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## ARTICLE I

### Name and Location.

- Section 1 The name of this non-profit organization shall be the "Metro Volleyball Conference" hereafter referred to as Metro VBC or MVC.
- Section 2 The Metro VBC shall be located at the residence of the League Director.

## ARTICLE II

### Purpose

- Section 1 To foster and develop physical skills, sportsmanship, respect for authority, self-discipline, personal responsibility and courtesy to others among the youth attending member schools or member parish's religious education programs.
- Section 2 To provide an organization in order that the youth may participate in interscholastic competition in the sport of volleyball.

## ARTICLE III

### Membership

- Section 1 Membership shall be open to parochial schools that are fully committed to fulfilling the league's purpose.
- Section 2 Membership shall be open to private, parochial school/parish teams only.
- Section 3 New schools may apply in writing for membership into the Metro Volleyball Conference. Schools can only be expelled by a 2/3 majority of the executive board.

## ARTICLE IV

### Eligibility

- Section 1 Team members must be students in grades 5-8 attending the member school or registered parishioner's actively involved in the Religious Education program of the member parish.
- Section 2 Team members must meet the following age requirements as of September 1<sup>st</sup>:  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Under 12 years  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Under 13 years  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Under 14 years  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Under 15 years
- Section 3 Girls may not compete on boys' teams and boys may not compete on girls' teams.
- Section 4 The Executive Board follows Archdiocesan policy for athletes transferring to a new school and will grant immediate eligibility if it is clearly demonstrated that a transfer was not athletically motivated.
- Section 5 No student may participate in the Metro Volleyball Conference without a document signed by the parent(s) or guardian(s) stating that: the student has permission to compete; the student is in good health and physical condition; the student is covered by insurance; and the parents(s) or guardian(s) understand the risks associated with participation in the volleyball program. No student may participate in the Metro Volleyball Conference without documentation that the student has had a physical examination by a licensed physician within the past two years. Members must keep parental permission documents and evidence of physical examination on file and immediately produce these if requested by the Executive Board.



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- Section 6 Any merger request must be submitted in writing to the League Director at least 7 days before the final team commitment date. The League Director/Board must approve all mergers and may impose conditions that they believe are appropriate.
- Section 7 Players can only be listed on one roster for the season.
- Section 8 Teams are limited to playing in only one league during the season.
- Section 9 Only teams comprised of players representing a single school/parish and in existence as a team during the entire sport season are eligible to participate in any school or parish sponsored tournaments.
- Section 10 Each member must submit a list of players to the Metro Volleyball Conference prior to the appropriate roster deadline. The roster form provided by the Metro Volleyball Conference must be completed in its entirety and signed by the coach, Athletic Director and Principal/Pastor.
- Section 11 After rosters have been submitted, players may be added only upon approval of the League Director. Upon approval, the member must submit documentation verifying eligibility to the Metro Volleyball Conference prior to the player participating in practice or any league play.
- Section 12 Members entering two or more teams in one grade **must** divide talent based on an annual tryout as follows:
- 5th & 6th grades: a parish which enters more than one team in one grade must divide the talent equally based on an annual tryout.
- 7th and 8th grades: talent must be divided into "A" and "B" team(s). An "A" team has superior talent when compared to the "B" team(s). The division of talent must be easily recognizable. A parish that enters more than one team in one grade must have an annual tryout to ensure the proper distribution of talent. The league will use its discretion to place a team in the "A" or "B" division using standings from the previous year. Teams may petition the Executive Board for exemption to Section 12.
- Section 13 All questions or appeals concerning player eligibility shall be directed to the League Director/Executive Board. The use of ineligible player(s) shall result in forfeiture of any games played with those player(s). Failure to comply with the roster requirements may result in forfeiture of games played until compliance is achieved. The Executive Board may impose additional penalties as deemed appropriate for violations of eligibility requirements.

## ARTICLE V

### General Rules

- Section 1 Members shall abide by the most recent policies of the Milwaukee Archdiocese and all Metro Volleyball Conference rules.
- Section 2 A gym supervisor(s) must be present and available in the gym during all league play. Coaches and adult supervisors are required to maintain order and are responsible for the conduct and discipline of players and spectators alike. Any disturbance by spectators which disturbs the orderly running of a game may be cause for a gym or fieldhouse to be cleared of the spectator(s) until the games' completion. Penalties include, but are not limited to, ejection and forfeiture for continued violation of rules of



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conduct. A fine and/or sanction may be levied on the host gym by the Executive Board if order is not maintained.

- Section 3 Adult supervision of locker rooms, showers and gyms, is mandatory. Only team members and authorized personnel are to be in the locker rooms. Per the WIAA, "WIAA Season Regulations and State Law (9175.22) prohibits use of cell phones (and other image-recording devices) in locker rooms except in emergency situations."
- Section 4 Host gyms are responsible for ensuring that facilities are available as scheduled and providing qualified adult supervision at all times to maintain order. Host gyms must supply both teams with a minimum of four balls each for warm up and a game ball for matches played at their gym. Game balls must be clearly labeled and used only for games. Game balls must meet WIAA regulations and have NFHS authenticating mark. Exception: Tachikara Volley-lite balls used for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls will not have the NFHS logo. Host schools must have a First Aid Kit available for all matches.
- Section 5 Metro Volleyball Conference does not provide insurance to cover its members. Parishes must provide insurance to cover players and spectators under all conditions.
- Section 6 Games will not be rescheduled once the final schedule is out. Requests for changes due to special, unforeseen circumstances may be submitted to the League Director and are subject to approval at his/her discretion. This should be done as soon as possible, at least one week or more before the originally scheduled game. Both schools must confirm in writing an agreement to the rescheduling when the request is submitted. A \$35.00 fee for payment of referees will be incurred by the schools rescheduling, the team initiating the rescheduling being responsible for the fee.
- Section 7 Any team forfeiting a League match shall be assessed a \$25.00 fee for the first instance, \$50.00 for the second forfeit, and \$100.00 for each additional forfeiture thereafter for the duration of the season. Fees are due upon completion of the season. Admittance to the Metro Volleyball Conference will be denied until all fees assessed have been paid.
- Section 8 All questions concerning rules and regulations shall be directed to the Metro Volleyball Conference Referee Coordinators. They will respond and/or if necessary, forward the questions to the League Director or Executive Board for discussion.
- Section 9 Any team dropping out after the dates specified in the registration information will not be refunded their entry fee. Any team dropping out after the schedules are done will be faced with sanctions. Any subsequent offenses will result in fines to be determined by the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE VI Appeals**

- Section 1 All appeals must be directed in writing to the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE VII Executive Board**

- Section 1 Management and administration of the affairs of the Metro Volleyball Conference shall be vested in the Executive Board. This board shall be composed of six to seven members endorsed by the member parishes.
- Section 2 The Metro Volleyball Conference League Director shall preside over all Executive Board meetings and all membership meetings. Vacancies in the Executive Board shall be filled by volunteers from the member teams and/or member parishes. If there are



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more volunteers than vacancies a vote by the Executive Board members will determine the committee members. The League Director shall act as the official Metro Volleyball Conference representative in any Archdiocesan matters.

Section 3 The League Director or appointed treasurer shall manage all Metro Volleyball Conference funds which will be deposited in an account in the name of Metro Volleyball Conference. They shall keep an account of the receipts and expenditures of Metro Volleyball Conference and submit a complete report annually or upon the request of the Executive Board. They shall also determine and collect all Metro Volleyball Conference fees subject to the approval of the Executive Board. In absence of the League Director, the Executive Board will determine who shall assume the duties of the League Director.

Section 4 Minutes of all meetings will be taken and distributed to all Executive Board members.

Section 5 The League Director shall be responsible for overseeing the scheduling of games and maintaining team rosters. The Referee Coordinator(s) shall be responsible for recommending Metro Volleyball Conference rules for volleyball and scheduling referees. Rule changes will be reviewed by the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE VIII Meetings**

Section 1 There will be a minimum of one meeting of the member parishes. Additional meetings may be added if necessary. The dates of all Metro Volleyball Conference meetings will be set by the League Director with at least ten days advance notice.

Section 2 The Executive Board will meet a minimum of two times per year and all minutes of these meetings will be available for review upon request of the League Director.

## **ARTICLE IX Dues**

Section 1 Members parishes shall pay annual dues. The amount of these dues will be determined by the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE X Parliamentary Authority**

Section 1 The rules contained in RULES OF ORDER shall be the parliamentary authority of the Metro Volleyball Conference in all matters where they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

## **ARTICLE XI Amendments**

Section 1 These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Executive Board by 2/3 affirmative vote of the Board.

