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FOREWORD

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The purpose of the Handbook is to express clearly all matters pertaining to the establishment, administration, operation, and maintenance of the interscholastic athletic program for the member schools of the CENTRAL CATHOLIC LEAGUE. A thorough knowledge of this information will provide each member school and its athletic staff with a guide for a more effective and unified league. The effective control and management of the interscholastic program tends to fail or succeed at the personnel level. The soundest of policies and procedures can be enacted; but until they are implemented into action, they are of no value. Leadership is the key to a sound program in interscholastic sports.

PHILOSOPHY

The basic purpose of the Catholic schools is to ensure that Catholic truths and values are fully integrated with the student's life and educational program. Interscholastic athletics are an important part of the educational program available to students in our secondary schools. When properly organized and conducted, interscholastic athletics provide numerous opportunities for students to participate in activities which assist in developing a better spiritual, moral, intellectual, physical, and social being. Further, interscholastic athletics are an extension of educational opportunities offered beyond the normal school hours. These activities offer supplementary educational settings which may be, and should be, effectively utilized. A school with only interscholastic athletics would be as absurd as a school without them. The guidelines for the CENTRAL CATHOLIC LEAGUE are based upon the following principles:

1. Since Catholic schools are assigned to the function of educating the young within the above philosophy, interscholastic athletics must contribute to this task. If an activity does not meet these criteria, it should be abandoned by the school.
2. Athletic guidelines for all contests, both league and non-league, must be consistent with, and contribute to, the purposes and objectives of the school which sponsors the program.
3. Winning and losing should always be in accordance with Christian principles.
4. The interscholastic program should be integrated into the broad program of physical education provided by the school.
5. The educational welfare, safety and health of a student, athlete, and spectator are essential and supreme, and should be provided for in the rules, regulations, and supervision of the program.
6. *Every attempt should be made to provide favorable conditions in order that the competitive experiences of the students may be wholesome and result in the attainment of desirable attitudes and conduct.*
7. In order to provide for any athletic sport there must be qualified educational leadership available for instruction and supervision of the squad. Interscholastic sports experiences must be directed toward educational goals and this requires qualified leadership.
8. *The formation of a league adds a desirable dimension to the interscholastic programs of our schools. Unified efforts, mutual respect and understanding develops with a sharing of ideas and concerns in the administration of a league.*

MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION:

MEMBER SCHOOLS

The member schools of the CENTRAL CATHOLIC LEAGUE are also members of the OHSAA. The state association administers interscholastic athletic programs through its scheduling and rule-making functions. The rules which it promulgates are minimum standards and binding upon its members and may not be waived. This Handbook contains rules and guidelines which govern the CCL in all matters both league and non-league. Member schools which are not diocesan schools are bound by all the guidelines designed exclusively for the maintenance of the athletic purpose of the league only. The League is a creation of the Diocese of Columbus, and is therefore subject to the approval of the Bishop. The management of affairs of the CCL shall be vested in a superintendent of schools, a commissioner, and a Board of Control.

AFFILIATES

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Affiliate status may be granted to a school for a period of time as determined by the BOC. CCL schools who wish may schedule both home and away contests with affiliates. Affiliates are not eligible for team standings nor team championships, but will be eligible for consensus All League honors for individual athletes. (6/09/06) Affiliate ADs and Head Administrators will be invited to attend board meetings. After a trial period, affiliate status may be renewed, dropped or elevated to member status.

THE BOARD OF CONTROL

The Board of Control (BOC) shall consist of the administrative head of each member school, who shall be responsible for the general management of all League affairs. Affiliate school administrative heads shall be invited to meetings. Meetings will be established by the board. It is subject to "called meetings" by the superintendent. The commissioner shall be appointed by the superintendent. S/he shall be the executive head in ex-officio capacity for the League and Board of Control. The commissioner shall take initiative in enforcing the rules and promoting the aims and interests of the League.

Two-thirds [five or seven] of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority vote of those members present shall be sufficient for any decision, election, or proposed amendment or amendment change. The superintendent may exercise the tie-breaking vote and is also charged with ultimate veto power concerning the local league.

Entry or withdrawal from the League requires a two-thirds [five of seven] vote of the board, subject to the approval of the superintendent. When the foregoing articles fail to specify action to be taken, Robert's Rules of Order will govern procedures to be followed.

THE ATHLETIC DIRECTORS COUNCIL

There shall be an Athletic Directors Council (ADC), made up of the AD from each school. Affiliate school ADs shall be invited to meetings. Two-thirds of the members of the ADC shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority vote of those members present shall be sufficient for any decision. The commissioner may exercise a tie-breaking vote and is also charged with ultimate veto power.

One of the ADs will serve as AD Coordinator. Duties will include setting agenda and conducting ADC meetings, processing minutes, and serving as liaison to the commissioner and the Board of Control from the ADC.

Each AD will be responsible for the activities of the coaches of a particular sport or sports. These responsibilities require each sport AD to:

1. call, conduct, and submit a written, dated report for pre-season and post season sport meetings. At the meetings discussion should include scheduling, handbook guidelines, responsibilities as coaches, officials, business for the ADC or BOC (including expenses for conducting tournaments and budgets for non-revenue sports), new business. Attendance must be taken and reported to the ADC and to administrative heads whose schools are not represented at the meeting. Each sport should have a home-phone list.
2. know and explain to others the rules and guidelines of the CCL Handbook. It must be reviewed at each meeting with coaches. The AD for a specific sport is the overseer of all components of that sport for the league. For tournaments a complete report should be submitted.
3. report as soon as possible statistics, All League selections and financial reports (when necessary). Coordination of the general operation of each sport must be handled by the AD.
4. communicate with officials assigners: The coordinating AD is the individual expected to maintain

contact with the assigner. At the end of each sport season, coaches will review officials assigned [5] to do League games; prepare a written list of preferred and non-preferred officials; and specific officials not requested by each of the schools, and submit the names to the officials assigner. Problems should be reported to the ADC.

5. take complete control of the following:

- a) represent the coaches at the ADC meetings
- b) report to coaches, results of votes or changes regarding their sport(s); these reports should include accurate final team standings, team records, coaches' names, All CCL selections.
- c) make contact with the awards company to give official notification of sport champions and winning school contact person
- d) contact and meet (if scheduling will permit) with the officials assigner for that sport after the post-season meeting

LEAGUE PARTICIPATION

If two-thirds of the schools field a team in any boys' or girls' sport, the Board of Control may sanction this sport for League competition. A minimum of 60% of the League's teams must compete in order to have championship play at the varsity level. Regardless of the number of schools fielding teams at the reserve and freshman levels, there will always be League schedules, standings and a championship. (1/16/91) FB and WR are the only sanctioned CCL sports which may compete in two (2) divisions. (6/10/02)

At the present time the following are League sanctioned sports:

Boys and Girls	Boys only	Girls only
Basketball	Baseball	Softball
Cross Country	Football	Volleyball
Soccer	Golf	
Swimming/Diving	Wrestling	
Tennis		
Track		

If the BOC sanctions any new League sport, all CCL schools fielding a team must join the League as soon as scheduling commitments allow. A school can not be forced to participate in the League sanctioned sport program if it is financially impossible to do so, or for reasons of a similar nature (e.g. the number of participants). However, if the school starts a League sport, the school must participate within the League unless given approval to remain outside the League. Schools wishing to participate in League sanctioned sports outside of the League must secure a two-thirds vote of the board and the approval of the superintendent.

At the end of League tournaments and team championship contests, the HOST TEAM will be responsible for providing an appropriate ceremony to recognize team champions. No non-League awards may be presented. (5/20/81). Championships in each sport at all levels will be acknowledged by a plate to be attached to a standard plaque. Each school will purchase its own plaques, but plaques will be a standard type as approved by the BOC: each level will have its own plaque; the expense of the engraving will be paid by the school; and, all ties will receive duplicate plates.

STRUCTURAL AND PROCEDURAL POLICY

AMENDMENT PROCEDURE:

1. Assignment of the athletic director to report on different sports:
 - a) The responsible athletic director is to receive/present minutes of the coaches' meetings in the sport(s) for which s/he is responsible.

- b) S/he brings the concerns and recommendations from the coaches to the ADC. [6]
- c) The AD responsible for each coaches' group will inform the coaches that they are to meet at least twice a year, once before and once after the sport season.
2. Data processed to the Board of Control from ADs:
- Recommendations - items or proposals to be acted upon and feedback given to the ADs.
 - Information - items or proposals to be acted upon by ADs.
 - Questions - items that require an interpretation by BOC.
 - Clarification - further clarification sent to principals.
 - Studies - research information passed on to principals.
 - Projects - items for BOC regarding position of projects.
 - Minutes of the ADC meetings will be forwarded to the BOC.
3. Handbook revisions will be made by the BOC. Any proposal for changes or additions will be handled in the following manner:
- The BOC will discuss the proposals at the meeting within which the proposal is presented. (agenda item) IF NECESSARY, PROCEDURES MAY INCLUDE A FIRST PROPOSAL REVIEW BY MAIL. (IF IMMEDIATE ACTION IS REQUIRED, THE COMMISSIONER MAY CALL; OR ITEMS MAY BE TABLED.
 - At the following meeting the proposal will be voted upon.
 - Tied votes will be tabled (3/11/92)
 - Approved policy revisions will be updated only in the summer of even numbered years (5/17/94). Changes will go into effect at the beginning of the school year (August/Sept.), unless specific directions are given by the BOC for immediate implementation.
4. The BOC returns feedback to the ADs via the coordinator of ADs about recommendations, questions, etc.
- The commissioner will coordinate with the AD coordinator.
 - The AD coordinator will respond and report to sport AD.
 - The responsible sport AD will relay the report to the coaches.
 - If needed or in the case of revisions, the responsible AD will return information from the coaches to the ADC.
5. The commissioner shall be responsible to update or provide complete revisions of the League Handbook when needed.

RULE INTERPRETATION PROCEDURE:

- If there is a question of immediate concern by a coach, AD or head administrator, the administrative head of the school with the question will contact the commissioner directly. The following will occur:
 - The commissioner will interpret the rule.
 - If the administrator disagrees, s/he may request to convene the BOC.
 - To convene the BOC, the administrator needs consent from three other head administrators.
- Once a ruling of interpretation has been made by the commissioner notification of the situation will be forwarded in writing to all parties concerned, including the BOC and superintendent.

GENERAL LEAGUE POLICIES:

1. Awards: The League will pay for Team and ALL-CCL awards. No honorable mention for any CCL selections is permitted. No team nor individual may be given award(s) in the name of the CCL by anyone. All League awards selections are explained under each sport section. In addition to the stated awards numbers and selection procedures coaches have the opportunity to name consensus All League 1st and 2nd team student/athletes from the affiliate school teams.(6/09/06) In the event of a tie, each tied team will receive the maximum number of All League and team awards for that place finish. Team awards are limited to the following numbers:

BB - 18 CC - 8 G - 6 SB - 18 T - 8 VB - 12 [7]
BK - 12 FB - 44 [Div] SOC - 20 SW/DV - 20 TR - 25 WR - 18

2. Fielding Teams:

- a) A school not fielding a JV football team must report this fact to the commissioner, and the league schools, no later than the first day of school.
- b) A school not fielding a freshman football team must make notification by Friday of the first week of school.
- c) A school not fielding a team (usually at a lower level) in any other sport must report this fact no later than one week prior to the start of that sport season.
- d) If a school fields two teams in a sport, the better team plays the CCL schedule. (8/1/86)
- e) No senior may play on any JV squad. (1/14/92)

3. Football: An ambulance provided by the HOME team must be present at the site of all varsity contests.

4. A trainer is to be assigned by the host school for each CCL tournament (CC, SW, TR, WR). The trainer is to be paid from the gate receipts or as a league expense at an hourly rate consistent with OHSAA rates.

5. NO SHOW - FORFEIT will be the policy for all scheduled CCL events.

6. Standings and Records: The CCL employs a Win-Loss-Tie point system for use in determining finishing places and league championships. The system establishes each win as 2 points; each tie as 1.

7. When schools are closed due to weather or transportation reasons, games scheduled for that day/night will be played if mutually agreed to by the competing schools. The two schools may also agree to make other appropriate arrangements as provided for below, taking into account the impact of the decision upon other schools and teams. (7/15/00)

8. When schools are closed due to weather, scheduled ADC and BOC meetings WILL BE HELD unless otherwise cancelled. (2/17/94)

9. When a school is closed due to illness: CCL games scheduled the day of an illness closing will be cancelled; Saturday games will be decided by the schools. (1/14/92)

10. Arrangements for scheduled league athletic contest CHANGES (i.e. time, date, or site) may be made only by mutual agreement of the head administrators of the schools concerned; and only for unforeseen and unusual calamitous circumstances. In boys' BK, changes due to FB play offs, exam schedules, bingo schedule changes all should be announced in a revised schedule before the CCL schedule begins. These decisions may only be made by the administrative heads of both schools. (2/19/85) (7/15/00)

11. Once schedule changes are agreed to and made, the HOST school will notify all League schools, commissioner, and the appropriate coordinator of officials (or officials directly). (9/23/81)

12. OHSAA approved multi-sport contest contracts will be used for all contests between league schools. No amount for compensation is to be listed. (3/21/90)

13. No practice and no games (league or non-league) may be scheduled from Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. No League contests may be played on the Monday following Easter. (5/1/87)

14. No league athletic contest may be scheduled or played on Sunday. (5/3/89)

15. Athletic team early release is restricted to state sponsored events. (4/17/85) The BOC must agree to any exceptions. (93)

GENERAL GUIDELINES

ADMISSION POLICY:

1. Ticket policies - All League ticket policies are to be determined by the BOC and recorded in Appendix A of the League Handbook.

2. Passes - CCL pass and individual school passes for adult faculty and staff will be honored. (See Appendix A for details)

- a) The commissioner will distribute League passes (clearly identifiable) to members of the media,

plus ten to each school. All member schools will honor the CCL pass as a family pass [8] admitting the bearer and his/her guests. [This pass will be honored at all league contests, and at any athletic event hosted by a league school.(2/21/90)]

- b) Each school will provide to each of its own faculty/staff members a photo ID pass for use throughout the school year. Any other type of pass (i.e. Booster Club Pass, student activities pass) are acceptable ONLY AT HOME GAMES FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL by arrangements with that school. Both the CCL pass and the CCL faculty/staff school pass are permanent passes and are never collected.
- c) Ticket prices and passes are subject to change. Notification to the schools may take a different form other than the CCL Handbook.

OFFICIALS:

1. All baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, and volleyball officials for League contests are to be hired by an assigner of officials.

- a) At the end of each sport season, coaches will review officials assigned to do League games; prepare a written list of preferred, non-preferred, and specific officials not requested by each of the schools, and submit the names to the officials assigner through the assigned sport AD.
- b) Officials not acceptable by a majority of the schools will not be hired for CCL contests for two years. Basketball officials, all levels, must have at least one year of experience. (8/1/86)
- c) Fees paid officials will be voted upon by the BOC each year. An appendix will be attached to this Handbook reflecting current officials fees for each year.
- d) If officials are hired to work a game (signed contract), unless notification of cancellation is made, they are to be paid even if the game is cancelled. (10/18/78)
- e) In the case of forfeit, the forfeiting team pays officials.

2. Varsity officials in all sports are to have a private place to dress, hold meetings and take showers. This is a responsibility of the HOME team. They are to have access to this location one hour before the contest.

3. All officials for League play will be scheduled through each individual officials association from the list authorized by the coaches, and by arrangements with the schools.

4. Officials who teach, coach or have a relative at a League school may not take a League contest in which that school is competing.(2/18/81)

SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT:

1. All schools are required to hold an assembly or a class/group meeting on sportsmanship or at the very least are required to address the issue early in the school year and before the first CCL contest.

2. Cheerleaders must use the areas designated by the HOME school. Areas designated for cheerleaders must be the same for both schools. If at all possible, cheerleaders will be located in front or near their student seating. The CCL has adopted the following OHSAA policies:

- a) No tiered formations, no mounts;
- b) mini-trampolines may not be used. (92)

3. At all indoor athletic events, no artificial noisemakers or megaphones may be used. At indoor and outdoor athletic events, no signs, banners, written or graphic slogans not of a permanent nature may be displayed. A run-through sign is permitted if in good taste and of a positive nature. (11/18/92).

4. No face or body painting is permitted (face decals are permitted). No taunting costumes or attire (T-shirts, buttons, etc.). (11/18/92)

5. Negative cheers, vulgar comments, or slogans from the stands at any athletic event are not permitted and are grounds for ejection. Negative cheers are those aimed at opponents' players, fans, cheerleaders or officials. Students may only cheer for their own team. (11/18/92).

6. For basketball, student sections should be in diagonally opposite corners of the gym. (11/18/92).

7. Pep band music and recorded music are permitted, but may not be played at indoor events **[9]** DURING the contest. Music may be played before the game, between periods, during time-outs, at half time or after the contest.

8. Fans or NON-PARTICIPANTS are not permitted on the game's playing surface before or during any contest. (5/20/81) If necessary, alternate exits may be used for dismissing stands. (11/18/92)9. The home school should provide adequate adult supervision at concession stands, restrooms or other "common" areas. Police and school representatives (when deemed necessary) should provide supervision in the parking lots.

CCL BOARD OF CONTROL MEETINGS: Sites will follow a geographical clockwise rotation. Meetings will not be cancelled when schools are closed due to weather.

ATHLETIC PERSONNEL: The League does not award a "coach of the year" award in any sport.

PUBLICITY AND GAME RESULTS:

1. The HOME team is responsible for calling in to both schools' local media, the results of an individual game. The AD responsible for each sport will report final League standings, and ALL-CCL selections to the commissioner. In case of a tie, or in tournament situations the procedure will remain the same.

2. Both schools must agree before a game may be broadcast on radio and/or TV. (8/1/86)

MEMBERSHIP DUES TO THE LEAGUE: Dues will be established by the BOC; and paid as directed by the commissioner.

ATHLETIC TRANSFER AND RECRUITMENT:

1. No faculty, staff and personnel involved in school programs are permitted to directly or indirectly contact a student who has enrolled in another parochial high school. (Enrolled means forms filed/registration fee paid.) (5/18/79)

2. When a student has started a League school and decides to transfer to another League school after the 15th day of practice (as determined by OHSAA sport season calendar), the student is ineligible for that sport for the remainder of the sport season (i.e. fall, winter or spring). (8/21/83) Immediate detailed, written notification must be made to the superintendent when a student transfers within the CCL.

VIOLATIONS OF THE LEAGUE HANDBOOK: Apparent violations will be brought to the attention of the commissioner, who will interpret actions and convene the BOC if necessary. Interpretation procedures are outlined in the Handbook. Violators will be subject to action from the League and the individual school.

GAME BALLS: All League game balls must meet OHSAA specifications.

SCHOOL ROTATION: For various responsibilities, the rotation of schools will be as follows:

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| 1 Bishop Hartley | 3 Bishop Watterson | 6 St.Francis DeSales |
| 2 Bishop Ready | 4 Columbus School for Girls | 7 Worthington Christian |
| | 5 St. Charles Preparatory | |

ALL LEAGUE SELECTION POLICY AND PROCEDURES: During the 2002-2003 school year, athletic directors and coaches of each sport met to determine a specific All Central Catholic League selection policy for each sport. The philosophy, procedure, number of first and/or second team selectees in each sport are generally determined by team finish, number of participants and the nature of competition (head to head or tournament). The following sports will determine All League status by formula: baseball, basketball (boys), basketball (girls), football, golf, soccer (boys), soccer (girls),

softball, tennis (boys), tennis (girls), volleyball (girls). Individual All League awards details are [10] presented in each sport section of the handbook under ALL LEAGUE SELECTIONS. In addition to the stated awards numbers and selection procedures *Coaches have the opportunity to name consensus All League 1st and 2nd team athletes when there are affiliate school teams.* (6/09/06)

TOURNAMENT SPORTS ALL LEAGUE SELECTION: The following sports will award All League honors as indicated:

Sport	Method	First Team	Second Team
cross country	(place finish at the CCL meet)	1st - 11th place	12th - 17th place
swimming/diving	(place finish at the CCL meet)	1st	none
track	(place finish at the CCL meet)	1st	none
*wrestling	(champion as determined by dual weight class record or criteria)		

TEAM AWARDS: The Central Catholic League will award team championship plaques to the member school placing first in each sport as follows:

Sport	Team Plaques	Sport	Team Plaques	Sport	Team Plaques
baseball	18	golf	6	tennis (boys)	8
basketball (boys)	12	soccer (boys)	20	tennis (girls)	8
basketball (girls)	12	soccer (girls)	20	track (boys)	25
cross country (boys)	8	softball	18	track (girls)	25
cross country (girls)	8	swim/diving (boys)	20	volleyball	12
football (silver)	44	swim/diving (girls)	20	*wrestling	18
football (gold)	44				

BASEBALL
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GAME LIMITATIONS AND SCHEDULING:

1. The CCL schedule will consist of two rounds of games in which member schools will play each other once per round. Member schools will be scheduled to play CCL contests on weekdays, on a home and home basis. All CCL games are to be played (6/14/02)
2. Each school's place finish in the league will be determined by its league record. The team with the best winning percentage shall be declared champion, second best - runner up, etc. Teams with similar CCL records will tie for place finish(es).
3. The CCL schedule will be arranged so that the final regularly scheduled league date will be prior to the first full week of the OHSAA sectional tournament.
4. Games (league and non-league) and practices will not be scheduled from Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. Regularly scheduled CCL contests during Holy Week and Easter will be scheduled prior to Holy Thursday, and after Easter Monday. CCL games will not be scheduled on weekends. (6/09/2000)
5. CCL postponement or a suspended game shall be played from the point of suspension; keeping line up intact, etc. [OHSAA + Fed. Rules] on the next school day. (3/18/87) League games take precedence over non-League games. Cancelled league games shall be made up in the original order that they were scheduled.(11/4/88)
6. Regular season and make-up League games are protected one day prior to the district semifinals and finals. (10/9/81) If the varsity game is cancelled for a tournament game, the JV game is also cancelled. (11/4/88)
7. Reserve games will be played on the same day as varsity games at the opposite site. If rain occurs for both games, then both teams will play the next school day.

8. If the varsity plays, but the reserves are rained out, reserves play the next school day if a diamond is available. (A non league varsity game means a field is NOT available the next school day, home or away.) If the site is switched the original HOME team maintains HOME field advantage and responsibilities. For first round games, coach MUST switch sites for rain-outs; for second round games, coach has the option of switching sites (varsity level only). Reserve games must be played if field is available. [11]

9. Freshman doubleheaders: There must be a minimum of one half-hour between games. If rained out, at least one game (two games with agreement of coaches) will be played the next school day if a diamond is available.

- a) Only freshmen are eligible for freshman competition.
- b) Freshman double headers: Each team supplies two new balls, each HOME team will be the HOME team for one game; home site pays officials fees.
- c) Make up games may be played on a non-league Saturday if both coaches agree; however, no games may be played on Sunday. (11/88 and 5/89)

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

1. All League coaches will schedule varsity League game officials through the CCL Officials Assigner; officials for non League games MAY be hired through CDUA. (4/1/86) NOTE: On League rain-outs, it is the responsibility of the HOME team coach to secure officials for the next day. When two officials are hired but only one official shows, s/he will receive both payments (5/16/90 see Appendix A).

2. All League games start at 5:00 p.m.

3. The temperature must be at least 40° F at 2:00 p.m. for games to be played. The NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE will be the official source.

4. If the scheduled field is un-playable, the HOME team must contact the visiting team by 2:00 p.m. If the visiting team's diamond is playable, then the reserve game is postponed and the varsity teams play at the original reserve field.

5. Freshmen can play against any single league opponent any number of times at the freshman and JV levels. Once a freshman is placed on the varsity he no longer has freshman status, and is limited to playing a single league opponent no more than twice. (3/20/91)

6. A junior is permitted to be a part of the battery at the reserve level. (1991 clarification)

ALL LEAGUE SELECTION:

Each coach will determine the number of All League first team and second team selectees from his/her team based on team place finish. From first place to last: (first team: 6-5-4-3-2-1 ~ second team: 1-1-2-2-3-3). *Coaches have the opportunity to name consensus All League 1st and 2nd team athletes when there are affiliate school teams.*

BASKETBALL BASKETBALL BASKETBALL

GAME LIMITATIONS AND SCHEDULING:

1. A double round is played on all levels. All contests will be league triple headers. There will be a 15 minute warm-up period before the freshman and JV games; 20 minutes between JV and varsity. (3/18/97) The clock will start to count down when the teams from the previous game shake hands. The gym will not be cleared at the conclusion of the freshman game.

2. Game times will be 5:00 FR/6:30 JV/8:00 VAR for all games [NOTE: If no freshman game, times will be 5:30 JV/7:00 VAR.], except some Saturday games for girls. Girls' schedule variations are possible as indicated here:

Games @ Hartley/Ready/Watterson: 11:00 am, 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm; [12]
CSG/DeSales: 1:00 pm, 2:30pm and for DeSales 4:00 pm if boys are scheduled on the same day
3. Freshmen games will have 6 minute quarters, JV games: 7, and varsity 8 minute quarters.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

1. Locker rooms/dressing rooms must be made available to a visiting team to dress and meet 45 minutes before the game; and, again during the game. The home team is to provide at least 6 good warm up balls.
2. In boys' BK, juniors may play at the JV level.
3. Scorers tables should be worked by adults for girls' games.
4. Varsity player introductions will follow an alternating individual format (one visitor, one home).
5. Coaches are responsible for rating officials and providing feedback for the BK AD coordinator.
(See GENERAL GUIDELINES: OFFICIALS)
6. There is NO video tape exchange or sharing outside the league. (7/15/00)

ALL LEAGUE SELECTIONS:

Coaches will determine the number of All League first team and second team selectees based on specific vote criteria. Each coach may determine one selectee from his/her team: (Boys first team: 6 plus 5 by coaches vote ~ second team: 1 each team) (Girls first team: 6 plus 5 by coaches vote ~ second team: 1 each team) *Coaches have the opportunity to name consensus All League 1st and 2nd team athletes when there are affiliate school teams.*

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MEET LIMITATIONS AND SCHEDULING:

1. The league meet will be held the Saturday before the District meet.
2. The host school is responsible for providing a trainer and/or EMT.
3. The meet schedule is arranged as follows:
First Event...Boys' JV meet, time TBA
Second Event...Girls' varsity meet - 30 minutes after the start of the boys' JV meet
Third Event.....Boys' varsity meet - 30 minutes after the start of the girls' varsity meet
Final Event.....Girls' JV meet - 30 minutes after the start of the boys' varsity meet

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

1. Each school will field a varsity scoring team before entering a reserve scoring team. Teams unable to field a full scoring team may run their runners optionally as varsity or reserve.
2. In the girls' varsity/reserve race, the top 7 runners must be designated as varsity prior to the start of the race.
3. Each team will provide a statistician and a course inspector for the meet.

ALL LEAGUE SELECTION:

The top place finishers in the varsity boys and girls meets will be named All League: (first team: 1st - 11th place ~ second team: 12th - 17th place). *Coaches have the opportunity to name consensus All League 1st and 2nd team athletes when there are affiliate school teams.*

**FOOTBALL
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GAME LIMITATIONS AND SCHEDULING:

1. The league in football is made up of two divisions: GOLD - Hartley, Ready; SILVER - Watterson, DeSales, St. Charles.
2. Quarters: freshmen 9 minutes; JV-10; varsity-12. Halftime for varsity game will be 20 minutes.
3. The visiting team for the varsity game will be the home team for the JV and/or Freshman game.
4. Freshman and JV games are to be scheduled for the same weekend as the varsity. Freshman games are played Saturday. JV games are played Saturday if the Varsity plays on Friday; on Monday if the Varsity game is Saturday. If a Saturday doubleheader, the starting time FR - 9:00/JV - 10:30. If there is no varsity game; the schools may mutually agree on a day for the game. Where seating is provided at lower level games, schools have permission to charge \$2.00 for adults/HS students, and \$1.00 grade school students. (2/23/2004)
5. Varsity league dates are scheduled at the schools' mutual convenience for maximum flexibility. There is no formal arrangement for scheduling JV or Freshman games. All varsity games will begin at 7:30.
6. Contracts will be issued for each contest.
7. Officials will be assigned by the League Coordinator of Officials.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

1. The HOME team will wear dark jerseys, and the visitors will wear white. JV and freshman teams will follow this regulation as is possible.
2. Locker room/restroom facilities for JV and freshman games are to be made available to the visiting school team before and after the game.
3. Video Tape exchange policy:
 - a) Teams exchange TWO TAPES (2/15/89).
 - b) Next week's opponent's scouts will pick up the tapes at the bench.
 - c) The tapes will be returned at the game
 - d) The team receiving the game tapes has the right to choose any game tape except for the game the week before the contest.
4. Use of mechanical means of communication during varsity football games - The HOME team is to provide or arrange for communication systems for each team at the START OF THE GAME. Both teams must be equal in the use or non-use of such communication devices.
5. Sideline passes are not required unless mandated by a particular site. HOME schools may request passes, in which case, visiting schools must comply.
6. The HOME school is responsible for obtaining the field and having it lined the week of the game.
7. The HOME school keeps all of the gate receipts. If there is a loss at the gate, the HOME school absorbs it.
8. Faculty passes of participating teams and the CCL Guest pass will be honored at all league contests. Admittance will be limited to the regulations governing the passes.

ALL LEAGUE SELECTION:

Each coach will determine the number of All League first team selectees from his/her team based on team place finish: (Silver division first team: 7-5-3) Coaches will then nominate and vote on 7 additional players for the Silver division to total 22 selectees. Gold division first team: 7-5). There will be no 2nd team. *Coaches have the opportunity to name consensus All League athletes when there are affiliate school teams.*

GOLF
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GAME LIMITATIONS AND SCHEDULING:

1. Varsity league play will consist of a tournament (pre-season: held on any day before school starts). The JV schedule will consist of one round of dual matches scheduled by the golf coordinator. The varsity home team will pick the site.
2. Match sites must be communicated to the ADs and/or coaches of member schools by the host/responsible schools by June 1 prior to the golf season.
3. Varsity championship and league standings will be determined by the points accumulated. Tournament scoring: Teams would be awarded one point for each team that they finish above. After that, one point is awarded for each head to head match win. In the event of a tie the extra man's score would be used.
4. League competition will take priority over non-league events.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

The coordinating AD will secure awards for championship team members, ALL CCL, etc.; arrange for the distribution of awards; and, record and report information re: League results, and the ALL CCL team to the media and ADC/BOC. The CCL schedule is determined by a random draw of teams placed on an eight team formula grid.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

In dual matches the home team will be responsible for green fees.

ALL LEAGUE SELECTION:

Each coach will determine the number of All League first team and second team selectees from his/her team based on team place finish. From first place to last: (first team: 4-3-2-2-1-1 ~ second team: 2-2-1-1-1-1). *Coaches have the opportunity to name consensus All League 1st and 2nd team athletes when there are affiliate school teams.*

SOCCER
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GAME LIMITATIONS AND SCHEDULING:

1. Each League member will play each League school once during the regular season. (11/4/88).
2. The League schedule order is predetermined; home site will change from year to year. League dates will be the first five (5) Tuesdays and Thursdays following Labor Day (6/11/04)

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

1. Starting time for all League matches will be 5:30; or 7:15 (6/11/04) when under the lights, e.g. Hartley, Watterson, St. Charles, DeSales. Girls' matches will be at the opposite site.
2. Officials for League contests will be hired from the Central District Soccer Officials Association. Two (2) officials will be scheduled [three may be hired] for all boys' and girls' league matches.
3. Dates of games, results of games and statistics should be reported to a designated coach or athletic director to compile records and statistics.
4. The League champion and place finishers shall be determined on a point system. Two points will be awarded for a win, one point for a tie.

5. If any scheduling conflict develops between a COSL or independent match with a CCL match, [15] the league match will take precedence, even if a team must postpone a previously scheduled match, or play two matches in two days.

6. HOME team will wear white; visitors will wear dark color.

ALL LEAGUE SELECTION:

Coaches may nominate up to eight and vote to fill by team finish All League first team and second team selectees based on team place finish. From first place to last: (Boys first team: 6-5-3-3-2-1 ~ second team: 2-2-2-2-2-2) (Girls first team: 6-5-3-3-2-1 ~ second team 2-2-2-2-2-2). *Coaches have the opportunity to name consensus All League 1st and 2nd team athletes when there are affiliate school teams.*

SOFTBALL

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GAME LIMITATIONS AND SCHEDULING:

1. A double round is to be played on all levels. (10/23/89) All games begin at 5:00 p.m..

2. CCL postponement or a suspended game shall be played on the next school day from the point of suspension; keeping line up intact, etc. League games take precedence over non-league games in such cases. Cancelled league games shall be made up in the original order that they were scheduled. (5/3/89)

3. Regular season and make up league games are protected one day prior to the district semifinals and finals. If the varsity game is cancelled for a tournament game so is the JV game; unless mutual consent of the coaches to play the game. Reserve games will be played on the same day as varsity games at the opposite site. If rain occurs for both games, then both teams will play the next school day. (5/3/89)

4. If the varsity plays, but the reserves are rained out, reserves play the next school day if a diamond is available. (A non league varsity game means a field is NOT available the next school day, home or away). If the site is switched, the original HOME team maintains HOME field advantage and responsibilities. For first round games, coach MUST switch sites for rain outs. For second round games, coach has the option of switching sites (varsity level only). Reserve games must be played if field is available.

5. League dates [varsity and junior varsity] will be Monday and Wednesday. Friday may also be used every other week, to be determined by the coaches at the post season meeting of the year prior. Friday may be used for rain date make up games as well.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

1. The games should be played on a regulation softball diamond if possible. The temperature must be at least 40° F at 2:00 p.m. for games to be played. The National Weather Service will be the official source.

2. The HOME team will determine the condition of the playing field when the weather is unfit for play. The decision to cancel or to switch sites will be made and confirmed with the visiting team and officials by 2:00 p.m. (2/20/91)

3. The HOME team is responsible for contacting officials concerning cancelled games. If the officials are not contacted, the HOME team will pay the fee. When two officials are scheduled but only one shows s/he shall be given the payment established for one official to work the game.

ALL LEAGUE SELECTION:

Each coach will determine the number of All League first team and second team selectees from his/her team based on team place finish. Second team selections will even the number from each team. From first place to last: (first team: 5-4-4-3-2 ~ second team: 1-2-2-3-4) or (first team: 6-5-4-3-2-1 ~ second team: 1-1-2-2-3-3), depending on participation. *Coaches have the opportunity to name consensus All League 1st and 2nd team athletes when there are affiliate school teams.*

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MEET LIMITATIONS AND SCHEDULING:

1. An All League meet will be held each year for both boys and girls the last Saturday in January.
2. Meet times will be established by the host team, meet manager and the AD coordinator for swimming ~ diving. Diving competition will take place on a day in the week of the swimming meet. CCL Championship diving will be an 11 dive meet. Each school may have 4 participants. (6/11/04)
3. Scoring for the league meet will be 1-12 for individual, and 1-6 for relay events.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

1. As established by the ADC, the swim meet will be hosted by St. Charles. The diving competition will be hosted by Columbus School for Girls.
2. A meet manager will be approved by the CCL schools; hired and paid (according to the handbook) by the host school from the tournament receipts. The meet manager will handle all administrative details and assignments for the meet operation (including hiring officials). Meet information (entry forms, etc.) will be forwarded to each school by the meet manager.
3. Each school is responsible for helping with the operation of the meet, as directed by the meet manager.
4. "Acts of God" may force postponement/adjustments of the CCL meet as determined by consultation of the appropriate administrative committee; which may include the meet manager, AD coordinator and commissioner.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

Entry fees will be determined by the board; all profit from the All League meet will be forwarded to the CCL general account.

ALL LEAGUE MEET AWARDS:

All CCL honors will be awarded to the winner(s) of each event. All League is a singular honor not duplicated regardless of multiple first place finishes. Individual and relay medals will be awarded at the meet. Medals will be awarded for each first, second and third place finish for individual events. Medals for first and second place will be given for relay events. Ribbons will be awarded to the 4th, 5th and 6th place finishers in all individual events; and for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th in relay events. *Coaches have the opportunity to name consensus All League 1st and 2nd team athletes when there are affiliate school teams.*

**TENNIS
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GAME LIMITATIONS AND SCHEDULING:

1. League play will consist of one round of dual matches.
2. League championship will be decided by the best team W-L record.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

1. The League schedule will be determined by an open draw to take place every two years at the end of the season: BOYS' team play will begin on the second Tuesday of April. The four Tuesdays following League play will be make-up dates. Make-ups will take precedence over all non-League matches.

2. All OHSAA and USTA rules are to be observed; stacking is forbidden.
3. The HOME team will supply five (5) cans of yellow tennis balls. [17]
4. The winning team will report team and individual results to the papers immediately following matches; and to the Tennis coordinator the day after the match.

ALL LEAGUE SELECTION:

Each coach will determine the number of All League first team and second team selectees from his/her team based on team place finish. From first place to last: (Boys first team: 4-3-2-2-1-1 ~ second team: 2-2-1-1-1-1) (Girls first team: 4-3-2-2-1-1 ~ second team: 2-2-1-1-1-1). *Coaches have the opportunity to name consensus All League 1st and 2nd team athletes when there are affiliate school teams.*

**TRACK
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MEET LIMITATIONS AND SCHEDULING:

1. The varsity meet shall be held the Saturday before the District Meet. Meet times will be established by the host team, meet manager and the AD coordinator for Track.
2. The reserve meet shall be held prior to the varsity meet. Meet times will be established by the host team, meet manager and the AD coordinator for Track.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

1. The varsity and reserve meets will be hosted by the same school. The host school will be responsible for all paper work. Sites will be approved by the ADC and the BOC. At present the hosting schedule is: 2007 DeSales
2. A meet manager will be approved by the League schools; and hired and paid by the host school from the tournament receipts. The meet manager will handle all administrative details and assignments for the meet operation (including hiring a starter). Meet information (entry forms, etc.) will be forwarded to each school by the meet manager.
3. Only freshmen may compete in both the JV and Varsity meets. Sophomores and juniors are restricted to one meet; and seniors to the varsity meet only. (6/15/98)
4. Each school is responsible for helping with the operation of the meets, as directed by the meet manager. This may include providing tournament personnel for judging, timing and operating field events.
5. "Acts of God" may force postponement/adjustments of the CCL tournament as determined by consultation of the appropriate administrative committee; which may include the meet manager, AD coordinator, and commissioner.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

Profit from the league meet will be forwarded to the CCL general account.

ALL-LEAGUE MEET AWARDS:

All CCL will be awarded to the winner(s) of each event. All League is a singular honor not duplicated regardless of multiple first place finishes. Individual medals will be awarded (at the varsity level only) to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each individual event; and, 1st and 2nd, and 3rd place relay teams. Ribbons will be awarded to the 4th, 5th and 6th place individuals; and relay team members. (Revised 6/14/96) *Coaches have the opportunity to name consensus All League 1st and 2nd team athletes when there are affiliate school teams.*

VOLLEYBALL
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VOLLEYBALL

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GAME LIMITATIONS AND SCHEDULING:

1. League play will consist of a double round.
2. League matches will begin at 5:00 (5/21/97) with the freshmen, followed immediately by the JV and varsity games. If there is no freshman match, the JV match will begin at 6:00. Warm up times are as follows: freshman/JV 12 minutes [2-4-4-2]; varsity 16 minutes [2-6-6-2] (6/22/06)
3. League matches must be played before sectional tournament play begins. (11/4/88)

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

1. The HOME school will provide:
 - a) six good warm-up balls for the visitors.
 - b) two line judges for all matches.
 - c) a water cooler for the visitors.
2. If Parents' Night or player recognition is held on a league night, recognition is limited to varsity only. (10/96)

ALL LEAGUE SELECTION:

Each coach will determine the number of All League first team and second team selectees from his/her team based on team place finish. From first place to last: (first team: 3-2-2-2-2 ~ second team: 2-1-1-1-1). *Coaches have the opportunity to name consensus All League 1st and 2nd team athletes when there are affiliate school teams.*

WRESTLING
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MEET LIMITATIONS AND SCHEDULING:

The League competition format/method will be determined by the ADC each year.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

Awards: Medals will be awarded to the first three places if a tournament is used as the format for a particular year. If a dual meet tournament, places will be determined by individual records within the tournament. If an elimination tournament is used, places will be determined by mat performance and tournament placement. If dual meets are used, league match record will be used to determine placement. Thus, a first, a second, and a third place medal will be presented for each weight class recognized by the OHSAA. This number is currently 14. An individual league champion plaque will be distributed to the winner in each weight class.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

The host school, based upon the CCL rotation schedule, will hire officials (approved by the coaches), see to all details, and staff any CCL championship tournaments. These expenses will be deducted from the gate receipts and a formal report will be filed with the CCL Commissioner within a reasonable time frame after the event.

ALL LEAGUE SELECTION:

Each weight class champion shall be named All League based on the above criteria (head to head competition or tie breaking criteria). There will be no second team. *Coaches have the opportunity to name consensus All League 1st and 2nd team athletes when there are affiliate school teams.*

APPENDIX A: League Financial Data

LEAGUE DUES:

Each school pays fees as determined by the BOC.

GATE RECEIPTS from CCL tournament contests go directly to the League fund.

TICKET PRICES:

ADMISSION AT GATE-DOOR FOR ALL SPORTS

ADULTS AND STUDENTS

\$5.00

GOLDEN BUCKEYE CARD

\$2.00

OFFICIALS FEES: (5/29/07)

SPORT	VARSITY	J.V.	BOTH (V & JV)	FRESHMAN
FB	\$55.00	\$35.00		\$35.00
BK	50.00 (3)	35.00 (2)		30.00
VB	35.00	29.00	64.00	27.00/game
	90.00/tripleheader ~ 105.00 varsity tri.meet ~ 87.00 JV tri.meet ~ 78.00 FR tri. meet			
BB	50.00 (2)	40.00 (2)		37.00 (2)
	Double fee for double headers at all levels			
SB	45.00 (2)	40.00 (1)		40.00
	Double fee for double headers at all levels			
SOC	50.00 (2)	40.00	90.00	[Fee to Central Assign: \$50]
	A third official may be hired at the discretion of the home school			
WR	Approved CDWOA fees			

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS/MANAGERS: (5/29/07)

CC \$45.00 Starter/manager

SW/DV 85.00 Meet manager

TR 100.00 Mgr/ea tournament (varsity and JV), plus starter fees as established by TRACO.

LEAGUE PASSES:

Three passes are acceptable under the following circumstances:

1. CCL PASS - Admission to any League contest or home contest of a league school for bearer and guests. Ten are given to each school. The pass is also used by the media.
2. FACULTY-STAFF PASS - Each school issues these photo ID faculty/staff passes for admission to any contest involving the bearer's school. Pass is good for admitting bearer and one guest.
3. CCL SCOUTING PASS - This pass is to be used for admission to any league or non-league contest for scouting.

LEAGUE AWARDS:

The CCL pays for team championship plaques, ALL-CCL plaques, and medals. Additional engraving on team championship plaques, school championship plaques or plates for all levels are individual school expenses.

APPENDIX B: Guidelines for Officials Assigners

The following guidelines will constitute the basis for the agreement between the CENTRAL CATHOLIC LEAGUE and the Officials Assigners for: Baseball, Basketball, Football, Softball, Volleyball.

1. The AD Coordinators for the above sports will provide the following to the Officials Assigners:
 - a) A written list of officials from the CCL coaches.
 - b) All schedules, personally or through the schools.
 - c) Information from the ADs or BOC regarding officials.
 - d) Assistance in presenting information to the ADs and BOC.

Communications concerning fees and other information will be provided by the commissioner or the Coordinator of Athletic Directors.

2. The Officials Assigner will be responsible for the complete coordination of the hiring of officials for all league contests (non-league if requested) at all levels for all schools. CCL officials assigners must honor the requests for officials in the out of county schools and attempt to assign these officials. This involves the following:

- a) Procure all schedules from all schools. (For this function, the Officials Assigner may establish a deadline for schools to submit schedules). NOTE: Some schools may opt to schedule their own non-league contest officials.
- b) Establish communication with the AD Coordinator for the sport. S/he will be responsible for assisting in procuring schedules, contacting the AD Council and the Board of Control, presenting to the league any/all recommendations on fees (etc.); and, for forwarding league information to assigners.
- c) Maintain a list of officials recommended by the league for assigning to as many contests as possible.
- d) Complete all contract information, sign and mail all contracts in a timely manner. The contracts must include:
 - the official's name and phone number
 - the correct date, time and site for the event
 - the names/numbers of other officials if applicable
 - the official's fees for the contest
 - the date for returning the contract
 - the names of both (all) participating schools

All contracts will be single contest contracts except when multiple games might require a change: (e.g. FR/JV FB, or VB triple-headers.)

- e) Provide a master list of scheduled officials to each principal (school) and the league commissioner no later than one week prior to the start of the sport season.
- f) Official replacements must be made known to the competing schools as soon as the official is contacted. (Adjustments to the original schedule). When possible, assisting coaches or ADs procure officials for contests which are postponed or moved.
- g) Report any problem concerning an official, league coach or any league school personnel to the appropriate principal immediately and then to the league commissioner.
- h) Represent the league at all assigners' meetings or officials' associations meetings if required; and follow all guidelines, consider all recommendations established for assigners by the OHSAA.
- i) Follow the CCL Handbook explicitly regarding all guidelines for hiring officials. Payment will be made following each sport season. Officials Assigners' salaries/fees are established by the BOC.

APPENDIX C: Contract for Officials Assigners

CENTRAL CATHOLIC LEAGUE

As **OFFICIALS ASSIGNER**, in agreement with the **CENTRAL CATHOLIC LEAGUE**, the undersigned agrees to perform the duties and follow the guidelines as set forth in the current edition of the **CCL HANDBOOK, APPENDIX B** (Guidelines-Contract for the Officials Assigner) for the Central Catholic League.

- 1. The Officials Assigner will receive a copy of the CCL Handbook.**
- 2. Payment will be made following each sport season.**

SCOTT PHARION, Commissioner of the Central Catholic League, shall serve as hiring agent for the League, and does hereby enter into contract with **[Assigner Name]**, as Officials Assigner for the year [school year] for the following stipulated sports and fees: [gender and sport(s)]- **\$500 (each sport)**
[Total \$500]

The above officials assigner agrees to keep receipts and a record of the expenses incurred [e.g. postage and phone use], for which appropriate compensation by the CCL will be made. In full understanding of the duties and guide lines of the position of Officials Assigner for the sports listed above, the following individuals affirm this contract:

_____ **[Officials Assigner]** _____ **[Date]**

_____ **[Commissioner, Central Catholic League]**

Scott Pharion