

**2019-2020**

**Aurora Area Catholic League**

**Athletic Policy Handbook**

## **AURORA AREA CATHOLIC LEAGUE - ATHLETIC POLICY HANDBOOK**

**Revision Date: August, 2019**

### **Beliefs:**

The athletic programs of the Elementary Schools of the Aurora Area Catholic League are founded on these beliefs:

- The existence of God
- The dignity and worth of the human person
- The collegiality of people
- The right of God's people to mature in society and in the Church
- The responsibility of parents in transmitting these beliefs to their children

### **Philosophy:**

The athletic programs of the Elementary Schools of the Aurora Area Catholic League exist to promote the spiritual, moral, social and physical development of students guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church.

### **Prayer:**

Every athletic event will begin with a prayer. A recommended prayer is included in the Appendix at the end of this Policy Handbook.

The following Policies, Rules, and Regulations have been formulated by the Athletic Administrative Committee as authorized by the Aurora Area Board of Catholic Education as follows.

1. The Athletic Administrative Committee shall consist of:
  - Two representatives of the Athletic Directors (voting). The rotating schedule for Athletic Director representatives to the Athletic Administrative Committee is displayed in the Appendix at the end of this Policy Handbook.
  - Two representatives of the Principals (voting). The rotating schedule for Principal representatives to the Athletic Administrative Committee is displayed in the Appendix at the end of this Policy Handbook.
  - 2 Pastors (voting)
  - Area Superintendent (non-voting)
  - Catholic League Director (non-voting). This position is elected by the Athletic Administrative Committee.
2. Implementation of all policies, rules, and regulations shall be made from the Athletic Administrative Committee through the League Director (who is selected by the Area Athletic Committee). Violations of these directives shall be subject to disciplinary action deemed

appropriate by the Athletic Administrative Committee. Interpretation and clarification of policies and rules should be referred to the Director of the League. The League Director has the authority to enforce and interpret these policies and rules in conformance to their spirit and intent. Whenever there is a rule whose intent is not clear, this policy handbook will be updated with clarifying language at the earliest opportunity. Policy handbook is to be reviewed annually.

3. All regulations, unless otherwise noted, contained in this book apply to all Catholic League activities and comply with the Diocese of Rockford policies. If there are special circumstances, they may be addressed to the Area Athletic Committee where, if necessary, a vote will be taken.

4. Each participating school shall contribute annually for League Administrative fees.

A. Aurora Deanery members: \$100.00

B. Non-Deanery members per sport: \$50.00

5. Participating schools must be represented by an Athletic Director. When there is not an appointed Athletic Director the duties of the Athletic Director shall fall to the Principal or designee of Principal of the school in question.

6. Athletic Directors from each school will attend all regularly scheduled League Meetings. In the rare instance when an Athletic Director is unable to attend a meeting, he/she must send a designee to represent their school. If a school is not represented at any League Meeting, the League Director will contact the school principal.

## POLICIES

### I. Safety-Health

#### **Refer to Article 4 Section 1 of the Diocesan Athletic Policy**

A. In order to ensure the consistent and fair operation of the Catholic League Sports Program:

1. All officials shall be respected by all parties involved in the sports program.
2. Coaches and players are to provide good example to the spectators.
3. Coaches are responsible for controlling their players' behavior.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct, abusive language or harassment by coaches, players or spectators shall not be tolerated before, during or after games.
5. No one shall be disruptive or interfere with game plan (e.g. screaming, jeering or arm waving during free throw attempts of the opponents.)
6. Spectators shall not be allowed on the field or floor during athletic competition.
7. A first aid kit and A.E.D. (Automatic External Defibrillator) must be on hand at all practices and games in or near the gym or practice/game site. All adults who oversee athletics must be adequately trained to utilize the

A.E.D. in an emergency.

8. Official(s) shall be present at each game to effect proper control and safety.
9. Officials who refuse to take action or control the game or who otherwise do not meet expectations are subject to review at a post-season coaches/athletic directors' meeting (or sooner if required).
10. In the absence of an assigned official, officials may be designated as agreed upon by participating coaches.
11. Violations of the philosophy, rules or regulations shall result in suspension or dismissal of the individual(s) involved and possible forfeiture of the game in questions.
12. Athletic directors, officials and all host coaches are empowered to enforce these regulations at all Catholic league games. This empowerment includes the removal from the facility of any player, coach, or spectator who does not follow these regulations.
13. The coaches shall have copies of the following in his/her possession at each event:
  - a) Medical Information Form
  - b) Waiver of Liability/Disclaimer (Release to treat in an emergency)
  - c) Catholic League Athletic Policy handbook.
  - d) Proof of insurance form for each athlete on their team
  - e) Concussion Information and Release Form

II. **Goals:** Because we believe that a properly conducted athletic program is an important part of the school program and that the values of an athletic program do not accrue automatically, but are the result of a proper emphasis and supervision, and that these values include development of good character and sportsmanship, it is our policy that:

- A. Proficiency: Coaches and Athletic Directors should cooperate in teaching methods, styles of play, etc. so as to provide the best opportunity for athletes to develop proficiency and character as well as for winning games.
- B. Student Participation: All interested students should have the opportunity to benefit from the athletic program according to their interest and ability.
- C. Coaches and Athletic Directors should serve as good examples to students and spectators.

III. **Practices:** Because it is important that a student learn the value of practicing to improve him/herself, it is our policy that:

- A. Practices should be teaching-learning experiences, particularly in regard to skills, attitudes, rules, and gamesmanship.
- B. There may be no more than four (4) practices and games in any single week (Sunday – Saturday). No practice in any sport may exceed 90 Minutes and there can be no more than one game and/or practice in a single day. Note – multiple games in a single tournament, on a single day, are considered a single event. Additionally, in the event that a team is participating in a non-league tournament (e.g. City of Lights), their total number of events may exceed four (4) provided it is the result of the sum of league games and tournament games for that week only. Practices must be cancelled in order to meet the four (4) event regulation, but League games do not necessarily need to be forfeited or rescheduled in order to conform to this requirement.
  - 1. Practices and/or games for 7th and 8th grade teams may not exceed three (3) school nights INCLUDING tournament play. Practices and/or games for 5th and 6th grade teams may not be held more than two (2) school nights.
  - 2. Practices for all grades cannot exceed 90 Minutes on a school night and must be concluded by 8:00 PM.
  - 3. School nights are defined as Sunday through Thursday nights.

**IV. Cooperation.** Because we believe that the athletic program should be part of the entire education process of a school, it is our policy that:

- C. Athletic Directors, Coaches, Principals, Teachers, and Parents develop a formal and continuing structure for communication within the parish and school regarding all phases of the athletic program.
- D. Clear lines of authority and responsibility for all phases of the athletic program be established, clarified, and understood by all interested parties.
- E. When admission is charged to any league game, the charge shall be \$1 for all patrons, adults and students above fourth (4<sup>th</sup> grade). Priests, pastors, deacons and teachers are free.
- F. Scorekeepers (book and scoreboard) must be in or above the 9th grade for all events.
- G. Payment for League and Tournament fees – Schools responsible for hosting

**Commented [PM1]:** I know this is consistent with the current policy, but our games can last until 9pm. Could language be added that no practice can exceed 8:30? Otherwise we can only get 3 practice slots per day. With multiple teams (possibly) at each level we need to get 4 slots. Perhaps the late practice for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> only? That would be somewhat consistent with Section II-I.

**Commented [KB2R1]:** Agreed. I would propose that 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade must be concluded by 9pm; 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> by 8:30pm

individual sports are responsible of determining and issuing fees with guidance from the League Director. Schools must prepare and submit an invoice to participating schools within two weeks of the end of the season. Such invoices are to be submitted by mail or otherwise to the school office where the Principal is responsible for proper routing for payment. Invoices are due within 30 days of invoice date.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### I. Requirements for Coaches:

Head coaches must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and a high school graduate and be of high moral character and must adhere to Diocesan policies. As part of the ongoing —Protecting God’s Childrenl campaign Principals, Athletic Directors and Coaches are responsible for providing appropriate supervision during games and practices. Only coaches and athletes are allowed on the bench during games. For basketball, only the head coach may stand while the game is in progress. All coaches will be required to sign a form indicating that they have read and agree to abide by all League rules and regulations contained in this Policy Handbook. These forms must be submitted to the League Director prior to the first league game. Coaches who have not signed and turned in this form must be prohibited from coaching until this form is received by the League Director after the start of the season.

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Commented [KB4R3]: Topic we should discuss.

### II. Participation:

- A. Boys and girls may not participate on the same teams with the exception of soccer and track.
- B. There may be no participation by students below the fifth grade.
- C. All team members must participate minimally as follows

Football: Six plays per game average (all grades)

Basketball:

Grade 5 - Every player in the scorebook and/or dressed and seated on the bench must play a minimum of one quarter each and every game, tournaments included.

Grade 6 - Every player in the scorebook and/or dressed and seated on the bench must play a minimum of four minutes each and every game, tournaments included.

Grade 7 & 8 – Every player in the scorebook and/or dressed and seated on the bench must play a minimum of two minutes each and every game, tournaments included.

Volleyball:

Grades 5 & 6 - Every player in the scorebook and/or dressed and seated on the

Commented [PM5]: Should we make this 6:00 minutes so it's definitive and consistent with the other grades?

Commented [KB6R5]: Agreed.

bench must play a minimum of seven serves each and every match, tournaments included.

Grades 7 & 8 - Every player in the scorebook and/or dressed and seated on the bench must play a minimum of three serves each and every match, tournaments included unless the substitution rule makes it impossible.

- D. Every player listed in the scorebook and/or seated on the bench must sit out a portion of every contest. The exceptions being:
  - 1. Volleyball where substitution rules must be followed in the event this rule conflicts (i.e. if enough players are present then the rule must be applied). 5th/6th grade teams of 8 players or more must follow this rule.
  - 2. 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams
- E. There may be no practices in any sport at times other than those specified in these rules.
- F. While awards (letters, etc.) may be awarded on the recommendation of the coach, selection of —All Star teams are inconsistent with our goals.
- G. No student may participate (practice or play) in more than one school sport simultaneously. Exception: Dual participation in cheerleading and one other sport may be permitted at the discretion of each school.
- H. Only students enrolled in Aurora Area Catholic League schools shall be eligible to participate in these programs.
- I. No game may begin after 8:30PM on any night Sunday – Saturday.
- J. Games may not begin before the scheduled starting time without the consent of both coaches.
- K. It is to be understood that scheduled league games take precedence over all other athletic scheduling. The single exception to this rule is the City of Lights Tournaments.
- L. Coaches must inform scorekeepers, referees and the opposing coaches if players on the bench will not be participating due to medical, disciplinary or other reasons. This rule only applies to sports where mandatory play for each athlete is required. Failure to play all players when required to do so may result in forfeiture.

M. All rosters are frozen at the start of the regular season (first game). No student may be moved up in grade at this point (or moved from an A Team to a B Team or vice versa). Example, 7th graders may not be moved to the 8th grade team at the conclusion of the 7th grade season. Any and all requests for deviations due to extraordinary circumstances after the season starts must be approved by the League Director.

III. **Eligibility:**

A. Scholastic: Each school will set up its own eligibility criteria, but it is to be expected that this criteria should be understood by the faculty, coaching staff, parents, and participants from each school.

B. Age Limitations:

1. Any eighth grader having reached his/her 15th birthday before September 1st shall not be eligible after that date.
2. Any seventh grader (insert age —14), etc.
3. Any sixth grader (insert age —13), etc.
4. Any fifth grade (insert age —12), etc.

C. If a student is absent from school for any part of the day because of illness, that student is ineligible for practices or games scheduled for that day. A student that is absent due to illness on a Friday can participate on a Saturday. Any student that is not in school due to unexcused absence is subject to that school's eligibility policy.

IV. **Basketball Rules (Girls & Boys)**

A. Length of Seasons:

1. Boys: Practices may start November 1 and the season must end for all grade levels for 5th through 7th grades-on or before the third weekend of January.
2. Girls: Grades 7 and 8 may begin practice on the first day of Christmas break, grades 5 and 6 may not begin practices until the 2nd Saturday of January. All grades must end the season by the 4th Saturday of March or the Saturday before Palm Sunday, whichever dates comes first.

B. The total number of regular season contests may not exceed:

1. Eighteen games (18) and one (1) tournaments.
2. Sixteen games (16) and two (2) tournaments.
3. Fourteen games (14) and four (4) tournaments.
4. Grade 5: Because the purpose of the 5th grade basketball program is to provide students with an introductory and instructional setting, the following rules are to be followed:
  - a) Before any games can be played, a minimum of five practices emphasizing an introduction to the game must be held.
  - b) Games to be limited to league games and the league tournament.
  - c) Participation - See Rules in Section II, C and DThese rules apply to both boys and girls with appropriate interpretations to be made by the League Director as needed to accommodate the differing structure of the two programs.

C. A scrimmage is any activity involving students from more than one school and must be counted as a game.

D. Practices may not exceed (90) Minutes.

1. Practices and/or games may not exceed three (3) school nights INCLUDING tournament play.
2. School nights are defined as Sunday through Thursday nights.
3. There may be no more than one practice per day.

E. Participation rules per Section II apply. A player may not play on two teams in one day. In addition, once a player is moved to a higher level team, he may not be moved back down. 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> may not play at the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> level or visa versa without prior permission from the league.

F. Pressing:

1. There will be no full-court pressing in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. During the final 60 seconds of each half the 10-second rule will be enforced in bringing the ball to half court.
2. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, full-court pressing is allowed in the last minute of each half.
3. When a team reaches a 15-point lead it can no longer play a full court press. When a team reaches a 20-point lead it must play a zone defense.

G. A team may play a game with only four players. If a team does not have four

Commented [PM7]: This is contrary to the language in Section III.3, although I believe these are the correct nights.

Commented [KB8R7]: Agreed. Change language in iii.3.

Commented [PM9]: Clarification what it means to participate on two teams... I think basketball is the biggest offender to this due to basketball feeder for boys, and girls club volleyball during the girls' basketball season. I've had cancelations due to the club volleyball and low numbers showing up, or coaches spread too thin.

Commented [KB10R9]: More discussion needs to occur.

players available for the start of the game, they must forfeit.

- H. No three-point shots shall be scored in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- I. If a team is up by 25 points at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, the clock will run the entire 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, with neither team running a full court press. The team with the higher score will remove as many starters as possible.
- J. Ladder Play: If the regular season for any grade level includes ladder play, then the teams will be seeded for the League Tournament according to their overall record, including ladder play. Ladder play can improve or worsen a team's seeding for the League Tournament within their Ladder Bracket, but cannot alter a team's seeding outside of its Ladder Bracket.

For example, in an 8 team league, the top four teams will be assigned Ladder Bracket 1 (seeds 1 through 4 based upon regular season record). The bottom four teams will be assigned Ladder Bracket 2 (seeds 5 through 8 based upon regular season record). Each Ladder Bracket then plays a round-robin set of games within their own Ladder Bracket. This is referred to as Ladder Play. Once Ladder Play is completed, the overall seeding within each Ladder Bracket can change for the League Tournament, based upon a team's regular season record, plus its Ladder Play record. However, in seeding the League Tournament, no team in Ladder Bracket 1 can fall below the bottom seed of that bracket (4); nor can any team in Ladder Bracket 2 climb above the top seed of that bracket (5).

- K. Overtime Rules:  
**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** There shall be one overtime period that is 3 minutes in length. If the tie is not broken after the first 3 minutes, then the game will go to "sudden death" for a maximum of 3 additional minutes; i.e., the first team to score in an additional 3 minutes is declared the winner. If neither team scores, the match is declared a tie.

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** There shall be two overtime periods 3 minutes in length. If the tie is not broken after the first 3 minutes, then the game will go to "sudden death" for a maximum of 3 additional minutes; i.e., the first team to score in an additional 3 minutes is declared the winner. If neither team scores, the match is declared a tie.

Commented [KB11]: This is new as 3 pointers were disallowed until 7<sup>th</sup> grade previously. The game has changed. 6<sup>th</sup> grade tournaments I've seen allow 3 pointers. I suggest it's time to adopt 3 pointers in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Commented [PM12]: Can the clock be stopped during free throws? I get a lot of spectator and coach complaints about that. It would also allow to get players substituted.

Commented [KB13R12]: Agreed. Clock can stop for free throws and time outs.

Commented [KB15R14]:

Commented [KB14]: Added.

V. **Volleyball Rules:**

- A. Practices may begin on the second Wednesday in August and the season must end on or before October 31.
- B. Eligibility and Participation:
  - 1. Each team per school for the league roster must have a minimum of 6 players for the grade level entered. If a team cannot field 5 players at the time of scheduled match, they forfeit the first game.
  - 2. Participation rules per Section II apply. Please see Section V subsection E under basketball.
- C. Schedules of games must follow these guidelines: NOTE: Any scrimmage with players from another school is considered a match. The total number of regular season contests may not exceed:
  - 1. Eighteen games (18) and one (1) tournaments
  - 2. Sixteen games (16) and two (2) tournaments
  - 3. Fourteen games (14) and four (4) tournaments

Because the purpose of the fifth grade program is to provide the student with an introductory and instructional setting, the following rules apply to fifth graders:

- a. Before any games can be played, a minimum of five practices emphasizing an introduction to the game must be held.
  - b. Fifth grade matches are not to exceed 3 games. A tie is permissible.
  - c. Games are limited to league play and the league tournament.
  - d. Fifth grade will also abide by the IESA rules.
- D. Practices - Reference Policies, III.
  - E. Any team that plays more matches than allowed by league rules will forfeit an equal number of matches from their league record.
  - F. All 6th-8th grade league and tournament play (including pool play) must consist of matches, best 2 out of 3 games, first to 25 points wins, must win by two (rally scoring). 5th grade will play best 2 out of 3 games, first to 15 points wins, must win by two points. Tiebreaker play will commence at 10 and a team must win by two points.

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## VI. Track Rules

- A. Eligibility – Per Rules and Regulation Section III above.
- B. Length of Season
  - 1. Practices begin 4th week of March for those grade levels participating.
  - 2. End by the IESA state track and field meet.
- C. Total number regular season conference meets should not exceed six (6) meets.
- D. Practices – Per Policy Section III above.
- E. Participation
  - 1. Teams consist of 5th through 8th grade students registered at an AACL school
  - 2. All athletes must participate in at least one event at every meet, including the Conference Meet.
- F. Determining factors for meet cancellations
  - 1. Safety is the main precaution
  - 2. Cancellation determined on meet day only by a league representative who will be assigned at the first Track meeting of each year. This representative will monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
  - 3. A 30-second or less flash-to-bay count calls for removal of the athletes from the field to appropriate shelter.
  - 4. Once play has been suspended: wait for 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning as witnessed or thunder is heard prior to resuming play.
  - 5. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
  - 6. Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.
- G. General Track Rules
  - 1. Each athlete can participate in up to five events provided that at least one of those events is a relay.
  - 2. Scoring for all events (including relays) will be: 10-8-6-4-2-1.
  - 3. At the Conference meet, trophies will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place at each of the 8 levels (5th through 8th grade boys and girls). Ribbons will be given to the top 6 individuals and top 3 relay team participants.
  - 4. In the relay meet field events, each team can field up to three girls and boys at each grade level. The ribbons will be awarded based upon the highest total of the top boy and girl from each school.
  - 5. There will be no bailing out allowed in either the long jump or the triple jump. Once the jumper begins the approach, the jump must be completed to avoid having the attempt count as a scratch.

Commented [PM17]: I think we need a date range, since this season the IESA meet is prior to City of Lights, and what would be our conference meet date.

Commented [KB18R17]: Agreed

Commented [PM19]: Meets with unlimited entries I think this is fine. However, meets that are limited entries, big teams cannot make this work. Or perhaps just clarify for City of Lights, Conference and IESA Sectional/State.

Commented [KB20R19]: Agreed. Clarification needs to occur. Maybe insert language that this applies only to Conference meets and the AACL Conference track meet.

**VII. Soccer Rules**

- A. Eligibility – Per Rules and Regulation Section III above.
- B. Length of Season
  - 1. Practices may begin on the second Wednesday in August.
  - 2. End prior to first Saturday of November
- C. Total number of regular season contests may not exceed **seventeen (17)** games and two (2) tournaments
- D. A scrimmage is any activity involving students from more than one school and must be counted as a game.
- E. Practices – Per Policy, Section III above.
- F. Participation
  - 1. Teams are co-ed
  - 2. Teams consist of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
  - 3. A school may have more than one team, but each team must be as even as possible relative to division of athletes by grade and between boys and girls.
- G. Soccer Contests
  - 1. Length is two 25 minute halves with a half time of at least five (5) minutes.
  - 2. All team members must be allowed to play at least five (5) minutes per match.
  - 3. No player(s) may play the entire match
  - 4. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer is 9v9
  - 5. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer is 11v11
  - 6. Parity Rule: If both 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade teams have a minimum of 12 players at a match, the teams will play 11v11. If one of the teams has 11 players or less at a match, the match will be played 9v9. If a team can field a minimum of 8 players, the match will proceed and will not be a forfeit. The opponent may still play with 9 players and need not drop down to 8 players. If a team has 7 players or less, the match will result in a forfeit, unless both teams agree otherwise.

**Commented [KB21]:** We do need to clarify number of players on the field. Travel does 9 up until 7<sup>th</sup> grade. To stay consistent, 9 players 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> and 11 players 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>?

**Commented [KB22]:** I believe the Diocese allows up to 17 games.

**VIII. Cheerleaders and/or Pom Team**

- A. Squads must have coaches/sponsors in attendance at every practice and game.
- B. The number of cheerleaders on the floor will be determined by the local gym.

**IX. Violation of Policies and Rules:**

Any violation of these policies and rules can result in forfeiture, suspension and/or dismissal from the League at the direction of the Area Athletic Committee. The process to be exercised in the event of any violation will be as follows:

- A. Any suspected violation of Policies and Rules will be communicated, in writing, to the League Director, and to the Principal and Athletic Director of the violating school.
- B. The League Director will notify all members of the Athletic Administrative Committee, in writing, of the alleged violation.
- C. The Athletic Administrative Committee will determine appropriate consequences to be implemented based on the facts of the specific situation. Consequences may be as lenient as a written warning to the school or as extreme as dismissal from the League, depending on the severity of issue. Each instance will be reviewed based on the facts at hand.
- D. The League Director will communicate, in writing, the consequences to the Principal and Athletic Director of the violation school.
- E. The Principal and Athletic Director of the violating school are accountable to the Athletic Administrative Committee for ensuring the consequences are immediately implemented.
- F. The League Director must document and maintain all information pertinent to any violation of Policies and Rules of the Aurora Area Catholic League.

**X. League Membership**

Any school wishing to join the Aurora Area Catholic League must submit a formal, written petition to the Athletic Advisory Committee. This written petition must be submitted no later than June 1st for consideration for the upcoming school year. This petition must include, at a minimum, the level of participation that is being requested including grade levels and sports to be considered.

**XI. Establishment of a New Sport:**

Any school beginning a new inter-school sport for boys or girls at any grade level must submit a proposal to the Area Athletic Committee, or if no Area Athletic Committee is functioning, to all the member schools for approval.

**XII. Sports Camps**

- A. No school may host a sport camp during the school year. This includes off-season “open gyms”.
- B. A school may host a sport camp in the summer provided the following:
  - 1. All athletes from any Aurora Area Catholic League school are invited to the camp
  - 2. If a fee is required for the camp, all participants must be charged the same amount

**XIII. Consistency of League Tournament Seeding**

- A. At the conclusion of the regular season, the teams at a given grade level will be seeded for the League Tournament according to their overall league record for the season. Any ties will be broken as follows:
  - 1. Head-to-head results. If head-to-head results do not break the tie, then;
  - 2. Point differential in those head-to-head games. If point differential does not break the tie, then;
  - 3. Random seed assignments via drawing by the host school Athletic Director
- B. Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the host school.

**XIV. Revisions to Policy Handbook:**

Revisions to this Policy Handbook may be proposed by any Principal or Athletic Director, by the Area Athletic Board Chairman, or by the Area Superintendent. The process to be exercised in the event of any proposed revision to this Policy Handbook will be as follows:

- A. The respective groups of the Athletic Administrative Committee (Principals and Athletic Directors), will discuss individually and provide their feedback/recommendation to their two (2) representatives to the Athletic Administrative Committee.
- B. At the next earliest opportunity, the Athletic Administrative Committee will discuss and vote upon the proposed revision to the Policy Handbook.
- C. A majority of three (3) out of five (5) voting members is required in order to ratify any proposed revision to the Policy Handbook.
- D. Any revision that is ratified by the Athletic Administrative Committee will immediately be made to the Policy Handbook.
- E. The updated Policy Handbook will be distributed to all Principals and Athletic Directors.
- F. Each Athletic Director is responsible for immediately communicating the revised Policy Handbook to each coach from their school.

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APPENDIX**

**Aurora Area Catholic Schools Sports League Participating Schools**

<p><b>Annunciation BVM</b> 1840 Church Rd. Aurora, IL 60504 630-851-4300 Fax 630-851-4316</p>	<p><b>Holy Angels</b> 720 Kensington Aurora, IL 60506 630-897-3613 Fax 630-897-8233</p>
<p><b>Pope St. John Paul II Academy</b> 706 High Street Aurora, Il. 60505 630-844-3781 Fax 630-844-3656</p>	<p><b>Holy Cross</b> 2300 Main Street Batavia, IL 60510 630-593-5290 Fax 630-593-5289</p>
<p><b>St. Mary-DeKalb</b> 210 Gurler Road DeKalb, IL 60115 Tel: (815)756-7905 Fax: (815)758-1459</p>	<p><b>St. Mary-Plano</b> 817 N. Center Plano, IL 60545 630-552-3345 Fax 630-552-4385</p>
	<p><b>St. Rita of Cascia</b> 770 W. Old Indian Trail Aurora, IL 60506 630-832-0200 Fax 630-892-4236</p>

## **GYM USE RULES**

1. Admission to all games will be: \$1.00 adult and students 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above. Children 4<sup>th</sup> grade and under are free.
2. All students attending games must be accompanied by an adult.
3. Kicking and stomping on bleachers is prohibited.
4. Fans are to be courteous and respectful of the facility and those in authority.
5. No spectators are allowed on the gym floor at half time or intermission of events

The following **PRAYER** (or similar one selected by the host school) will be read before every athletic event:

**HEAVENLY FATHER,**

**WE ASK YOU TO BLESS ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS GAME. HELP US TO BE HUMBLE IN OUR VICTORY OR BRAVE IN OUR DEFEAT. BLESS OUR COACHES WITH WISDOM AS THEY INSTRUCT US. WE ASK THAT OUR SPECTATORS BE ENCOURAGING TO ALL WHO COMPETE TODAY. MAY ALL WHO ARE HERE BE MINDFUL THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS PRESENT WITH US.**

**AMEN.**

Commented [PM23]: No non-athlete/team member shooting before, during, half time, or after games. No dribbling balls during the games.

Commented [KB24R23]: Agreed.

**Aurora Area Catholic League**  
**Coach Acknowledgement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, in my capacity as a volunteer coach, I acknowledge that I have received the Aurora Area Catholic League Policy Handbook. I agree to abide by all league rules and Regulations, including the participation in the program “Protecting God’s Children”.

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name

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Name of School