

# **Metropolitan League Sac-Joaquin Section of the C.I.F.**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I *NAME AND PURPOSE***

- Section 1** This organization shall be known as the Metropolitan League
- Section 2** The purpose of this organization is to:
- 2.1 Direct, coordinate, and control Administrative Council approved athletics/activities
  - 2.2 Assume the responsibility for administration and supervision of all activities.
  - 2.3 Cultivate and foster, by observance of good standards of sportsmanship and the exchange of ideas, more cordial and friendly relations among schools

### **ARTICLE II *MEMBERSHIP***

- Section 1** The Metropolitan League shall consist of schools assigned by the Sac-Joaquin Section.

### **ARTICLE III *MEETINGS***

- Section 1** The President shall call a minimum of four regular meetings: fall (2), winter, spring
- Section 2** Special Meetings of the League may be called by the President via personal contact to the principals with stated agenda items.
- Section 3** A quorum for any meeting shall consist of more than half of the membership.
- Section 4** Copies of the regular meeting notice and agenda shall be distributed by the Commissioner at least one week in advance of each meeting.
- Section 5** Each school will be entitled to one vote. Only the principal (or designee) shall vote. Participants in attendance should include at least the principal (designee) and athletic director.
- Section 6** Provision is made for executive sessions limited to principals and/or such people as the President may call where the business involves personnel matters.

### **ARTICLE IV *Officers***

- Section 1** The League shall elect from its members a president at the spring meeting. The president shall be a principal.

Term of office shall be two years. No one shall serve more than two consecutive terms as president. New officers shall take office effective July 1 following the spring election.

**Section 2** The President shall be responsible for providing the release of information in regard to the Metropolitan League's actions and for interpretation of the constitution.

**Section 3** Duties of the League Commissioner:

- 3.1 The Commissioner shall keep a record of all Metropolitan League Meetings
- 3.2 Carry on official correspondence
- 3.3 Prepare and distribute new copies of the bylaws each year
- 3.4 Distribute Metropolitan League approved schedules
- 3.5 Take charge of all money and pay all bills
- 3.6 Present a budget at the fall meeting for final approval

**Section 4** The League Commissioner shall be selected by the Administrative Council of the Metropolitan League. The Commissioner will assume all duties assigned by the President and will work in close cooperation with the President. The Commissioner will not make or change league policy.

## **Article V** ***League Financing***

**Section 1** At the fall meeting, it shall be determined what, if any assessment shall be made to finance the League for the current school year. Such assessments will be:

- 1.1 Equally divided among the member schools
- 1.2 Schools with partial participation shall be assessed based on the number of sports in which the school is assigned to the league by the Sac-Joaquin Section.

**Section 2** All profits from league championships shall be paid to the League treasury.

**Section 3** Any time a change of membership of the League occurs, the treasury will be disbursed among member schools.

## **Article VI** ***General Rules for All Sports***

**Section 1** Adequate dressing facilities and field benches shall be provided by the host school.

**Section 2** Each school represents the League – Review Sac-Joaquin Section Code of Conduct

**Section 3** The host school will be responsible for any entertainment provided during half time, unless other arrangements are made in advance.

**Section 4** The home team is responsible for providing officials at all athletic events.

**Section 5** Schedules for all sports are to be prepared by the Commissioner. A representative from each participating school must be present when the schedules are approved. Copies of the

recommended schedules must be distributed to each school at least one week before the League's spring meeting. The Commissioner will issue all officially approved schedules.

- Section 6** Protest procedures:
- 6.1 Principals must file a protest in writing via email with the President/Commissioner within three (3) working days following the date of the contest/incident being protested
  - 6.2 It is incumbent on the school filing the protest to provide all the necessary evidence to substantiate their request. This may include video, letters, officials' reports...
  - 6.3 Within 2 days following receipt of the protest, the President will convene a panel of 3 neutral board members to review the protest.
  - 6.4 The panel will issue their decision to the school(s) involved.
- Section 7** At the fall meeting the Commissioner will establish and publish the sport representatives.
- Section 8** Sport representatives responsibilities are:
- 8.1 Attend and conduct the pre-season coaches meeting
  - 8.2 Distribute bylaws to each coach and notify coaches of any changes
  - 8.3 Create a list of coaches contact information and provide for the commissioner
  - 8.4 Schedule and conduct the post-season meeting
  - 8.5 Send a reminder to coaches/ath. directors 2 weeks prior to the post-season meeting
  - 8.6 Discuss bylaw concerns and bring recommendations to the Administrative Council
  - 8.7 Report won/loss records and final standings to the commissioner and SJS office
  - 8.8 Record and submit the All League team and Coach of the Year to the commissioner
  - 8.9 Distribute All League patches and Championship banner
  - 8.10 Assist the host school/venue with League championship events
- Section 9** Member schools may compete as follows:
- 9.1 Freshmen - 9th grade only; JV teams - 9th - 11th grade only; Varsity - 9th - 12th grade
  - 9.2 For each sport fielded at member schools, that sport must compete at the varsity level first  
and lower levels may be fielded if participation numbers allow. For safety concerns only, there may be exceptions to this directive.  
New schools are exempt from varsity competition until such time as the school has juniors.
- Section 10** The officially approved schedule for each sport will designate the levels of competition, the date, location, and time for each game/match.
- Section 11** The location, date, or time of scheduled events may be modified by mutual consent of the athletic directors of the schools involved.
- Section 12** All member schools shall provide administrative supervision at all league contests in the sports of football and basketball (both home and away). Member schools shall also have administrative supervision available for away contests in all other sports, if requested by the host school. This provision may be waived by mutual consent of the schools involved.

## **Article VII** ***Eligibility***

- Section 1** Member schools must comply with the minimum eligibility requirements as set forth by the Sac-Joaquin Section and the CIF.
- Section 2** Grade Point Average eligibility will be enforced on the second Monday following the end of a grading period. This applies to all student-athletes becoming eligible and/or ineligible.

### **Article VIII** *League Champion/Post-Season Play*

- Section 1** When two or more teams are tied for first place at the end of league competition, said teams shall be considered co-champions and will both receive a championship pennant.
- Section 2** After the league season concludes, teams not competing in the CIF playoffs can not compete in a post-season game or tournament. Any team who qualifies for CIF play-offs may compete against another team who also qualifies for CIF playoffs as long as such competition does not conflict with CIF playoffs and neither team exceeds the number of contacts as defined in SJS bylaw 519.1.

### **Article IX** *Pennants/Patches*

- Section 1** The League will award championship pennants for first place at the varsity level in each sport of the season. The League Commissioner will purchase, distribute, and keep an annual record of all pennant winners. Any medals or certificates awarded at any League championship event will be financed by mutual agreement of the participating schools.
- Section 2** All League patches will be awarded only at the varsity level. For all team sports, the number of All League players will be determined by the following formula:  
The number of players who participate during competition x 2 + 2. This formula includes the Player of the Year.

### **Article X** *League Passes/Admission Prices*

- Section 1** Student I.D. cards will be recognized for a discount at all League contests.
- Section 2** High School Member Booster Passes are only allowed at the host school.
- Section 3** School Staff members plus one guest will be allowed to attend League events with a current School or District picture I.D. card.
- Section 4** Only "Playoff" and selected CIF passes, will be honored at playoff games. Each participating school must submit a roster of staff personnel and guests for free admission. The principals of the League have the right to make this determination for any game under their auspices.

**Section 5** Admission to all Metropolitan League varsity games for football and girls/boys basketball, girls volleyball, wrestling, track & field, and Metro League Championships in water polo, wrestling, swimming, and track & field:

Children 7 years old and under, with parent/guardian Free

Senior Citizens (60 years and older)  
\$5.00

High school/middle school students with proper Student I.D. card  
\$5.00

Adults and students without proper Student I.D. card \$7.00

*The decision to charge for other sports is at the discretion of the host school.*

- 5.1 It is mandatory that League admission prices be posted. Schools may offer special season ticket prices, courtesy rates, etc.. these special prices do not need to be posted.
- 5.2 No player passes will be issued. The coach of each team will be responsible for getting his/her players into the game facility through the proper channels as designated by the host school.

## **Article XI**

### ***Consequences***

**Section 1** If a bylaw violation occurs, the Principal of that school will be contacted by the President or Commissioner and asked to investigate. The President will convene a panel to review the completed investigation and recommend consequences:

- 1.1 The following are possible consequences:
  - A. A letter of reprimand
  - B. A fine that does not exceed \$100.00 made out to the League
  - C. A suspension for the coach
  - D. A forfeit (s) for the team
  - E. A one year probation for the violating coach

The League President will then take the appropriate action.