

PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC LEAGUE



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

2014

CONSTITUTION OF THE CATHOLIC LEAGUE

ARTICLE I

NAME

The organization shall be known as the Philadelphia Catholic League (PCL).

ARTICLE II

MISSIONS AND OBJECTIVES

The Philadelphia Catholic League is an organization designed to further the Mission of the Catholic Education through the promotion of interscholastic athletes. It is committed to the values and beliefs of the Teachings of Jesus Christ by:

- Catechizing all those young Catholics with whom we come into contact.
- Evangelizing wherever and whenever possible.
- Providing sound academic education and personal formation.
- Building communities of faith and service.
- Encouraging and forming others in roles of leadership and service

Our Catholic values and beliefs are supported by the following objectives:

- To promote the physical well-being of the students by providing the opportunity of interscholastic competition in well-rounded sports programs.
- To promote loyalty among the general student body of each school as well as respect and regard for the student body of each competing school.
- To foster discipline, obedience, and cooperation that is necessary for successful teamwork.
- To promote the natural virtues of honesty and fair play in competition.
- To encourage the acceptance of victory with modesty and of defeat with grace.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

1. All Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and its immediate vicinity shall be eligible to apply for membership in the PCL.
2. The following standards shall be required for membership in the PCL:
 - a. Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia have the privilege of being members of the PCL, subject to compliance with the membership requirements. Eligible Catholic High Schools outside of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia may become members upon the application and approval of the Board of Governors.
 - b. To be eligible for consideration for membership:
 1. The High School must have a junior class;
 2. Schools with a senior class must have at least five (5) PCL sports, one of which must be either football or basketball; and
 3. High Schools without a senior class must have at least three (3) PCL sports, one of which must be basketball.
 4. High School must be a PIAA member school
3. The Chairperson of the Board of Governors has the responsibility to acquaint prospective members of the PCL with these regulations.
4. All requests for admission into the PCL shall be referred in writing to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors one (1) full year before the date of expected admission.
5. The two-thirds vote of the Board of Governors shall be required to admit a new school into the Catholic League.
6. A member school desiring to enter a varsity team into a particular sport-provided Article 111, Section 2, is adhered to submit a letter of request signed by the Principal and presented by the Athletic Director to the Chairperson of the Board of Directors thirty (30) days prior to the conclusion of the same sport's season, including playoffs. Those member schools currently participating in that varsity sport vote on this request at the subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors. A simple majority of those voting will be required for permission to be granted.
7. For a member school to withdraw from varsity competition in a particular sport, a letter of intent (signed by the Principal and presented by the Athletic Director) should be submitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Directors thirty (30) days prior to the conclusion of the same sport's season, including playoffs. The Chairperson will then so inform the Office of

Catholic Education, District XII Committee, the Board of Directors, and the Board of Governors at their next meeting.

8. PCL member schools that have PCL sports must participate in the PCL for those sports.
9. PCL member schools may not, at any time, participate in PCL sports in any other league and may not, at any time, participate in PCL sports via an independent schedule, unless otherwise voted on by the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors.
10. A school may withdraw from a PCL sport and still retain membership in the PCL. In the case of an involuntary withdrawal from a PCL sport occasioned by circumstances beyond the schools control (reasons other than a voluntary decision to withdraw from a sport); the school may reapply for participation in that sport in the following season. A school that voluntarily withdraws from a PCL sport (reasons other than beyond the school's control) may not participate in that sport for two (2) successive seasons.

ARTICLE IV

ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURES

1. The organization, legislation and admission of the PCL shall be conducted through a Board of Governors and a Board of Directors, under the jurisdiction of the Office of Catholic Education and the District XII Committee.
 - a. The District XII Committee shall consist of 22 total seats, of which the PCL hold seven (7) seats. Those seats include One (1) OCE Member, One (1) PCL Member School Principal, Four (4) PCL Athletic Directors, and One (1) PCL Parent.
 - b. Members of the District XII Committee, as defined above, will be appointed by the OCE representative to the PCL in conjunction with the needs of the District XII Chairman.
2. The Board of Governors shall consist of the Principals of the schools in the PCL. Non-voting members shall include representatives from the Board of Directors, Presidents and the Office of Catholic Education.
3. The officers of the Board of Governors shall be (a) Chairperson; (b) Vice-Chairperson; (c) Secretary.
4. The Board of Governors shall meet at least four times during each school year. Other meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the Chairperson or at the request of any five (5) members.
5. The Chairperson shall invite the Principals of prospective member schools to attend all meetings of the Board of Governors to acquaint them with the policies and procedures of the PCL.

6. The officers of the Board of Governors shall be elected at the last meeting of the school year and shall serve for a term of two (2) years.
7. Two-thirds of the entire membership of the Board of Governors shall constitute a quorum.
8. The Board of Governors shall have the authority and duty:
 - a. To oversee interscholastic activities in the PCL schools.
 - b. To interpret the provisions of the Constitution of the PCL and such rules, regulations and amendments as it may adopt.
 - c. To hear appeals, and to decide matters in dispute as submitted by the Board of Directors not covered by PIAA.
 - d. To set and enforce penalties for any violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Code of Conduct and to review sanctions as levied by the Board of Directors.
 - e. To send a report of the minutes of all meetings to each member of the Board of Governors, to each member of the Board of Directors, and to the Office of Catholic Education.
 - f. To decide all major issues by a two-thirds vote of the voting members of the league (absent voting members have the right to send a delegate with voting privileges).
9. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Athletic Directors of the schools in the Philadelphia Catholic League.
10. The Board of Directors has the authority and duty:
 - a. To apply and enforce the Constitution as well as the other regulations and the league Code of Conduct.
 - b. To supervise all athletic contests among member schools.
 - c. To approve schedules, to adopt NFHS (and PIAA) playing rules, to appoint assignors to select officials, and to arrange for other practical details for the efficient administration for all league sports.
 - d. To appoint one (1) of its members as moderator for each league sport who shall:
 - 1) Appoint appropriate certified health and safety personnel for all post-season contests held at neutral sites.

- 2) Act as liaison between the Board of Directors and the coaches, conducting meetings and submitting the recommendations of the coaches for action by the Board of Directors. The Coaches' Association shall serve in an advisory capacity only.
 - 3) Update the red books for a designated sport at the conclusion of the regular season and promptly distribute these red books to the members of the Board of Directors.
 - 4) Be responsible for the league schedule for the next school year
 - 5) To supervise post-season and championship competition in the designated sport.
 - a) Responsible for submitting a financial report containing ticket reconciliation, and income and expenses after each post-season contest for which an admission charge is required.
 - 6) To resolve problems involving individual sports by providing for voting that is restricted to Athletic Directors of the schools participating in that sport.
 - 7) To decide all issues by majority vote of those voting.
 - 8) To send a report of the minutes of all meetings to the Board of Governors, the members of the Board of Directors, to School Presidents, and to the Office of Catholic Education.
11. All schools are empowered to appoint an individual moderator for each league sport. This school moderator is under the direct supervision of the Athletic Director.
12. The officers of the Board of Directors shall be (1) Chairperson; (2) Vice Chairperson; (3) Secretary; (4) Treasurer.
13. The duties of the Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall be:
- a. To chair all Board meetings
 - b. To act as liaison between the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors.
 - c. To supervise annually the updating of the Philadelphia Catholic League red books and constitution.
 - d. To call special meetings when necessary
 - e. To receive all alleged violations of the Code of Conduct and schedule appropriate meetings according to the league constitution.
 - f. To provide for a strict and consistent interpretation of all areas of the constitution.

14. The duties of the Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall be:
 - a. To say the prayer at the beginning of each meeting.
 - b. To preside at the meetings in the absence of the chairperson.

15. The duties of the Treasurer of the Board of Directors shall be:
 - a. To record all league transactions in a journal.
 - b. To pay by check all league expenses.
 - c. To handle finances of all league contests.
 - d. To recommend the amount of income or expense each school should receive or incur from league playoffs.
 - e. To make monthly financial line item reports, consisting of income and expenditures, to the Board of Directors, Board of Governors, Presidents and Office of Catholic Education.
 - 1) Every September, the treasurer will present a 3-year review of PCL's income and expenditures.
 - f. The treasurer shall on July 30, submit the ledger of the previous fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) to the Chair of the Board of Governors for audit by the accounts of three (3) member schools chosen by the Board of Governors.

16. The duties of the Secretary of the Board of Directors shall be:
 - a. To record the minutes of all regular and special meetings.
 - b. To submit the minutes of each meeting to the Board of Directors for approval at their subsequent meeting. Each member of the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors and the school Presidents is to receive a copy of these minutes prior to this meeting. A copy of the minutes is also sent to the Office of Catholic Education.
 - c. To construct the agenda in conjunction with the Chairperson for each meeting of the Board of Directors, and to send a copy of this agenda to each member of the Board of Directors, the Board of Governors, and the School Presidents one (1) week prior to the monthly meeting. A copy of this agenda is also sent to the Office of Catholic Education.
 - d. To prepare an annual directory of the Board of Directors and to distribute a copy of this directory to each member of the Board of Directors, to each member of the Board of Governors, to each Assistant Principal for Student Affairs/Student Life, to each school President, and to the Office of Catholic Education.

- e. To aid the Chairperson and all the other officers in all of the normal functions of the Office of Recording Secretary.
17. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly during the scholastic year. Other meetings may be called at the discretion of the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall invite the Athletic Directors or prospective member schools to attend all meetings of the Board to acquaint them with the policies and regulations of the league. Every proposal which is to be considered at a monthly meeting is to be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. In addition, each member of the Board should receive a detailed written copy of the proposal prior to the day of the meeting.
18. The Officers of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the last meeting of the scholastic year for at least a two (2) year term.
19. All sports that are specified to have assigned officials for contests, shall utilize the assigner designated by the PCL. The League Assigner shall:
- a. Work with the league moderator in obtaining a school's freshmen, JV, and Varsity schedule.
 - b. Attend pre-season meetings with League Moderators | Coaches' Association to review any new rule interpretation.
 - c. Assign competent officials for each of the scheduled games and attempt to restrict to a reasonable number of assignments to one school.
 - d. Provide personnel to attend games and observe the official's performance.
 - e. Plan meetings with officials for rules interpretation as well as in-service programs to teach mechanics.
 - f. Provide each head coach with officials' evaluation forms to be returned to him
 - g. Review with the League Moderator the results of the coaches' evaluations and take appropriate steps to retain or remove officials who do not have favorable evaluations.
 - h. Shall forward to the League Moderator officials' game reports of any incidents resulting of player and/or coach ejection from the contest, as well as any other misconduct.
20. With the PCL entry into PIAA, the position of Assistant Executive Director was established, and his job responsibilities shall include:
- a. Serve as the liaison between the Board of Directors and PIAA District XII organization.
 - b. Attend meetings of the Board of Directors and PIAA District XII's Executive Committee.

- c. Serve as one of seven voting members of District XII Executive Committee in place of OCE members when necessary and for other Catholic League members where permissible by PIAA rules.
- d. Assist with PIAA District XII championships when necessary and serve as “games committee” member when requested by District XII Executive Committee.
- e. With the Office of Catholic Education, facilitate sponsorship agreements with various companies, associations, and educational entities.
- f. Assist PCL sports moderators in playoff event operations and serve as advisors to the League regarding PCL and PIAA District XII Championships.
- g. At the request of the PCL Chairperson, serve as PCL representative at PIAA state-wide events, games and meetings.
- h. Serve as mentor and advisor to newly-appointed athletic directors.
- i. At the direction of the Chairperson of PCL, assist with additional issues and operations matters of the Philadelphia Catholic League.
- j. To order and disburse complimentary passes at the first Board meeting in September.
- k. To order championship plaques, league stationary, and tickets necessary for playoff games.

ARTICLE IV (a)

BOARD CHAIRPERSONS

1939 – 1945	Rev. Thomas Lawless, OSFS
1945 – 1948	Rev. Joseph Dougherty
1948 – 1949	Brother Jerome
1949 – 1951	Brother Francis, FSC
1951 – 1956	Rev. Thomas Furphy, OSFS
1956 – 1957	Brother Joseph

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1959 – 1960	Rev. Harry Cassell, OSA
1960 – 1963	Rev. Edmund Wesolowski
1963 – 1965	Rev. Charles Gallen
1965 – 1967	Rev. John McGinty, SJ
1967 – 1969	Rev. Richard Skelley
1969 – 1971	Rev. John Conahan
1971 – 1973	Rev. William Dougherty
1973 – 1974	Rev. Joseph Denny
1974 – 1976	Mr. Joseph McNichol
1976 – 1978	Rev. Terry Adams, TOR
1978 – 1980	Mr. James Murray
1980 – 1982	Mr. Francis Dougherty
1982 – 1984	Mr. Martin Stanczak
1984 – 1986	Mr. Christopher Scattergood
1986 – 1988	Mr. George Todt
1988 – 1990	Mr. William Galante
1990 – 1992	Mr. John Mooney
1992 – 1994	Mr. James Gibbons
1994 – 1996	Bro. John Kane, FSC
1996 – 1998	Mr. John Sharp
1998 – 2000	Mr. Charles Knowles
2000 – 2002	Mrs. Patricia Berry
2002 – 2006	Mr. John Rodgers
2006 – 2008	Mr. David Falcione

ARTICLE V

FINANCES

1. There shall be membership dues for the schools in the league for PIAA and District XII.
2. There will be a general fund which shall consist of the proceeds of all league sponsored playoff events.
3. The general fund shall be used by the Chairperson of the Board of Directors for expenses that are incurred by the Board of Directors.
4. At the September meeting of the Board of Directors, the league Treasurer will submit a complete report of receipts and disbursements. A copy of this report will be sent to the members of the Board of Governors and the Office of Catholic Education.
5. If deficits occur, each school shall be assessed an equal share of the deficit.
6. The price scale of admission tickets for all league games shall be determined by the Board of Directors with the approval of the Board of Governors and the Presidents' Financial Committee.
7. Each financial section of the Redbook must indicate admission charges for regular season contests and for league sponsored playoff games, where applicable.
8. The philosophy of the Board of Directors of the PCL is to share equally with all member schools revenue from PCL Playoff and Championship contests for the past school year.
9. At the end of the school year (June) profits from all PCL events are distributed to member schools after first taking into consideration the upcoming budget of the fall activities.
10. The Board of Directors will submit salary scale proposals for Athletic Directors and coaches to the Board of Governors and the Presidents' Financial committee. The Chair of the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors will present the salary scale proposal to the secondary school Presidents' for approval.

ARTICLE VI

AMMENDMENTS AND INTERPRETATION

1. This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the entire voting membership of the Board of Governors. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the individual members of the Board of Governors at least seven (7) days in advance of a meeting of the Board of Governors.
2. The final decision concerning the interpretation of the constitution and by-laws shall rest with the Board of Governors.
3. All matters of policy and procedure shall be subject at all times to the approval of the Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Office of Catholic Education.

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BY - LAWS

ARTICLE I

ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETIC COMPETITION

1. LEAGUE SCHOOL

- A senior high school that is a member of the Philadelphia Catholic League.

2. NON-LEAGUE SCHOOL

- A junior or senior high school that is not a member of the Philadelphia Catholic League

3. RESIDENCE

- The address which has been accepted by the Office of Catholic Education as the place where the student is residing

4. MOVE

- A change of residence

5. ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

- Upon request, eligibility shall be reviewed in accordance of the by-laws of the PIAA.

6. AGE

- a. As PIAA states: A student who reaches his/her NINETEENTH (19) birthday on or after the first day of JULY is eligible for the entire scholastic year.
- b. As PIAA states: A student who reaches his/her NINETEENTH (19) birthday prior to the first day of JULY is ineligible for the entire scholastic year.

7. TRANSFER

- a. Transfers, upon request, shall follow the by-laws of the PIAA.
- b. The receiving school is required, when necessary to send the PIAA Transfer waiver to the principal of the sending school for their signature. Your prompt attention in this matter is greatly appreciated.

8. STUDENTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

- a. A student who is not a citizen of the United States but who is lawfully residing in this country, is enrolled as a full-time student in a league school, and meets all

other eligibility criteria, is eligible to participate in varsity sports. The student shall provide a copy of his/her visa to the Principal of the school he/she attends prior to participation in any varsity sports following the District XII Committee review.

- b. A foreign-exchange student who is enrolled in a bona fide foreign exchange program approved by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel prior to entering the United States, is enrolled as a full-time student in a league school, and meets all other eligibility criteria, is eligible to participate in varsity sports for the period of one (1) academic year during which he/she is enrolled as a foreign-exchange student in a league school following approval of the District XII Committee. The student shall provide a copy of his/her visa to the Principal of the school he/she attends, to accompany the request to the District XII Committee.
9. The eligibility of a student with a record of extended absences because of illness, injury, or homebound tutoring shall be decided in accordance with the PIAA.
10. A student shall become INELIGIBLE AT THE END OF EIGHT (8) SUCCESSIVE SEMESTERS BEYOND THE DATE OF HIS/HER ENTRANCE INTO NINTH GRADE. Eight (8) successive semesters means eight (8) successive semesters whether the student attends school or not. Exceptional cases may be reviewed by the District XII Executive Committee.
11. A student shall become INELIGIBLE IF THE STUDENT LOSES HIS/HER AMATUER STANDING. This ineligibility applies only to the sport in which the student has lost his/her standing.
12. Those students eligible to play in the last-scheduled league contests of the season shall be eligible to participate in any post-season league contest, except in the case of suspension during the last scheduled league contest, or if the student becomes ineligible otherwise during the post-season.
13. One (1) week prior to the league season for each sport, the Athletic Director of each school shall have on file the PIAA Certificate of Eligibility for each sport.
14. Eligibility issues are decided by the District XII Executive Committee at their regular monthly meetings.
15. Announcements to the communications media concerning the forfeit of league games shall be made ONLY BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OR BY HIS/HER APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE as soon as possible after the forfeit occurs.
16. Academic standards for participation in interscholastic sports shall be determined by the Principal of each school in accordance with minimum requirements set forth by the PIAA.

ARTICLE II

CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The method of deciding the championship of all sports shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
2. Awards shall be made annually by the league for all sports teams.
3. Whenever a rental fee is charged for a facility used in a PCL playoff and/or championship contest, the league moderator in that sport must receive the majority vote from the Board of Directors prior to contracting for the facility.

ARTICLE III

CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

1. Code of Conduct - The following penalties may be imposed for a violation of the Rules of Play or the league Code of Conduct:
 - a. **PROBATION:** A school, team, coach, parent, or individual may be placed on probation for a specified period during which adequate improvement must be proven by the offending school, team or individual. A subsequent vote by the Board of Directors at the end of this period will determine reinstatement.
 - b. **FORFEIT:** A team may be required to forfeit a contest and/or Championship for violation of the rules.
 - c. **SUSPENSION:** A sport, a school, a coach, a parent, or an individual may be suspended from the league for a specified period, either completing the balance of its schedule(s) as exhibition games or not being permitted to compete in the league.
 - d. **CENSURE:** A school or individual(s) responsible for a violation may be publicly censured in lieu of, or in addition to, other penalties imposed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

PROCEDURES DURING STRIKES

It is the philosophy of the PIAA Board of Directors, and PIAA member schools, that interscholastic athletics should not be used as a pawn during contract negotiations between School Boards and Education Associations.

While interscholastic athletics should not be considered to be different than any other extra-curricular activities, it is a simple fact of life that interscholastic athletics fan the emotions of a community to a higher and greater degree than any other school function.

Pursuant to ARTICLE XII, ATHLETIC RELATIONS, Section 6, Temporary Closure of School, of the PIAA By-Laws, there are several options that may be exercised during the period in which a member school is affected by a professional labor dispute:

- 1) A member school may Practice and compete in any scheduled Contests during the period of the work stoppage. If this option is elected, a Team may Practice only the length of time, each day that it would have Practiced had school been in session.
- 2) A member school may opt to Practice, but not play any Contests during the period of the work stoppage. If this option is elected, a Team may Practice only the length of time, each day that it would have Practiced had school been in session.
- 3) A Team (varsity, junior varsity, freshman, or junior high/middle school) **MUST** have completed the minimum length of Preseason Practice as specified for the sport in ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, of the PIAA By-Laws, **BEFORE** the first Contest of each season.
- 4) If a member school's Practice schedule has been interrupted by a strike for more than three (3) consecutive days after the minimum length of Preseason Practice has been completed, that school must have had three (3) days of Practice prior to resuming its interscholastic athletic schedule.
- 5) If there are **ANY** questions as to the required Practice rule, a member school should contact its respective District Chairman or the PIAA Office.
- 6) The decision as to whether to Practice and/or play rests solely with a member school's School Board.
- 7) If a Contest is postponed, it may, by mutual agreement between the two member schools, be rescheduled. Decisions on cancellations or postponements must be made no less than three (3) days prior to the scheduled Contest. In situations where extenuating circumstances are present, the Executive Director may waive the requirement that notification concerning a postponement or cancellation must occur at least three (3) days prior to the scheduled Contest. Inability to reschedule the Contest shall result in forfeiture by the closed member school.

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COACHING CODE OF CONDUCT

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ARTICLE I

ATHLETIC COURTESY

Athletics should foster sportsmanship. It is the privilege of each one of us associated with athletics to bear witness to our principles in our own actions.

1. Visiting teams and spectators are guests of the home team and should be treated as we would like to be treated.
2. The rules of the game are to be regarded as mutual agreements, the spirit or the letter of which no honorable person would break.
3. No action is to be taken, or course of conduct pursued which would seem unsportsmanlike or dishonorable if known to one's opponent or the public.
4. All coaches should refrain from making contact with their respective assignors for at least 24 hours after the conclusion of their contest. All questions and issues should be communicated through their respective Athletic Director before contacting the assignor.

ARTICLE II

ETHICS PERTAINING TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

This Code of Ethics is to be regarded not simply as a compilation of recommendations, but as a set of rules governing the conduct of student spectators, student-athletes, coaches and Athletic Directors.

SECTION I: Student-spectators must adhere to the following Code of Ethics:

1. Student-spectators must realize that they represent their school just as athletes do.
2. Student-spectators must appreciate and give suitable recognition to the good in others.

3. Only positive cheering is permitted by spectators for a PCL event. Spectators must avoid “booing”, abusive language or vulgarity as they are clearly a lack of charity that breeds the same in opponents.
4. All signs and posters must be pre-approved by the Assistant Principal for Student Affairs of the local school.
5. Inappropriate dress or conduct will not be permitted during a PCL event.
6. Student-spectators must refrain from using musical instruments and noise-makers, as these are annoying to some and inflammatory to others.
7. Student-spectators must regard officials and opponents as honest; officials’ decisions should be abided by, even when they seem unfair.
8. Student-spectators must be aware that if they continually evidence poor sportsmanship, they will be requested not to attend future contests.
9. If any of the above-mentioned violations are encountered during a PCL event, the officials have the authority to penalize the individual team and the school’s administration has the authority to stop the game and remove all spectators from the event if the spectators do not comply with the administrations’ request.
10. Student-spectators must realize that a contest ends with the final whistle or other signal; post-game injury to others or damage to property is un-Christian behavior.

POLICY FOR COACHES INTERACTION WITH THE MEDIA

The PCL, through the principles outlined in the Code of Conduct, demands that all members of the league, administrators, coaches, players, and fans, should in all circumstances demonstrate their Catholic identity through sportsmanship and spirituality.

Problems that arise in the course of competition must be addressed by the adults in charge. They must show leadership and maturity to defuse the situation and allow a sensible and honorable solution to occur. Where the adults in charge are unable to resolve the situation, and the controversy lingers, the matter must be presented before the Board of Directors.

It is important to understand that all parties involved, especially coaches, at all times represent their team, school, and the league. At all times, coaches are to refrain from making derogatory, damaging, and offensive remarks to the media. The Principal and Athletic Director of the school are to be informed of any emotional or potentially scandalous media situations. Coaches are not allowed to inflame a situation by giving such emotional or personal remarks to the media. Coaches are also prohibited from addressing personal comments to the media regarding league-wide policies and procedures.

Penalties for such behavior will result in censure, suspension, or dismissal of the coach.

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STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

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Student participation in any athletic activity is a privilege, which may be revoked or suspended when the established rules or regulations are violated. Students who desire to participate in athletic activities are expected to properly conduct themselves at all times. Each program may establish additional rules, which apply specifically to that program. The rules and regulations in this code shall apply to any on and off school premises violation. The following misconduct shall constitute grounds for immediate suspension and potential expulsion from participation in interscholastic practices and competition, and or participation in activities.

Threats, Bullying, Intimidation, Hazing and/or Initiation Ceremonies

The Office of Catholic Education, the Board of Governors and the Board of Directors intensely believe that students must be protected from threats, bullying, intimidation, hazing and |or initiation ceremonies. All verbal, written, and physical conduct that harasses, humiliates, or persecutes students, or disrupts or interferes with any student’s curricular or extracurricular experiences will not be tolerated.

No coach, sponsor, volunteer or diocesan employee shall plan, permit, direct, assist or engage, condone or tolerate any of the above stated activities.

Any student found, after investigation, to have engaged in any forms of this misconduct would be subject to disciplinary actions as defined by the member schools.

Any coach and/or student who witnesses or has knowledge of such misconduct activities and fails to report such actions will also be subject to appropriate disciplinary actions as defined by the member schools.