

# 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 Board of Managers approved athletics and 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 CIF Sac-Joaquin Section.

### ARTICLE III *MEETINGS*

- Section 1** The President shall call a minimum of three regular meetings: fall, winter and 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 his designee) shall vote. Participants in attendance should include at least the principal or vice-principal 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 and a Commissioner. The election shall be held 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 to provide for the release of information in regard to the Metropolitan Conference 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 by-laws each year
  - 3.4 Distribute Metropolitan League approved schedules.
  - 3.5 Take charge of all money and pay all bills with approval of the President
  - 3.6 Present a budget at the Fall meeting for final approval
- Section 4** The League Commissioner shall be elected by the Board of Managers from 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 coordinate the development of league schedules with the member schools Athletic Directors and then submit them to the League meeting for adoption. 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 based on:
- 1.1 Assessment fees for the League will be equally divided among the member schools
  - 1.2 Schools with only 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** A projected League Budget will be prepared and submitted by the Commissioner and approved at the fall meeting.
- Section 4** All awards given by the League shall be paid from the League treasury.
- Section 5** 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 has the responsibility 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 schedule is approved. Copies of the recommended schedule must be distributed to each school at least one week before the League meeting at which it is approved. The Commissioner will officially issue all approved schedules.
- Section 6** Protest procedure:
- 6.1 Principals must file protest in writing with the President within three (3) days following the date of the contest being protested (See also Section by-laws, protests.)
  - 6.2 Within 2 days following receipt of the protest, the President will convene a panel of 3 neutral board members to review the protest.
  - 6.3 The panel will issue their decision to each of the schools involved.
- Section 7** At the Fall meeting the Commissioner will establish and publish the sport’s representatives.
- Section 8** The sport's representatives have the following duties in cooperation with League Commissioner:
1. Schedule a meeting of all coaches of the specific sport prior to the first scheduled League game and/or match.
  2. Clarify and inform all coaches of any current rule changes.
  3. Schedule a post-season meeting in accordance with League bylaws.
  4. Send a copy of minutes and/or recommendations of all meetings to the League Commissioner.
  5. The AD/Sport's Representative is responsible for the organization, implementation, and supervision of League meets in conjunction with the host school.
- Section 9** Ninth to twelfth grade Member schools may compete as Frosh teams and/or Frosh/Soph. teams. 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. New schools are exempt from varsity competition until such time as the school has a junior class.
- Section 10** The approved schedule for each sport will designate the levels of competition for each sport as well as the location and time for each game or match.

**Section 11** 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 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.

**Section 2** Section Rule 501.3 Any team not competing in the CIF playoffs will not compete in a post-season game or tournament after the league season is over. Any team who qualifies for CIF Play-off competition may compete with another team who qualifies for CIF playoffs as long as such competition does not conflict with CIF Playoffs and neither team shall exceed the number of contacts as defined in 519.1.

## **Article IX**

### ***Trophies and Awards***

**Section 1** The League will award pennants for first place at the varsity level in each sport of the season. The League Commissioner will keep a record of all pennant winners each year. The Commissioner will be responsible for the purchase and control of League pennants. Any medals or certificates awarded at any League event will be financed by individual schools.

**Section 2** All League patches will be awarded only at the varsity level.

## **Article X**

### ***League Passes/Admission Prices***

- Section 1** All Students 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 contests for men's/women's basketball/volleyball and football:
- Children 10 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
- 5.1 It is mandatory that admission prices be posted. Schools may offer special season ticket prices, courtesy rates, etc....but 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.
- 5.3 Admission to League Championships in wrestling, swimming and track (mandatory); all other sports or when only lower level football and basketball games are played (the decision to charge is at the discretion of the host school):
- Children 10 years old and under with parent/guardian  
Free
- Senior Citizens (60 years and older)  
\$4.00
- High school/middle school students with proper Student I.D. card  
\$4.00
- Adults and students without proper Student I.D. card  
\$6.00

## **Article XI**

### ***Consequences***

**Section 1** If a by-law has been violated, the Principal of that school will be contacted by the Commissioner or President and asked to investigate. The President will then convene a panel to review the investigation and recommend consequences:

1.1 The following are possible consequences:

- 1) A letter of reprimand
- 2) A fine that does not exceed \$100.00 made out to the League
- 3) A suspension for the coach
- 4) A forfeit (s) for the team
- 5) A one year probation for the violating coach

The League President will then take the appropriate action.