

# **Western Conference**

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## **Article I - Name**

This Conference shall be known as the "Western Conference".

## **Article II - Aim**

The aim of this Conference shall be to *promote, develop, direct, and control* Interscholastic Athletics of member schools within the policies and regulations established by this constitution, the county administrative office, and the FHSAA. Any article in this constitution that presently or in the future conflicts with county administrative policy or the FHSAA shall become null and void. Another major aim is to promote good sportsmanship of member schools within the Conference. Scheduling within the Conference will be so arranged as to enhance each school's chance of favorable competition within the FHSAA State Championship Programs.

## **Article III - Membership**

Membership in the Western Conference shall be limited to public high schools in Hillsborough County.

## **Article IV - Dues**

Annual dues for member schools of this Conference shall be \$500.00 payable each year on or before October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Article V - Officers**

- A. The officers of this Conference shall be a President (elected from principals), Vice-President (elected from Assistant Principals for Administration) and Secretary-Treasurer (elected from principals) of the Conference member schools.
- B. The election of officers will be by majority vote. If there are more than two candidates and no one receives a majority of votes, the two receiving the highest number of votes will be placed on a run-off ballot.
- C. The officers shall hold office until the required May meeting of the Conference, at which time new officers shall be elected. Provided, however, any of the officers then holding office shall be eligible for re-election, no officer except the secretary-treasurer shall be eligible to hold office for more than two consecutive terms.
- D. The president and vice president shall serve without pay. The secretary-treasurer shall receive an annual expense fund of five hundred dollars.

## **Article VI - Executive Committee**

- A. The President and the Secretary-treasurer elected at the required May meeting, as well as the Director of Athletics, shall constitute an "Executive Committee". The committee shall have the power to appoint a person to fill any vacant office that might occur by resignation or otherwise.
- B. The duties of the "Executive Committee" shall be to determine any breach of the constitution, bylaws, or regulations of this Conference, and to assess fines or penalties including recommendations for placing a member on probation or expulsion. Any member school in disagreement with the ruling or recommendation of the "Executive Committee" may appeal to the Conference in a regular or called meeting. Any such appeal to the Conference must be made in writing to the President at least 30 days before the meeting at which the appeal is to be considered. The President shall direct the secretary to notify member schools of the appeal at least 15 days before the date of the meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be required to overrule any decision of the committee.

## **Article VII - Meetings**

- A. Required Meetings: The required meetings of the Conference shall be held in August, January, and May.
- B. Special Meetings: The President shall have authority to call a special meeting of this Conference and, having decided to call said special meeting, they shall immediately request the secretary to notify each Principal and Assistant Principal of Administration in writing of the time and place of the special meeting. When, in the judgment of the president, and emergency exists, they may suspend the requirement that a week's notice be given in writing and call a meeting immediately.
- C. Representation at Meetings: Each school shall be represented by the Principal of said school and/or the Assistant Principal for Administration. Each school shall be allowed only one vote, to be cast by the Principal or the Assistant Principal for Administration in the absence of the Principal. If either the Principal and/or the Assistant Principal for Administration cannot be present at the required meetings of the Conference or a special meeting, a proxy can be named by said school to represent its absent member and said proxy shall have all the rights and privileges of said absent party. The proxy must be a member of the administrative staff of said school and proxy authorization must be in writing.
- D. Quorum: Two-thirds of the members of this Conference shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Conference.

## Article VIII - Conference Composed of the Following Schools

By Division: American, National, and Federal

### American Division

Alonso High School  
Blake High School  
Gaither High School  
Jefferson High School  
Leto High School  
Plant High School  
Robinson High School  
Sickles High School  
Steinbrenner High School

### Federal Division

Bloomington High School  
Brandon High School  
Durant High School  
East Bay High School  
Lennard High School  
Newsome High School  
Plant City High School  
Riverview High School  
Spoto High School

### National Division

Armwood High School  
Chamberlain High School  
Freedom High School  
Hillsborough High School  
King High School  
Middleton High School  
Strawberry Crest High School  
Tampa Bay Tech High School  
Wharton High School

## Article IX - Conference Sports

A. The interscholastic sports sponsored by the Conference are as follows:

### SEASON

### SPORT

Fall

Cross Country, Boys and Girls Varsity  
Football, Junior Varsity  
Football, Varsity  
Golf, Boys and Girls  
Swimming, Boys and Girls  
Volleyball, Girls Junior Varsity  
Volleyball, Girls Varsity

Winter

Cheerleading  
Basketball, Boys and Girls Junior Varsity  
Basketball, Boys and Girls Varsity  
Soccer, Boys and Girls  
Wrestling, Boys Junior Varsity  
Wrestling, Boys Varsity

Spring

Baseball, Boys  
Flag Football, Junior Varsity  
Flag Football, Varsity  
Lacrosse, Boys and Girls  
Softball, Girls  
Tennis, Boys and Girls  
Track, Boys and Girls Varsity

B. Seniors cannot participate on junior varsity sports. Exceptions must be must be approved by Executive Committee.

**All Conference Team:**

Divisions will select an All Division Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Team and 2<sup>nd</sup> team in all sports. The Selection will be made by conference coaches at a mandatory meeting or as designated in Article X.

**All Sports Scheduling:**

- A. District assignments shall be made by the FHSAA.
- B. Appeals to district assignments must be approved by the Athletics Department.

**Article X - Information Pertaining to Each Conference Sport**

**Baseball**

1. All Conference Division Selections will be *made no later than one week following the completion of the Schedule*. The All Conference Team shall consist of the following numbers and positions:

Catcher	1
Pitchers	2
Infielders	4
Outfielders	3
Utility / DH ( <i>Designated Hitter</i> )	1

- a. The selection of the three divisions All Conference Team will consist of schools voting (coaches) by division for their choice. The process will begin with each coach nominating one (1) person per position then voting will continue by each voting member selecting in order of preference 1, 2, and 3. First place votes are worth 3 points, second place votes will receive two points, and third place votes will receive one point. The nominee receiving the most points shall be named to the first team in All Conference
  - b. Each division shall select a second team All Conference by the same process.
  - c. Coach of the Year for each division will be selected by vote of the coaches from that division.
  - d. In case of any and all ties within the selection process the coaches shall vote to break the tie.
  - e. Schools not represented shall be assessed a \$50 fine payable to the Western Conference.
  - f. Notification of the selection meeting shall be sent at least seven calendar days before the meeting date.
2. Awards
- a. The All Conference Division First Team selection will receive the All Conference Medals awarded by the Conference.
3. All schedules will be formally approved by the Western Conference.
4. Practice shall begin in accordance with FHSAA policy and shall end with the end of the last regularly scheduled game unless one's team qualifies for the FHSAA play-offs in which case practice shall end the day one's team is eliminated from the play-offs.

## **Basketball**

1. Selection of All Division Team:
  - a. The selection of the three divisions Conference Team will consist of schools voting (coaches) by division for their choice. The process will begin with each coach nominating one (1) person per position then voting will continue by each voting member selecting in order of preference 1, 2, and 3. First place votes are worth 3 points, second place votes will receive two points, and third place votes will receive one point. The nominee receiving the most points shall be named to the first team in All Conference.
  - b. Each division shall select a second team All Conference by the same process.
  - c. Coach of the Year for each division will be selected by vote of the coaches from that division.
  - d. In case of any and all ties within the selection process the coaches shall vote to break the tie.
  - e. Schools not represented shall be assessed a \$50 fine payable to the Western Conference.
  - f. Notification of the selection meeting shall be sent at least seven calendar days before the meeting date.
2. Awards:
  - a. The Division All Conference First Team selections will receive the All Conference Medals awarded by the Conference.
3. Practice shall begin in accordance with FHSAA policy and shall end with the end of the last regularly scheduled game unless one's team qualifies for the FHSAA play-offs in which case practice shall end the day one's team is eliminated from the play-offs.

## **Cheerleaders**

Competition: There will be a Western Conference cheerleader championship for senior high school varsity squads. The following criteria should be used in organizing the championship:

1. There will be a qualifying round by division with the top four teams in each division advancing to the Western Conference Finals.
2. There will be a championship match composed of top 12 from qualifying round.
3. Finals will be determined by the Senior High Principals.
4. The finals of the Cheerleader Championship will be judged by a panel of six judges
5. The criteria to be used by judges in the qualifying round and finals will be set by a coaches committee and will include a time limitation for the performance.
6. Admission will be charged at the qualifying round and finals (the recommended admission will be \$4 for adults and students or use of Student Activity Cards).
7. The qualifying round and finals will be staffed by game personnel in the same manner as other athletic contests such as:

- a. security
- b. ticket takers
- c. ticket sellers
- d. timer
- e. announcer
- f. business manager (tournament)
- g. director of competition
- h. competition judges (six for each competition level)
- i. Other personnel deemed necessary by the Athletics Department

All Conference Selection – 20 cheerleaders per Division of All Conference Selections by coaches is determined by finish in the Western Conference Championship.

Western Conference American Division	Western Conference National Division	Western Conference Federal Division
1 <sup>st</sup> - 4 Selections	1 <sup>st</sup> - 4 Selections	1 <sup>st</sup> - 4 Selections
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 Selections	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 Selections	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 Selections
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 2 Selections	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 2 Selections	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 2 Selections
4 <sup>th</sup> - 2 Selections	4 <sup>th</sup> - 2 Selections	4 <sup>th</sup> - 2 Selections
5 <sup>th</sup> - 1 Selection	5 <sup>th</sup> - 1 Selection	5 <sup>th</sup> - 1 Selection
6 <sup>th</sup> - 1 Selection	6 <sup>th</sup> - 1 Selection	6 <sup>th</sup> - 1 Selection
7 <sup>th</sup> - 1 Selection	7 <sup>th</sup> - 1 Selection	7 <sup>th</sup> - 1 Selection
8 <sup>th</sup> - 1 Selection	8 <sup>th</sup> - 1 Selection	8 <sup>th</sup> - 1 Selection
9 <sup>th</sup> - 1 Selection	9 <sup>th</sup> - 1 Selection	9 <sup>th</sup> - 1 Selection

- 8. Coach of the Year for each division will be selected by vote of the coaches from that division.

### **Cross Country**

- 1. All Conference Division Selections will be *made no later than one week following the completion of the Schedule.*
  - a. The selection of the three divisions All Conference Team will be determined by the results of the Divisional meet.
  - b. Each division shall select a second team All Conference by the same process.
  - c. Coach of the Year from each division will be selected by vote of the coaches from that division.
  - d. In case of any and all ties within the selection process the coaches shall vote to break the tie.
  - e. Schools not represented shall be assessed a \$50 fine payable to the Western Conference.
  - f. Notification of the selection meeting shall be sent at least seven calendar days before the meeting date.
- 2. Awards
  - a. The All Conference Division First Team selection will receive the All Conference Medals awarded by the Conference.



3. Practice shall begin in accordance with FHSAA policy and shall end with the end of the last regularly scheduled game unless one's team qualifies for the FHSAA play-offs in which case practice shall end the day one's team is eliminated from the play-offs.

## **Flag Football**

1. All Conference Division Selections will be *made no later than one week following the completion of the Schedule*. The All Conference Team shall consist of the following numbers:
  - a. The selection of the two divisions All Conference Team will consist of schools voting (coaches) by division for their choice. The process will begin with each coach nominating one (1) person per position then voting will continue by each voting member selecting in order of preference 1, 2, and 3. First place votes are worth 3 points, second place votes will receive two points, and third place votes will receive one point. The nominee receiving the most points shall be named to the first team in All Conference. The All Conference team shall consist of ten (10) players.
  - b. Each division shall select a second team All Conference by the same process.
  - c. Coach of the Year from each division will be selected by vote of the coaches from that division.
  - d. In case of any and all ties within the selection process the coaches shall vote to break the tie.
  - e. Schools not represented shall be assessed a \$50 fine payable to the Western Conference.
  - f. Notification of the selection meeting shall be sent at least seven calendar days before the meeting date.
2. Awards
  - a. The All Conference Division First Team selection will receive the All Conference Medals awarded by the Conference.
3. The Conference Schedule is presented for approval at the January meeting of the Conference.
4. Practice shall begin in accordance with FHSAA policy and shall end with the end of the last regularly scheduled game unless one's team qualifies for the FHSAA play-offs in which case practice shall end the day one's team is eliminated from the play-offs.

## **Football**

1. Following the football season, the Assistant Principal for Administration assigned to football will call a meeting of the Western Conference head football coaches to select the (twenty-five) 25 All Western Division Conference Football Players as follows:

<u>Offense</u>			<u>Defense</u>		<u>Specialists</u>		
Center	1	Utility/TE	1	Downmen	4	Place Kicker	1
Guards	2	Quarterback	1	Linebackers	4	Punter	1
Tackles	2	Running Backs	3	Defensive Backs	3	Return Man	1
Wide Receiver	2						

- a. The selection of the three divisions Conference Team will consist of schools voting (coaches) by division for their choice. The process will begin with each coach nominating one (1) person per position then voting will continue by each voting member selecting in order of preference 1, 2, and 3. First place votes are worth 3 points, second place votes will receive two points, and third place votes will receive one point. The nominee receiving the most points shall be named to the first team in All Conference.
- b. Each division shall select a second team All Conference by the same process.
- c. Coach of the Year for each division will be selected by vote of the coaches from that division.
- d. In case of any and all ties within the selection process the coaches shall vote to break the tie.
- e. Schools not represented shall be assessed a \$50 fine payable to the Western Conference.
- f. Notification of the selection meeting shall be sent at least seven calendar days before the meeting date.

## 2. Awards

- a. The All Conference Division First Team selection will receive the All Conference Medals awarded by the Conference.

3. When Western Conference Varsity Football teams are playing each other, the head coaches will exchange the two previous game tapes. The last game tape will be exchanged by 8:00 Monday morning.

4. Practice shall begin in accordance with FHSAA policy and shall end with the end of the last regularly scheduled game unless one's team qualifies for the FHSAA play-offs in which case practice shall end the day one's team is eliminated from the play-offs.

## Golf

1. All Conference Division Selections will be *made no later than one week following the completion of the Schedule*. The All Conference Team shall consist of the following:

- a. The selection of the three divisions All Conference Team will consist of schools voting (coaches) by division for their choice. The process will begin with each coach nominating one (1) person per position then voting will continue by each voting member selecting in order of preference 1, 2, and 3. First place votes are worth 3 points, second place votes will receive two points, and third place votes will receive one point. The nominee receiving the most points shall be named to the first team in All Conference. The Western Conference golf coaches will select a team of five (5) boys and five (5) girls for each division.
- b. Each division shall select a second team All Conference by the same process.

- c. Coach of the Year from each division will be selected by vote of the coaches from that division.
  - d. In case of any and all ties within the selection process the coaches shall vote to break the tie.
  - e. Schools not represented shall be assessed a \$50 fine payable to the Western Conference.
  - f. Notification of the selection meeting shall be sent at least seven calendar days before the meeting date.
2. Awards
    - a. The All Conference Division First Team selection will receive the All Conference Medals awarded by the Conference.
3. Practice shall begin in accordance with FHSAA policy and shall end with the end of the last regularly scheduled game unless one's team qualifies for the FHSAA play-offs in which case practice shall end the day one's team is eliminated from the play-offs.

## **Lacrosse**

1. All Star Division Selections will be made no later than one week following the completion of the Schedule. The All Conference Team shall consist of the following:
    - a. The selection of the three divisions All Conference Team will consist of schools voting (coaches) by division for their choice. The process will begin with each coach nominating one (1) person per position then voting will continue by each voting member selecting in order of preference 1, 2, and 3. First place votes are worth 3 points, second place votes will receive two points, and third place votes will receive one point. The nominee receiving the most points shall be named to the first team in All Conference. The Western Conference lacrosse coaches will select a boys team of eleven (11) players and one (1) goalie and a girls team of eleven (11) players and one (1) goalie for each division.
    - b. Each division shall select a second team All Conference by the same process.
    - c. Coach of the Year from each division will be selected by vote of the coaches from that division.
    - d. In case of any and all ties within the selection process the coaches shall vote to break the tie.
    - e. Schools not represented shall be assessed a \$50 fine payable to the Western Conference.
    - f. Notification of the selection meeting shall be sent at least seven calendar days before the meeting date.
2. Awards
    - a. The All Conference Division First Team selection will receive the All Conference Medals awarded by the Conference.

3. Practice shall begin in accordance with FHSAA policy and shall end with the end of the last regularly scheduled game unless one's team qualifies for the FHSAA play-offs in which case practice shall end the day one's team is eliminated from the play-offs.

## **Soccer**

1. All Conference Division Selections will be *made no later than one week following the completion of the Schedule*. The All Conference Team shall consist of the following numbers:
  - a. The selection of the three divisions All Conference Team will consist of schools voting (coaches) by division for their choice. The process will begin with each coach nominating one (1) person per position then voting will continue by each voting member selecting in order of preference 1, 2, and 3. First place votes are worth 3 points, second place votes will receive two points, and third place votes will receive one point. The nominee receiving the most points shall be named to the first team in All Conference. Each division will select eleven (11) boys and eleven (11) girls to the first team.
  - b. Each division shall select a second team All Conference by the same process.
  - c. Coach of the Year for each division will be selected by vote of the coaches from that division.
  - d. In case of any and all ties within the selection process the coaches shall vote to break the tie.
  - e. Schools not represented shall be assessed a \$50 fine payable to the Western Conference.
  - f. Notification of the selection meeting shall be sent at least seven calendar days before the meeting date.
2. Awards
  - a. The All Conference Division First Team selection will receive the All Conference Medals awarded by the Conference.
3. All Conference Division Team Selection – The Conference will provide medals to the eleven members of the First Team as selected by the coaches. Coaches shall meet before the district tournament to select a first and second squad.
4. Practice shall begin in accordance with FHSAA policy and shall end with the end of the last regularly scheduled game unless one's team qualifies for the FHSAA play-offs in which case practice shall end the day one's team is eliminated forms the play-offs.

## **Softball**

1. All Conference Division Selections will be *made no later than one week following the completion of the Schedule*. The All Conference Team shall consist of the following numbers and positions:

Catcher	1
Pitchers	2

Infielders	4
Outfielders	3
Utility / DH ( <i>Designated Hitter</i> )	1

- a. The selection of the three divisions All Conference Team will consist of schools voting (coaches) by division for their choice. The process will begin with each coach nominating one (1) person per position then voting will continue by each voting member selecting in order of preference 1, 2, and 3. First place votes are worth 3 points, second place votes will receive two points, and third place votes will receive one point. The nominee receiving the most points shall be named to the first team in All Conference.
- b. Each division shall select a second team All Conference by the same process.
- c. Coach of the Year from each division will be selected by vote of the coaches from that division.
- d. In case of any and all ties within the selection process the coaches shall vote to break the tie.
- e. Schools not represented shall be assessed a \$50 fine payable to the Western Conference.
- f. Notification of the selection meeting shall be sent at least seven calendar days before the meeting date.

## 2. Awards

- a. The All Conference Division First Team selection will receive the All Conference Medals awarded by the Conference.

3. Practice shall begin in accordance with FHSAA policy and shall end with the end of the last regularly scheduled game unless one's team qualifies for the FHSAA play-offs in which case practice shall end the day one's team is eliminated from the play-offs.

## **Swimming**

1. All Conference Division Selections will be *made no later than one week following the completion of the Schedule.*
  - a. The All Conference Team shall be determined by the results of the Divisional meet.
  - b. Each division shall select a second team All Conference by the same process.
  - c. Coach of the Year from each division will be selected by vote of the coaches from that division.
  - d. In case of any and all ties within the selection process the coaches shall vote to break the tie.
  - e. Schools not represented shall be assessed a \$50 fine payable to the Western Conference.

## 2. Awards

- a. The All Conference Division First Team selection will receive the All Conference Medals awarded by the Conference.
- b. Each division will have an All Conference Boys and Girls Team in the following events based on the results of the divisional swim meets.

100 yard medley relay	100 yard freestyle
200 yard freestyle	100 yard backstroke
200 yard individual medley	100 yard breaststroke
50 yard freestyle	200 yard freestyle relay
diving	400 yard freestyle relay
100 yard butterfly	500 yard freestyle

- Practice shall begin in accordance with FHSAA policy and shall end with the end of the last regularly scheduled game unless one's team qualifies for the FHSAA play-offs in which case practice shall end the day one's team is eliminated from the play-offs.

## Tennis

- All Conference Division Selections will be *made no later than one week following the completion of the Schedule*. The All Conference Team shall consist of the following numbers:
  - The selection of the three divisions All Conference Team will consist of schools voting (coaches) by division for their choice. The process will begin with each coach nominating one (1) person per position then voting will continue by each voting member selecting in order of preference 1, 2, and 3. First place votes are worth 3 points, second place votes will receive two points, and third place votes will receive one point. The nominee receiving the most points shall be named to the first team in All Conference. Five (5) boys and five (5) girls will be selected to each division All Conference Team. A first and second team boys and girls doubles team will also be selected.
  - Each division shall select a second team All Conference by the same process.
  - Coach of the Year from each division will be selected by vote of the coaches from that division.
  - In case of any and all ties within the selection process the coaches shall vote to break the tie.
  - Schools not represented shall be assessed a \$50 fine payable to the Western Conference.
  - Notification of the selection meeting shall be sent at least seven calendar days before the meeting date.
- Awards
  - The All Conference Division First Team selection will receive the All Conference Medals awarded by the Conference.
- Establish a "Tennis Board of Appeals" to deal with any problems concerning ethical conduct or etiquette. The Board of Appeals will be headed up by the assistant principal for administration in charge of tennis. The board is to make all recommendations to the Director of Athletics regarding conduct or etiquette

3. USTA rules will apply unless set aside by an FHSAA rule. Schools will enter their players in matches according to their rank and position on the team.
4. Singles Play – best five (5) players will play on a ladder 1 – 5. No changes unless there is an injury (approved by the assistant principal for administration).
5. Doubles Play – if number 1 player plays doubles, he or she must play number 1 doubles. Numbers 2, 3, 4, and 5 can be interchanged in number 1 or number 2 doubles, which gives the coach an opportunity to use some coaching strategy.
6. Practice shall begin in accordance with FHSAA policy and shall end with the end of the last regularly scheduled game unless one’s team qualifies for the FHSAA play-offs in which case practice shall end the day one’s team is eliminated from the play-offs.

## Track and Field

1. All school must attend the Nash Higgins Relays and the Manuel Griffin Frandauffer meet.
2. Selection of All Conference Team to be determined by the order of finish at the three (3) Divisional Conference Meets prior to the Vernon Korhn Championship.
3. Awards
  - a. The All Conference Division First Team selection will receive the All Conference Medals awarded by the Conference.
  - b. Each division will have an All Conference Team in the following events based on the results of the divisional track meets:

3200 meter relay	400 meter dash	Discus
110/100 meter high hurdles	300 meter hurdles	High jump
100 meter dash	800 meter run	Long jump
800 meter relay	200 meter dash	Pole vault
1600 meter run	3200 meter run	Shot put
400 meter relay	1600 meter relay	Triple jump

- c. Coach of the Year from each division will be selected by vote of the coaches from that division.
4. Practice shall begin in accordance with FHSAA policy and shall end with the end of the last regularly scheduled game unless one’s team qualifies for the FHSAA play-offs in which case practice shall end the day one’s team is eliminated from the play-offs.
5. Western Conference Schedules will be presented to the Conference Principals, or designees, in January of each year for approval of competition for the following spring season. The rough draft schedule presented to the principals shall be prepared by Conference head track coaches at a meeting called in November or December of each year by the assistant principal that is responsible for coordinating the sport of track and field.
6. Entries – All schools will be allowed up to four (4) entries in each event.

7. Preliminaries will be run in all of the following events when the number of entries exceeds eight (8):
  - A. Girls / Boys – High Hurdles
  - B. Girls / Boys – 100 meters
  - C. Girls / Boys – 220 yards / 200 meters
  - D. Girls / Boys – 330 yards / 300 meter hurdles
  - E. Girls / Boys – 440 yards / 400 meters
8. In an effort to run the meet in an efficient manner, the girls / boys 330 yards / 300 meter hurdles, along with the girls / boys 440 yards / 400 meter races may be placed in the finals due to a lack of entries. The races / heats will be spearheaded by times using the National Federation and FHSAA contest rules and regulations procedures. All entries within the limit per school will be permitted to compete at the Division Championship. No student athlete will be eliminated who is qualified to run.
9. The host school will establish the meeting time and the site of the scratch meeting. The administration of the host schools will conduct the meeting and will work with the coaches as to organization, seeding of heats / races, and the scheduling of events for the meet. The meeting is to be conducted in a democratic manner. Coaches will be offered the opportunity to vote on meet organization. A majority vote of the head coaches / designee will decide.
10. All running field events will be conducted in compliance with the Hillsborough County School District and FHSAA rules and contest policies. In the case a policy or procedure is not defined, then the National Federation rules and contest policies will be used.
11. In order for the host school to administer a safe and orderly meet, the facility limitation will be of primary consideration in the developmental and organizational phase. Assistance in hosting the meet may be required of the participating schools in the areas of timing, judging, picking and the officiating of field events.

## **Volleyball**

1. All Conference Division Selections will be *made no later than one week following the completion of the Schedule*. The All Conference Team shall consist of the following numbers:
  - a. The selection of the three divisions All Conference Team will consist of schools voting (coaches) by division for their choice. The process will begin with each coach nominating one (1) person per position then voting will continue by each voting member selecting in order of preference 1, 2, and 3. First place votes are worth 3 points, second place votes will receive two points, and third place votes will receive one point. The nominee receiving the most points shall be named to the first team in All Conference. The All Conference Team shall consist of six (6) players and a libero.
  - b. Each division shall select a second team All Conference by the same process.



- c. Coach of the Year from each division will be selected by vote of the coaches from that division.
- d. In case of any and all ties within the selection process the coaches shall vote to break the tie.
- e. Schools not represented shall be assessed a \$50 fine payable to the Western Conference.
- f. Notification of the selection meeting shall be sent at least seven calendar days before the meeting date.

## 2. Awards

- a. The All Conference Division First Team selection will receive the All Conference Medals awarded by the Conference.

3. Conference Schedule – the Western Conference volleyball schedule shall be presented to the principals, or designee, for approval at the May Western Conference meeting each year. This would give more flexibility in scheduling.

4. Practice shall begin in accordance with FHSAA policy and shall end with the end of the last regularly scheduled game unless one's team qualifies for the FHSAA play-offs in which case practice shall end the day one's team is eliminated from the play-offs.

## **Wrestling**

1. All Conference Division Selections will be *made no later than one week following the completion of the Schedule*. The All Conference Team shall consist of the following numbers:

- a. The selection of the three divisions All Conference Team will be determined by the results of the Divisional meet.
- b. Each division shall select a second team All Conference by the same process.
- c. Coach of the Year from each division will be selected by vote of the coaches from that division.
- d. In case of any and all ties within the selection process the coaches shall vote to break the tie.
- e. Schools not represented shall be assessed a \$50 fine payable to the Western Conference.
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## **Article XI - Officials**

- A. Official Contracts are negotiated by the District Athletics Office and the approved by the School Board.
- B. Cross Country, Golf, Swimming, Tennis and Track – The home team shall select officials for matches or meets in these sports.

## **Article XII - Amendments**

Proposed amendments to this constitution must be submitted in writing to the secretary at least thirty days before a regularly scheduled meeting of the Conference. The secretary will notify members of the proposed amendments at least fifteen days before the date of the meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members of the Conference will be required for approval. The president will have the authority to call a special meeting of the Conference to consider constitutional amendments with approval of the executive committee. Proper notification of members as outlined above will be followed.

## **Article XIII - News Media**

- A. Contest Admittance – representatives of the news media will be admitted to Conference athletic contest upon proper identification issued by the Director of Athletics office.
- B. Conference News Releases – All Conference news releases will be made by the Assistant Principal in charge of that sport.

## **Western Conference Hospitality Fund**

The Western Conference may be assessed up to a maximum of \$200.00 to provide assistance in Hospitality and Funding for a Western Conference School that hosts a State Championship.