

## Quad-County Athletic League By-Laws

### SECTION I. Membership

- A. County systems, which withdraw from the League, should write a letter of intent specifying a time frame for withdrawal to the League Commissioner.
- B. Provisions may be made for admission of new schools to be added to the League. Membership applications will be considered at the annual spring meeting. A quorum of schools will constitute a basis for an approval vote with a majority vote.
- C. All new schools will be admitted on a probationary status for one year and will be permanently admitted by the end of the probationary year if a 2/3 majority vote of the membership approves it.
- D. League dues for the first year of membership will be \$150.00 Yearly dues will be waived except for first year members.
- E. The League shall consist of two sub-regions, North and South.  
Member schools within each sub-region are as follows:

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| North                       | South                       |
| East Jackson Middle School  | Oconee County Middle        |
| West Jackson Middle School  | Malcom Bridge Middle        |
| Winder Barrow Middle School | Westside Middle School      |
| Russell Middle School       | Haymon-Morris Middle School |
| Kings Bridge Middle School  | Jefferson Middle School     |
- F. The name of this League shall be called the Quad-County Athletic League.

### Section II. Officers

- A. The host school administrator of the League Basketball Tournament will also serve as the League Commissioner for that school year. This Chairperson/Commissioner responsibility will rotate from school to school according to the tournament rotation. If a school wishes to swap with the school next in line for Chairperson/Commissioner hosting the tournament this will be acceptable providing notification to the League members. The League Commissioner will:
  - 1. supervise matters of League business;
  - 2. rule on matters referred to him/her by member representatives;
  - 3. act as presiding officer at League meetings; and
  - 4. serve as or will appoint League Treasurer.
- B. The rotation of tournament Hosts/Commissioners are as follows:
  - 1. Haymon-Morris Middle School
  - 2. Oconee Middle School
  - 3. East Jackson Middle School
  - 4. Russell Middle School
  - 5. Winder-Barrow Middle School
  - 6. West Jackson Middle School
  - 7. Westside Middle School
  - 8. Malcom Bridge Middle School
  - 9. Kings Bridge Middle School
  - 10. Jefferson Middle School (Probationary Period – 2010-2011)
- C. The league Commissioner will assume office at the end of the basketball/football scheduling meeting each year.
- D. The Commissioner will appoint a League Secretary to take, record, and issue the minutes of the meetings. The Secretary shall also perform other duties as assigned.
- E. The Commissioner will be allotted a predetermined amount of expenses, as agreed upon by League Representatives, for items and services such as postage, long distance phone calls, or secretarial help.
- F. The Commissioner shall present a treasurer's report to the member representatives biannually.

### **Section III. Sanctions and Appeals**

- A. Rules infractions
    - a. Incidents of misconduct on school property that affects the safety and well being of fans or participants shall be reported to the League Commissioner.
  - B. Any player, coach, or team attendant who is ejected from a League contest for a sportsmanship violation shall be ineligible to compete in all levels of competition in that sport or activity until the period of ineligibility has expired. The subject coach, participant, or team attendant shall have no role in nor be in attendance at pre-contest warm-ups or activities, and shall not be in attendance at contests until the period of ineligibility has expired.
- The ineligibility period for the League will mean the individual will be withheld from football (1 game), basketball (2 games), track (1 meet), and golf (1 match) at the level at which the ejection occurred. All suspensions will carry forward to the following school year for any coach, attendant, or seventh grader leading to the eight grade year.
  - To satisfy the penalty of the sit-out game(s), those games must be played to completion or a forfeiture awarded.
  - When a player, coach, or team attendant has a second ejection in the same activity during a school year, that individual shall be withheld from competition for twice the time period of the first ejection. School personnel may add additional sanctions for player or coach misconduct.
  - The second ejection may also be reviewed by a committee of all principals. The member school of the violation shall provide a written statement to circumstances involved in that individual's unsportsmanlike behavior. Further sanctions may be taken. Sanctions may include, but is not limited to, short and long-term suspension from League athletic activity, and a letter sent to the Superintendent of the system of the violator.

### **SECTION IV. Changes of the By-Laws**

A vote of 2/3 of the member schools is required to change the by-laws.

### **SECTION V. Player Eligibility**

- A. A student is eligible to participate one year in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and one year in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This applies to the first year a student enters that grade. Participation means as a player or as a manager.
- B. An eighth grader must not turn 15 prior to May 1st of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade year. A 7<sup>th</sup> grader must not turn 14 prior to May 1st of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade year.
- C. All students must pass five subjects the semester prior to participation in order to be eligible.
- D. A student may play on one team and only one team during participation in that sport, except when that sport is not offered for his or her grade level.
- E. Sixth graders are not eligible as players, but they are eligible as managers.
- F. Players can be added to the rosters after the beginning of the regular season should space be available and a tryout be held. A roster change should be reported to the League Commissioner.

### **SECTION: VI. Schedules**

- A. Football will be allowed a total of 7 games. Basketball will be allowed to play a total of 15 games in addition to the season-end tournaments as provided in the by-laws. All football and basketball games will be scheduled within the League on a rotating basis.

- B. Member schools must play a League schedule in football and basketball if they field teams. This implies a home and away basketball schedule each year, and, for football, for each two year period.
- C. A copy of schedules for non-League regulated sports such as golf or soccer should be sent to the League Commissioner prior to the first match.
- D. Football and basketball schedules will be completed on or before the last spring meeting.

#### **SECTION VII. Rules Covering All Sports**

- A. A sport will be sanctioned if a 2/3 vote of the League membership requests it. The League will consider, on a yearly basis, the scheduling of sanctioned sports, other than basketball and football.
- B. The following sports are currently sanctioned by the League: football, boy's and girl's basketball, and boy's and girl's track , boys and girl's cross country, boy's and girl's golf.
- C. Ties in a League standing will be determined by:
  - 1. division record
  - 2. head to head
  - 3. overall record
  - 4. coin toss
- D. Georgia State Standards will be followed.
- E. Local Boards of Education will establish admission prices to all athletic sports events. The admission charge for all League schools will be submitted to the League Commissioner for dissemination.

#### **SECTION VIII. Basketball**

- A. 13 game league season. Schools may play up to 15 regular season games. Each team will play teams in their division twice and may play other league teams once.
- B. A minimum of one GHSA registered official is required for basketball before the game may start.
- C. All officials must sign the scorebook.
- D. Games should begin as close to 4:30 as possible unless an agreement is reached otherwise. Only one game preceding a school day may be played per week. Weeknight games must end no later than four hours after the close of the home team's school unless a state waiver is granted.
- E. If officials or teams are late for a game, the coaches and local administrator must agree to any change in warm-up time or length or quarters before the start of the game.
- F. The total time available for the games must be divided equally between boys and girls' games. The curfew will be announced.
- G. Six-minute quarters will be played with at least 5 minutes to warm up and at least 6 minutes between halves.
- H. Home teams will wear white jerseys unless otherwise agreed and will provide warm-up balls.
- I. Girls will use the smaller GHSA-approved basketballs.
- J. All teams in the League will participate in the League tournament. The top team will receive a bye when applicable. The league tournament will follow a cross bracket format. For example, the highest seed of the North division will play the lowest seed of the South division to determine tournament advancement.
- K. There will be no trophy for regular season play. The League will award trophies based on tournament play to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> places for both boys and girls. These trophies will be kept by the winning schools and remain at the schools.
- L. Profits generated after expenses during the League Tournament will be divided into shares based on participation or number of games played. One share will be designated for the League. Byes will count as a share.
- M. Schedule will follow football schedule with home and away games to be played. For a total of up to 13 league games.
- N. Admission for league games will be capped at \$4.00 per adult, \$3.00 per student and \$12.00 family. Families eligible for family tickets may not exceed 5 family members which includes of a of a maximum limit of 2 adults.
- O. **Over Time Rules – The over time period will be 3:00 minutes, both teams will receive an additional full time out, all player and team fouls will continue.**

## **SECTION IX. Track**

- A. Meets should begin at 4:15 unless an agreement is reached otherwise. Only one meet preceding a school day may be held per week. Meets should last no later than 4 hours after the end of the host school's day. Each participating team must pay a \$50.00 registration fee to compete in the league meet. The registration fee should be paid upon arrival at the site. All registration fees should be collected by the host team and forwarded to the league commissioner.
- B. All coaches from each school should be prepared to assist in the timing and judging of the events if needed by the host.
- C. Track coaches will set their own schedules.
- D. Admission for the league championship meet will be capped at \$4.00 per adult, \$3.00 per student and \$12.00 family. Families eligible for family tickets may not exceed 5 family members which includes of a of a maximum limit of 2 adults.

## **SECTION X. Cross Country**

- A. Meets should begin at 4:15 unless an agreement is reached otherwise. Only one meet preceding a school day may be held per week. Meets should last no later than 4 hours after the end of the host school's day. Each participating team must pay a \$25.00 registration fee to compete in the league meet. The registration fee should be paid upon arrival at the site. All registration fees should be collected by the host team and forwarded to the league commissioner.
- B. All coaches from each school should be prepared to assist in the timing and judging of the events if needed by the host.
- C. Cross Country coaches will set their own schedules.

## **SECTION XI. Football**

- A. Games will begin as close to 4:30 as possible.
- B. Each individual school will work out dates for rescheduling rained out games. The following Saturday or Wednesday is preferred as first options among League members.
- C. A minimum of two sanctioned, registered officials are required for all games.
- D. Eight-minute quarters will be played with at least ten minutes between halves if time permits.
- E. Each team may use the size composition football they wish choosing from junior high or high school size.
- F. A football trophy will only be provided for the first and second place team playing in the league championship game. The championship trophies will be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams by the commissioner or commissioner's designee at the conclusion of the championship game. The host school of the championship game will reimburse the league for the purchase of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place team trophy.
- G. In all games, in case of a tie at the end of regulation play, the following rules apply. A coin will be tossed to determine choice. The team winning the choice selects either offense or defense. The offensive team will take possession on their opponent's ten-yard line. They will have four plays to try to score. After these four downs the other team will receive its four downs from the 10-yard line. If either team scores after both teams have had four downs, then that team is a winner. If both teams score, or if neither team scores, the procedure continues until a winner is determined or until the standards time deadline for play is reached. This procedure is similar to an extra inning baseball game.
- H. If two teams play each other in a regular season game that ends in a tie:
  - 1. two teams have same record and have not played each other.
  - 2. two teams have the same record and have played each other to a tie score.
- I. Coin toss determines which team gets home
- J. Admission for league games will be capped at \$4.00 per adult, \$3.00 per student and \$12.00 family.
- K. Football schedule will consist of 4 sub region games and two cross over games, to be determined by a drawing out of a hat, every two years.

**SECTION XI. Security**

All schools shall provide security at League sanctioned Football and Basketball contests. The minimum requirement for security shall be one uniformed law enforcement officer.

**SECTION XII. Service Stipends**

The bookkeeper will be paid a stipend of \$100.00 for financial services rendered.