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**BASEBALL – SOFTBALL – BOYS' VOLLEYBALL
BOYS' & GIRLS' LACROSSE – BOYS' & GIRLS' TRACK
BOYS' AND GIRLS' TENNIS**

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BASEBALL

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PIONEER VALLEY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE BASEBALL SPORT ASSOCIATION SPRING BY-LAWS

Important Note: PVIAC baseball games shall be played under the rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations, as modified by the MIAA. Please reference the NFHS Baseball Rule Book and the MIAA Baseball Page for all baseball rules and modifications. The following set of by-laws will be used for administrative purposes only and should not impact any rules of the game.

A. Schedule

1. To be drawn by conference appointed schedule-makers according to league alignment and play formulas.

B. Procedure for Sub-Varsity Schedule

1. Whenever possible, Junior Varsity contests will be at the same site as the Varsity game.

C. Postponement Procedure

1. If a game is to be postponed, the home team must notify the visiting team and game officials two and a half hours before game time, if possible.
2. Postponed and Suspended contests should be immediately re-scheduled on the first day the teams do not have a scheduled competition. (The window for rescheduling must not exceed ten (10) calendar days for the date of postponement and mutually agreed and there are no conflicts with fields, availability of officials or transportation policies.)
3. If a team arrives late to a game the HOME team will take infield when the opposing team arrives. The visiting team will have 20 minutes from their arrival time at their bench to warm up and be ready to play. Note: Coaches should call ahead if they know they will arrive late.

D. Starting Time

1. Game time: 4:00 pm unless otherwise agreed upon.

E. Playing Field Location

1. Refer to the MIAA site for location of scheduled games.

F. Length of Contest

1. Night game curfew-No new inning after 11:00pm.
2. Lights may be used to complete a game if available. They should be turned on in the top of an inning.

G. Hitting during the game

1. No practice/warm up hitting of any form may take place during the game. This includes but is not limited to the batting tunnels, soft toss, batting tees and hitting sticks. This applies only to the two teams involved in the game.

H. NOCSAE Requirements

1. All levels of PVIAC baseball games will follow the same NFHS/MIAA equipment/ball NOCSAE requirements.

I. Coaching Uniforms

1. Adult base coaches in Varsity games only, must be in uniform. In uniform is defined as:
 - A. Baseball pants that match those of the team.
 - B. Baseball shirts that match those of the team. A Jacket/warm-up of team colors may be worn in lieu of a team shirt.
 - C. At the sub-varsity level, the above coaching uniform is recommended but not required. However, appropriate coaching attire should be worn.

J. Selection of All-Star Teams – refer to PVIAC Policy

K. Meetings – Refer to PVIAC and Calendar

L. Reporting Scores and Results

Home team is responsible to report scores to Mass Live and local media.

BOYS' LACROSSE

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**PIONEER VALLEY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
BOYS' LACROSSE SPORT ASSOCIATION
SPRING BY-LAWS**

A. SCHEDULE

1. To be drawn by conference appointed schedule-makers according to league alignment and play formulas.

B. PROCEDURE FOR SUB VARSITY

1. Will follow Varsity schedule.
2. If a school knows in advance that it will be unable to field a JV team for the season or for any given games(s), it must notify opponent in writing as soon as possible.

C. POSTPONEMENT

1. Home school responsibility to notify visiting school at earliest possible time.
2. Game is to be rescheduled on the next playable school day provided a site is suitable for play.

D. STARTING TIME ADJUSTMENTS

1. Starting times for conference assigned contests is 3:30 unless mutually agreed upon.
2. Schools must notify opponents and officials if starting times cannot be met.

E. LOCATION OF PLAYING SITES

1. Refer to PVIAC Directory
2. Home school responsibility to notify opponents of any change.

F. LENGTH OF CONTEST

1. Varsity 12 minute quarters.
2. J.V. 12 minute quarters.

G. RULES OF THE GAME MODIFICATIONS

1. All teams play under National Federation Rules unless modified by MIAA Blue Book guidelines.
Mercy Rule: (Federation) Start running time in 3rd period.

H. EQUIPMENT

1. As specified by sport rules.

I. UNIFORMS

1. The home team shall wear white or light and the away team shall wear dark.

J. ORDER OF EVENTS

1. Not applicable

K. PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINATION OF DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. League champion will be determined by won-loss percentage within the league. In case of a tie, co-champs will be declared.

L. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF ALL STAR TEAMS

1. Established all "ground rules" for the selection method before the meeting begins to eliminate controversy.
2. Refer to PVIAC policy with regard to the number of selections.
3. Results must be reported by Sport Association Chairperson.

M. PROTEST PROCEDURE

1. Refer to PVIAC policy.

N. PROVISION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEETINGS

1. Refer to PVIAC policy and calendar.

O. SPECIAL RULES

1. As modified by the MIAA

P. PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING SCORES AND RESULTS

1. Home school responsibility to report scores and statistics to MassLive, local newspapers and television stations.

Q. RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING LEAGUE RECORDS

1. Each school (coach) is responsible for maintaining individual and team records.
2. Team records should be forwarded to the PVIAC Executive Director through the athletic director

GIRLS' LACROSSE

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**PIONEER VALLEY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
GIRLS' LACROSSE SPORT ASSOCIATION
SPRING BY-LAWS**

A) SCHEDULE

1. There are three leagues in Girls Lacrosse. Valley Wheel (5 teams), Valley League (5 teams), and Pioneer League (6 teams).
2. The Valley Wheel and Valley League will be scheduled to play twice within their league and once with teams in the other league totaling 13 games.
3. The Pioneer League will be scheduled to play twice within their league for a total of 10 games.
4. Scheduling is to be set and accepted at Spring Meetings.
5. League Chair School will be responsible to compile a League Schedule with 30 days after the spring A.D.'s meetings.
6. Schedule is to be structured to place mandatory cross-overs within the league games throughout the season schedule.
7. If coaches, facilities and officials are available, teams will play games simultaneously.

B) PROCEDURE FOR SUB-VARSITY SCHEDULE

1. All teams that play each other with sub-varsity squads will play a junior varsity match after the varsity match. Games held at night will have sub-varsity squads compete prior to the varsity match.

C) POSTPONEMENT PROCEDURE

1. The Athletic Director of the home team will be the judge whether a game must be postponed. If the Athletic Director decides the game is to be played, the visiting team must be present for the game or forfeit it. The privilege of appealing to the member schools concerning the forfeiture is granted to the visiting team's principal. Illness will not be a factor in game postponement.
2. If a game is postponed, the contest must be played on the next regular school day. Games whenever possible may be scheduled on Saturdays, **Sundays** or a school holiday with mutual consent of both schools.
3. When the game is postponed, the date set then becomes the same as a regularly scheduled contest.
4. League games take priority over any independently scheduled contest.

D) STARTING TIME ADJUSTMENT

1. Starting times for conference assigned contests is 3:30 unless mutually agreed upon.
2. Schools must notify opponents and officials if starting times cannot be met.

E) LOCATION OF PLAYING SITES

1. Refer to PVIAC Directory
2. Home school responsibility to notify opponents of any change.

F) LENGTH OF CONTEST

1. Varsity contests will have two 25-minute halves. The clock will not be stopped once a 10 point lead has been accomplished except during the last 2 minutes.
2. JV contests will have two 25-minute halves. The clock will not be stopped once a 10 point lead has been established except during the last 2 minutes. (Requested that A.D.'s, commissioner and coaches enforce this by-law correctly with officials)

G) RULES OF THE GAME MODIFICATION

1. The rules of eligibility and rules governing the particular parts played in the league as defined by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association will be incorporated into the by-laws, rules, and regulations of this league.
2. Final approval of the rules and regulations of the league will be decided by a majority of the principals of the participating schools. All recommended changes in the rules will be voted at the spring meeting by the member schools. These rules will be presented to the principals for approval. If an emergency arises effecting the health, welfare, and safety of the league become effective immediately, or on the date determined by the member schools.

H) EQUIPMENT

1. As specified by sport rules.

I) UNIFORMS

1. The home team shall wear white or light and the away team shall wear dark uniforms.

J) ORDER OF EVENTS

1. Not applicable.

K) PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINATION OF LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

1. League champion will be determined by won-loss percentage within the league. In case of a tie, head to head will be the next determining factor. If still tied at this point co-champs will be declared.

L) PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF ALL-STAR TEAMS

1. Established all "ground rules" for the selection method before the meeting to eliminate to eliminate controversy.
2. Refer to PVIAC policy with regard to the number of selections.
3. Results must be reported by Sports Association Chairperson.
4. All league selections will be determined at the post-season meeting.

M) PROTEST PROCEDURE

1. Coaches who have complaints or wish to register protests must forward them to the chair school for action. All protests must be signed by the school within forty-eight hours of the contest. (Saturday and Sunday will not count in the time limitation).

2. Protest will be decided by the member schools. Schools involved in the protest do not have a vote.

N) PROVISION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEETINGS

1. The league Chair is responsible for holding one pre-season and post-season meeting. The chair school may call emergency meeting at any time if feels the situation commands.
2. Girls Lacrosse will attempt to have their pre-season meeting after winter sports events to avoid conflicts of coaches/schools.
3. Girls Lacrosse will hold their post-season meeting on the same date as the cut-off date as established by the M.I.A.A.
4. Pre-season and Post-season meetings are mandatory for all coaches!

O) SPECIAL RULES

1. As modified by the M.I.A.A.

P) PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING SCORES AND RESULTS

1. It is the home schools responsibility to report scores and statistics to MassLive and local newspapers.

Q) RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING LEAGUE RECORDS

1. Each school is responsible for maintaining individual and team records.
2. Team records should be forwarded to the PVIAC Executive Director through the athletic director.

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

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**PIONEER VALLEY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
BOYS' VOLLEYBALL SPORT ASSOCIATION
SPRING BY-LAWS**

A. SCHEDULE.

1. See spring alignment for scheduling format.
2. A maximum of three games per week will be played. AD's should try to schedule 3-2-3-2 if possible.
3. The rotation of schedule would be to move the last date in the schedule to the top, every two years.

B. PROCEDURE FOR SUB-VARSITY SCHEDULE.

The sub-varsity will play at the same site and date as the varsity schedule.

C. POSTPONEMENT PROCEDURE.

As stated in the constitution of the PVIAC.

D. STARTING TIME ADJUSTMENT.

4:00 p.m. adjustment for schools unable to leave early.

E. LOCATION OF PLAYING SITES. Refer to PVIAC Directory

Home school discretion.

F. LENGTH OF CONTEST.

Varsity - Three (3) out of (5) games, 5th game (15pts)
JV - 3 full games – 3rd game, 15 pts

G. GAME RULES AND MODIFICATIONS.

NCAA rules and Blue Book modifications.

JV players are allowed to serve out of hand.

Both the home and away score keepers will be able to sit at the scores table during the contest, with the home scorebook being the official game book.

North League matches will use student line judges. All other PVIAC league matches (including crossovers with the North League) may only use line judges by mutual agreement of both coaches. The line judges stationed on each side will be provided by each team (1 for each) or by the host team if the visiting team cannot provide one. The line judges will be experienced in their duties and have knowledge of the game of volleyball prior to taking on the duty. Their coaches will train the line judges in advance, or have prior experi-

ence line judging matches. The line judges will provide input on plays that can be used by the officials to make accurate and appropriate calls. The coaches and officials will support the line judges in their calls and any/all crowd issues. All student line judges will be required to watch the Jr. Line Judge training video from USA Volleyball. This process will be reviewed after one year.

H. EQUIPMENT.

Tachikara Five Star Ball, Baden, or its equivalent.

The home team shall provide an official game ball of its choice, which is to be approved by the game officials thirty (30) minutes before the game.

Home team is required to provide warm-up volleyballs.

I. UNIFORM.

All tops and bottoms (whole uniform) must be identical at the varsity level.

J. PRACTICE RESTRICTIONS.

MIAA Rules.

K. ORDER OF EVENTS.

The junior varsity game will be played first and the varsity game second. If, for some reason, a team wishes to reverse the order of the games, they must notify the school the day before the match, or as soon as possible. Both coaches must consent before the game can be switched.

K. PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINATION OF LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Only league matches count for standings.

L. ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICIALS.

The volleyball commissioner will assign all officials through the regular season play and tournament play.

M. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF ALL-STAR TEAMS.

Teams will be selected at the post-season meeting. All players in the league are eligible. A coach may send his/her recommendations for All-Star Teams.

N. COMMISSIONERS JOB SPECIFICATIONS.

Set by the PVIAC.

O. SCOREBOARD.

Visible to each team and used at all matches.

P. PROTEST PROCEDURE.

As outlined in the Rules of the Sport and MIAA Rules & Regulations.

Q. PROVISION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEETINGS.

Refer to PVIAC Policy.

R. SPECIAL RULES.

Crowd control is the responsibility of the home school.

S. PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING SCORES AND RESULTS.

All scores should be reported to MassLive, The Recorder, or local paper by the home team.

T. RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING LEAGUE RECORDS.

Chair School will keep the following:

1. Won and Lost records.
2. All-Star Team.
3. Directory of leagues.

Track and Field

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**PIONEER VALLEY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
TRACK AND FIELD BY-LAWS**

A) Schedule

1. Refer to P.V.I.A.C. Directory
2. Schedule makers determined by P.V.I.A.C.
3. Steele Relays sanctioned by P.V.I.A.C.

B) Procedure for Sub-Varsity Schedule

During vacation week a development meet is scheduled, not a league meet.

C) Postponement Procedure

1. Responsibility of the home team.
2. Every attempt should be made to notify visiting teams by 1:00 pm
3. Make-up meets must be made up at next available date with failure to find a compatible date.
4. A meet suspended due to an emergency, such as hazardous weather conditions or power failure shall be continued from the point of interruption. All trials and marks, made up to the point of interruption, shall stand. A proper warm up must be given when the meet re starts.

D) Starting Time Adjustment

All meets should begin at **4:00pm** unless otherwise agreed upon by the participating teams

E) Location of Meets

1. Refer to PVIAC directory, *highschoolsports.net* or *TrackCentral Fan Page*
2. Schools that do not have access to a track are required to make arrangements for opposing teams to host them, or to secure a neutral site.

F) Length of Meets

To include all events, meets will run approximately between two to three (3) hours.

G) Rule Modifications

1. League will follow National High School Federation Rules.
2. All M.I.A.A. and P.V.I.A.C. track rules will apply. Athletes may participate in any 4 events including relays.

H) Equipment

Must comply with National Federation guidelines.

I) Uniform

All schools must follow NFHS uniform rules.

J) Order of Events

1. To follow National Federation rulebook format unless otherwise agreed upon by all participating teams.

K) Procedure for Determination of League Champions

PVIAC league champions determined by won/loss record within league excluding cross-overs

L) Procedure for Selection of All-Star Teams

At the post-season meeting, coaches will follow P.V.I.A.C. policy in determining all-stars.

M) Protest Procedure

As outlined in the NFHS rulebook and the M.I.A.A. blue book.

N) Provision and Responsibility for Meetings

Refer to the PVIAC Policy and Calendar (www.PVIAC.net)

O) Special Rules

1. Participation limits for PVIAC regular season meets will be in accordance with MIAA and NFHS rules.
2. Starting heights will be as follows unless another starting height is agreed upon by all coaches prior to the meet.
 - a. Boy's Pole Vault 7'-0"
 - b. Girl's Pole Vault 6'-0"
 - c. Boy's High Jump 4'-10"
 - d. Girl's High Jump 3'-10"
3. A Certified starter/referee is required for all PVIAC meets.
4. Certified starters will receive a \$5 per meet subsidy for starting blanks unless supplied by the hiring school; \$10 for tri and quad meets
5. An additional 3 (4 total) certified officials are recommended for dual meets, 5 (6total) for double duels.
6. Finish line
 - a. For races 800 meters or longer, officials will work together too determine order of finish and scoring places.
 - b. Times are to be reported to the score keeper and matched up with their respective places.
 - c. For races 400 meters or less officials will time by place. It is preferred to have one official pick places and one official time. If necessary, coaches and officials may work together to time by place. Under no circumstances should times be obtained by lane.
7. A member school that is certified to compete in the pole vault (coaches, athletes and equipment certified), when competing at a member school that does not conduct the pole vault event, will conduct the event at their own site at the practice day prior to the scheduled meet competition. The event must be officiated by a certified official or coach and athletes must clear the minimum heights designated in the PVIAC by-laws (6' 0" for girls and 7' 0' for boys). Performances by the athletes at such competition will be scored; will count towards the results and the performance will count towards an athlete's qualifying for tournament competition.

Additional Information:

 1. AD's need to email the track chairperson whether they have or don't have pole vault.
 2. If the opposing school requests the event information (date and time) it must be provided to them. It is important the opposing school have the opportunity to be present for the event if they so choose.

P) Procedure for Reporting Scores and Results

1. The home team *is required* to report results to MassLive.
2. Each coach is highly recommended to enter their results on TrackCentral.net

Q) Responsibility for Maintaining League Records

The chair school in conjunction with MassLive will be responsible for compiling and maintaining all league records.

R) Meet Management

1. *Meet Set-Up (to be provided by home team.)*
 - a. *Javelin, Discus and Shot Put sectors properly marked as per NFHS rules.*
 - b. *Javelin area securely fenced off with ropes or flags as required by NFHS rule.*
 - c. *Long/Triple Jump pits filled and leveled to height even with take-off board.*
 - d. *Pole Vault landing pads must meet NFHS standards including the covering all hard surfaces including the area around the vault box as required by NFHS rule 7-5 articles 9 and 14*
 - e. *High jump landing pads must meet NFHS standards.*
3. *Post Meet*
 - a. *Coaches from each team will verify or record their runners times for each event on the official score sheet. Times will be recorded (rounded up-hand time) to the nearest tenth (ie. 12.34 becomes 12.4)*
 - b. *Officials will verify and sign the official score sheet.*
 - c. *The home team is responsible for calling the Springfield Republican with results. Each coach is highly recommended to record their team's results on trackcentral.net*

Tennis

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**PIONEER VALLEY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
TENNIS SPORT ASSOCIATION**

- A. Procedure for Season Schedule
 - 1. To be drawn by conference appointed schedule-makers according to league alignment and play formula.
 - 2. Home and away meets will be as equitably scheduled as possible with no school having more than one (1) match imbalanced between home and away.
 - 3. Every year home and away matches will be reversed in the Valley Wheel, Valley League, Pioneer League and Tri-Country League.
 - 4. Each School will Schedule their own independent matches. In the event of a cancellation, league matches have first priority. ALL LEAGUE MATCHES ARE TO BE PLAYED.
- B. Procedure for Sub -Varsity Schedule
- C. Postponement Procedure
 - 1. Team matches cancelled due to inclement weather are to be played on the next playable date when the home facility is available.
 - 2. Matches that cannot be completed due to inclement weather will resume at the exact point at which they were suspended on the next available date with the same line-up. If a player is not available to play, the match will be forfeited.
- D. Starting Time Adjustment
 - 1. Starting times will be no later than 3:30.
 - 2. Time adjustments may be made with the agreement of both schools.
- E. Location of Playing Sites
 - 1. Refer to PVIAC Directory
- F. Length of Contest
 - 1. As specified by MIAA Blue Book of Rules.
- G. Rules of the Game Modification
 - 1. As per USTA rules and MIAA Blue Book Rules modification.
- H. Equipment

The home team shall be responsible for providing at least 15 new USTA-approved balls for every varsity team match. Low-pressure balls will not be accepted.

I. Uniform

All uniform tops shall be identical and worn during every match. Any athlete not wearing the team uniform will be considered ineligible and will forfeit their individual match.

J. Order of Events

As per MIAA Blue Book of Rules

K. Procedure for Determination of League Championships

- 1. Tri-County league champions will be determined by the best win/lose percentage after having competed against all schools within the league.
- 2. Valley Wheel, Valley League and Pioneer League champions will be determined by the best win/lose percentage after having completed all assigned league matches.
- 3. In the event that all schools have not completed all matches because of circumstances beyond their control the sport association will ballot to determine divisional championship.

L. Procedure for Selected All-Star Teams

- 1. Refer to PVIAC Policy.

M. Protest Procedure

1. Verbal protests are to be made to the opposing coach and/or Athletic Director prior to the match or prior to leaving the site.
2. All protests are then to be filed in writing to the schools involved and the Sport Association Chair within three (3) school days.
1. Coaches who have complaints or wish to register protests must forward them to the chair school for action. All protests must be signed by the school within forty-eight hours of the contest. (Saturday and Sunday will not count in the time limitation).
2. Protest will be decided by the member schools. Schools involved in the protest do not have a vote. Taken from Lacrosse by laws

N. Provisions and Responsibility for Meetings

Refer to PVIAC Policy and Calendar.

O. Special Rules

1. The server is to call the score before each point.
2. All matches are to be decided on the basis of best two out of three sets with a 7 point tiebreaker (first player to win 7 points, must win by 2) when a set reaches 6-6 in games.
3. If the winner of the contest has already been decided, and a match still being played has just split sets, a 10 point tiebreaker will be played to determine the winner of that match. The tie-breaker will be played in place of a deciding third set. The first player to win 10 points(must win by 2) will be the winner. Players will switch sides of the court only once during the tiebreaker and do so after six points have been played.
4. Profanities and/or vulgarities will not be tolerated on the court.
5. Prior to all matches the host school will inform all participants of applicable MIAA rules.

P. Procedure for Reporting Scores and Results

1. The home team is responsible for notifying MassLive of match results.

Q. Responsibility for Maintaining League Records

1. Athletic Director of the Sports Association Chair School will maintain league records.

SOFTBALL

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**PIONEER VALLEY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
SOFTBALL SPORT ASSOCIATION
SPRING BY-LAWS**

A. SCHEDULE

1. Schedules to be drawn by the conference appointed schedule makers according to league alignment and play formulas.

B. PROCEDURE FOR SUB VARSITY

1. Whenever possible, junior varsity contest will be at the same time as the varsity game.

C. POSTPONEMENT

1. If a game is to be postponed, the home team must notify the visiting school and game officials two and a half hours before the start if possible.
2. Postponed division and inter-division games will be made up on the next available date and division and inter-division games will take president over independent games. Independent games will be made up on the next available date to both teams. Failure to play will result in a forfeit. Available dates consist of Monday through Friday.
3. Regular season suspended games are to be picked up at the point of interruption at the next playable date should it be suspended before meeting the definition of a regulation game.
4. The chair school will rule on any problem.

D. STARTING TIME ADJUSTMENTS

Game time is 3:30 P.M. unless otherwise agreed upon.

1. Home team takes infield first, starts at least 25 minutes before game time. They will have no more than 10 minutes.
2. Away team will take infield 15 minutes before game time. They will have no more than 10 minutes.
3. Ground rules will start with umpires 5 minutes before game time.

E. PLAYING FIELD LOCATION

1. Home team responsibility to notify opponents if there is to be a change.

F. LENGTH OF CONTEST

1. Junior varsity and 9th grade teams will play an entire game. Common sense should be used during one-sided contests or if the length of the game becomes so extreme that the varsity team has been waiting around for a long period of time.
2. If a team is ahead by 12 runs after the fifth inning the game will end.

G. GAME RULES AND MODIFICATIONS

1. Game rules source: MIAA, ASA, and NFHS
2. No smoking in bench area by anyone.
3. There will be no tiebreaker.

H. EQUIPMENT

I. UNIFORM COLOR

J. ORDER OF EVENTS

K. DETERMINATION OF LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. By best won, loss percentage within a division. Crossover games will not count towards divisional championships except for Franklin North and South.

L. ALL STAR SELECTIONS

1. Selection results should be reported by the host school chair to the media, divisional (league) schools and sports associated chairman.
2. A team and a half, add one and a half player for each league with more than five teams.
3. Establish all "ground" rules for selection method before the meeting begins in each division.
4. Selection date will coincide with post-season meeting set by PVIAC within one week of league competition.

M. PROTEST PROCEDURE

1. Follow the procedure as outline in the MIAA Bluebook.
2. Follow the NFHS rule on protest.
3. Rule interpretation vs. judgment. Know the difference.
4. Letter to league chairman within 48 hours.

N. MEETINGS

1. As outlined in the Constitution of the PVIAC.
2. All-Star selection meetings (above).

O. SPECIAL RULES

1. Two officials must be assigned to varsity games.
2. No high school students are to be assigned to any games.
3. Umpires must complete started games.

P. REPORTING SCORES

1. Home team is responsible to report the game scores to MassLive and to the local newspapers.

Q. RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING LEAGUE RECORDS

1. Each school is responsible for maintaining individual and team records.
 2. Team records should be forwarded to the PVIAC Executive Director through the athletic director