retain 20% of the remainder, with the other 80% being turned over to the conference. If the collected admission does not cover the costs associated with the event, or for those events which do not charge admission, the host school will be reimbursed for their expenses in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

Section 2 Itemized Summary of Events

CROSS COUNTRY		WRESTLING		TRACK	
Starter	\$75			Starter	\$95
Asst. Timer	\$50				
Timer	\$50	Officials (4@ \$160)	\$640	Asst. Starter	\$75
Scorekeeper	\$50	Trainer	\$100	Finish Judge	\$50
Asst. Scoring	\$50	Scorekeepers	\$240	Clerk	\$50
* Misc. Help	\$75	Timers	\$240	Bullpen	\$50
Supplies	\$50	Announcer	\$100	Announcer	\$50
Trainer	\$100	Tickets (2@ \$50)	\$100	Scorekeeper	\$50
Meet Manager	\$100	Bracket Expenses	\$150	Press Box Asst.	\$50
Total	\$600	Computer Results	\$100	Trainer	\$100
* Misc. help could include		Meet manager	\$100	Tickets (2 @ \$40)	\$80
Course officials, traffic control, etc.		Total	\$1770		
		To be removed		Meet manager	\$100
		2013-2014.		Total per meet	\$750
GOLF		MATH CONTEST		Each participating school is	
Meet Manager x 2	\$100	Event manager	\$100	required to supply two adults to help run the meet.	
		Test Writer	\$800		
Total	\$200	Total	\$900	Total = \$750 x 4 → \$3,000.00	
(1) Girls					
(1) Boys		SCHOLASTIC BOWL			
		Meet manager	\$100		
				MUSIC FESTIVAL	
		Meet personnel	\$100	Supervisors (2 @ \$50)	\$100
CHEERLEADING		Total	\$200	Ticket takers	\$100
Meet Manager	\$100	Each participating school is		Guest Conductors	\$800
Computer Entry	\$50	required to supply a reader		Event manager(s)	\$100
Judges (5 @ 125)	\$625	and a person to run the		Accompanists	\$300
		lockout box. If the host needs		Total	\$1400
Tickets (2 @ 50)	\$100	to supply any of these		If 2 sites are used to host the	
DJ	\$500	positions, they will be paid		event, \$50 will be paid to the	
Trainer	\$100	\$40 each.		manager at each site. For one	
Total	\$1475			site, \$100 will be paid.	

BIG NORTHERN CONFERENCE VARSITY CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY

Fall Championships

Cross Country (Boys & Girls) *	Big Northern Conference Meet held on the Saturday prior to the IHSA Regional
Golf (Boys & Girls) **	50% dual meets between all participating conference schools and 50% Big Northern Conference Meet held the Thursday (boys) - Saturday (girls) prior to the IHSA Regional.
Football ***	Divisional Champions (East and West) with only divisional games (single round) counting towards championship.
Soccer (Boys) ***	Divisional Champions (East and West) with only divisional games (double round) counting towards championship
Volleyball ***	Divisional Champions (East and West) with only divisional games (double round) counting towards championship

Winter Championships

Basketball (Boys & Girls) ***	Divisional Champions (East and West) with only divisional games (double round) counting towards championship
Wrestling ***	Division Championships (East and West) with only divisional meets (single round) counting towards championship.
Cheerleading*	The Conference Tournament will determine the BNC Champion.
<u>Bowling (Girls)*</u>	The Conference Champion shall be awarded to the team that earns the most points from conference play.

Spring Championships

Baseball & Softball ***	Divisional Champions (East and West) with only divisional games (double round) counting towards championship
Soccer (Girls) ***	Divisional Champions (East and West) with only divisional games (double round) counting towards championship
Track (Boys & Girls) *	Big Northern Championship Meet held on the Thursday of the week prior to the IHSA Sectional.

Divisional Breakdown – in football, boys soccer, volleyball, boys & girls basketball, baseball & softball

East - Central, Genoa-Kingston, Harvard, North Boone, Marengo, Richmond-Burton, Rockford Christian
West - Byron, Mendota ,Oregon, Rock Falls, Rockford Lutheran, Stillman Valley, Winnebago

(2013-2014 Genoa-Kingston will compete in the West Division in the sport of Girls Soccer)

Championship Key

- * = Championship determined by single BNC meet
- ** = Championship determined by dual meet results and BNC Meet
- *** = Championship determined by divisional contests only (single or double round)

BIG NORTHERN CONFERENCE F/S OR JV CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY

Fall Championships

Cross Country (Boys & Girls) *	JV Big Northern Conference Meet held on the Saturday prior to the IHSA Regional
Golf (Boys) *	JV Big Northern Conference Meet held the Saturday prior to the IHSA Regional
Football ***	F/S Divisional Champions (East and West) with only divisional games (single round) counting towards championship.
Soccer (Boys) ***	JV Divisional Champions (East and West) with only divisional games (double round) counting towards championship
Volleyball ***	F/S Divisional Champions (East and West) with only divisional games (double round) counting towards championship

Winter Championships

Basketball (Boys & Girls) ***	F/S Divisional Champions (East and West) with only divisional games (double round) counting towards championship
Wrestling*	Championship is determined at the JV Conference Tournament. (2013-2014 JV Champion will be determined by dual meets)

Spring Championships

Baseball & Softball ***	F/S Divisional Champions (East and West) with only divisional games (double round) counting towards championship
Soccer (Girls) ***	JV Divisional Champions (East and West) with only divisional games (double round) counting towards championship
Track (Boys & Girls) *	F/S Big Northern Championship Meet held on the Monday of the week prior to the IHSA Sectional

Championship Key

- * = Championship determined by single BNC meet
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- *** = Championship determined by divisional contests only (single or double round)

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YEAR	SCHOLASTIC BOWL	MUSIC FESTIVAL	MATH CONTEST
05-06	Winnebago	Marengo	Richmond-Burton @ MCC
06-07	Richmond-Burton	Genoa-Kingston	Richmond-Burton @ MCC
07-08	Marengo	Central	Richmond-Burton @ MCC
08-09	Lutheran	Marengo	Richmond-Burton @ MCC
09-10	Central	Genoa-Kingston	Richmond-Burton @ MCC
10-11	Harvard	Hampshire	Richmond-Burton @ MCC
11-12	Stillman Valley	Genoa-Kingston	Richmond-Burton @ MCC
12-13	North Boone	Central	Richmond-Burton @ MCC
13-14	Oregon	Marengo	Richmond-Burton @ MCC
14-15	Genoa-Kingston	Genoa-Kingston	Richmond-Burton @ MCC
15-16	Byron	Central	Richmond-Burton @ MCC
16-17	Rock Falls	Marengo	Richmond-Burton @ MCC

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