

Western Big 6



Constitution

By-Laws

Rules and Regulations

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CONSTITUTION for the WESTERN BIG 6 CONFERENCE

{Adopted January 8, 1969}

Article I – Name

Section 1

The name of this organization shall be the WESTERN BIG 6 HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

Article II – Purpose

Section 1

The purpose of this Conference shall be to foster, promote and regulate interscholastic activities among the member schools.

Article III – Membership

Section 1

The member schools of the Conference shall be:

Alleman Catholic High School, Rock Island, Illinois
Galesburg High School, Galesburg, Illinois
Geneseo High School, Geneseo, Illinois
Moline High School, Moline, Illinois
Quincy Senior High School, Quincy, Illinois
Rock Island High School, Rock Island, Illinois
Sterling High School, Sterling, Illinois
United Township High School, East Moline, Illinois

Section 2

High schools seeking membership in the Western Big 6 High School Conference shall file a letter of application with the president. This letter of application must be considered by the Board of Control and acted upon at a Conference meeting. Admission to membership requires six (6) affirmative votes of the eligible voting membership of the Conference.

Section 3

The Conference shall be the sole judge of its membership and may suspend or expel a member school by seven (7) affirmative votes of the member schools. The proposal for such action to be presented at a meeting at least 60 days before action. Grounds for suspension or expulsion shall be limited to: 1) Failure to participate in 65% or more of conference activities; 2) Failure to pay dues; 3) Repeated and substantial Failure to comply with the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Procedures of the Conference; and 4) Failure to maintain membership in the Illinois High School Association.

Section 4

The date of withdrawal of a member school from the Conference must be no earlier than two full school years after the close of the school year in which the letter of intent is filed.

Section 5

By invitation of the Board of Control, non-member schools may participate in activities sponsored by the Conference.

Article IV – Eligibility

Section 1

Member schools of this Conference shall conform to the rules and regulations of the Illinois High School Association.

Article V – Board of Control –Officers and Committees

Section 1

The Principals of the member schools shall constitute the Board of Control

Section 2

The officers shall be a President and Vice President. These officers must be Principals of member schools.

Section 3

The Conference shall employ an Executive Secretary.

Section 4

Standing committees shall be established by the Board of Control. The President shall be authorized to appoint special committees as needed.

Article VI – Meetings and Voting

Section 1

There shall be two regular conference meetings during the year—one in the month of September and one the month of March or April. Dates and time to be determined by the host school. Regular meetings shall be attended by members of the Board of Control, Athletic Directors, and/or their representatives. The Athletic Directors will meet one week prior to the two conference meetings.

Section 2

Special meetings may be called by the President. Upon request of three or more of the Board of Control, the President shall call special meetings. Special meetings shall be attended by members of the Board of Control or their representatives. The Athletic Directors will meet during the course of the year, as needed, for scheduling purposes.

Section 3

A majority of the total membership of the Board of Control shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII – Term of Office

Section 1

The term of office for all officers shall be for one year, commencing at the conclusion of the old business at the regular September meeting.

Section 2

The office of the President shall be rotated annually among the principals of the member schools. The Vice President shall be the principal of the school which is next in rotation. The order of rotation shall be determined by the Board of Control.

Article VIII – Dues and Assessments

Section 1

The dues of the Conference are due and payable to the Executive Secretary on or before September 15th of each year. Special assessments may be levied by the Board of Control.

Article IX – Amendments

Section 1

This Constitution may be amended as follows: Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Conference President at least thirty calendar days prior to a Conference meeting. The President shall send copies of the proposed amendment to all member schools at least fifteen days prior to the next Conference meeting. Amendments so submitted shall be acted upon at the next Conference meeting. Six (6) affirmative votes of the Board of Control are necessary for the adoption of such amendments.

Article X – By-Laws

Section 1

Bylaws, not in conflict with the Constitution, shall be established and shall regulate the various school activities. The bylaws may be added to, changed, or deleted by a majority vote of the Board of Control at a regular or special meeting.

BY-LAWS of the WESTERN BIG 6 CONFERENCE

Article I – Duties of the Board of Control

Section 1

The Board of Control shall direct the activities of the Conference in such a manner as to promote the purpose set forth in Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution.

Article II – Duties of Officers

Section 1

The President shall preside over all meetings and perform such duties as regularly pertain to his/her office and as directed by the Board of Control. He/she shall instruct the Executive Secretary to notify all member schools in advance of all meetings. He/she may name special committees and designate chairmanships of the committees.

Section 2

The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absences. If the President so directs, the Vice President shall be responsible for the functioning of the committees.

Article III – Executive Secretary

Section 1

The period of employment of the Conference Executive Secretary shall be for one year and shall coincide with the term of Conference officers. His/her salary shall be annually subject to review by the Board of Control and payable in two installments at regular conference meetings.

Section 2

The duties of the Conference Executive Secretary shall be as follows:

- A. Keep a complete historical account of all Conference activities.
- B. Collect and account for all dues, assessments, or other monies as directed by the Board of Control. Render financial reports at regular Conference meetings. Pay bills as authorized by the Board of Control.
- C. Notify all member schools of meetings. Prepare an agenda for each meeting. Send copies of these agendas to each member school prior to each regular meeting.
- D. Prepare and file for reference, minutes of all meetings. Send two copies of the minutes to each member school and have copies of minutes available at Conference meetings.
- E. Develop a system of forms which will maintain an accurate record of all Conference activities.
- F. Prepare a detailed, written annual report of all Conference activities for file, reference and distribution.
- G. Participate in the planning and development of Conference athletic and non-athletic activities, as authorized by the Board of Control.

- H. Keep the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations of the various

Conference activities current and distribute two revisions to each member school at any time there is a change.

- I. Procure authorized awards for Conference activities.
- J. Present Conference championship awards at regular Conference meetings.
- K. Engage a Conference statistician for athletic activities, as approved by the Board of Control
- L. Interpret the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations of the Conference.
- M. The Executive Secretary will contract an assignment chairman for all boys' and girls' varsity and sophomore conference basketball games as well as securing replacements for any assigned official(s) who are unable to honor their contract
- N. The Executive Secretary will contract an assignment chairman for all boys' varsity and sophomore football games as well as securing replacements for any assigned official(s) who are unable to honor their contract.
- O. The Executive Secretary will to serve as the official conference contact with the Illinois High School Association.

Section 3

There shall be an annual audit of the Conference financial records prior to the annual fall Conference meeting. The Executive Secretary shall notify the Auditing Committee Chairman when said records are ready for audit.

Article IV – Rotation of Presiding Officers

Section 1

The officers of the Western Big 6 Conference shall assume office at the conclusion of old business at the regular Conference meeting in September of each year. The order of rotation as determined by the Board of Control shall be in reverse alphabetical order by school name as follows commencing with Rock Island for the 2019-2020 school year.:

Rock Island Senior High School
Quincy Senior High School
Moline Senior High School
Geneseo High School
Galesburg High School
Alleman High School
United Township High School
Sterling High School

Article V – Place of Meetings

Section 1

The two regular Conference meetings, one in the fall and one in the spring will be held at a site determined by a vote of the principals.

Section 2

The meeting place for special meetings shall be determined by the Conference President.

Article VI – Delegates to Meetings

Section 1

The Principal of each member school may invite members of his/her staff who are involved in Conference activities to Conference meetings.

Section 2

In all matters where a vote is cast, each member school shall have one vote.

Section 3

Member schools shall be responsible for the costs incurred at Conference meetings.

Article VII – Standing Committees

Section 1

The following standing committees shall be established and perform duties as authorized by the Board of Control.

- A. Athletic Directors' Committee
- B. Auditing Committee

Section 2

Other standing committees may be established as approved by the Board of Control.

Article VIII – Activities

Section 1

The Conference shall promote and regulate IHSA activities in the following:

A. Athletics

1. A sport shall be considered an official Western Big 6 Conference sport if:
 - a. A majority of the member school field a team in the sport, and
 - b. The sport is recognized and regulated by the Illinois High School Association.
2. All official Western Big 6 Conference sports shall receive Conference Championship recognition, All Conference recognition, and Scholastic All Conference recognition.

Section 2

Other activities may be included as approved by the Board of Control.

Section 3. CO-OP TEAMS

Member schools shall compete in conference sports and activities using only students who are enrolled and working toward a diploma from the member school, with the following exception:

1. In conference sports designated by the IHSA as single class sports, a member school may field a cooperative team with a school that does not offer the sport for their students. The school wishing to field a cooperative team must meet and comply with all requirements of the Illinois High School Association for cooperative teams.

Article IX – Communications Media

Section 1

The Conference shall cooperate with various communications media of the area who provide coverage for activities of the Conference by:

- A. The Executive Secretary shall release news stories of conference activities provided by the Athletic Director in charge of the activity.
- B. Preparing news releases as situations from time to time deem prudent.
- C. Providing accommodations to communication media representatives.
- D. Providing complimentary admission tickets or press passes for reporters and photographers.

Article X – Amendments

Section 1

These bylaws may be amended by a majority affirmative vote of the Board of Control at a regular or special Conference meeting.

Article XI – Rules and Regulations

Section 1

Rules and regulations shall be established for each activity promoted and regulated by the Conference.

Article XII – Dues

Section 1

The annual dues for the Conference will be established each spring for the following school year.

Article XIII – Make up Contests

Section 1

If a Conference Athletic Contest is postponed and mutual agreement cannot be reached on a make-up date, the Executive Secretary will determine when the contest is to be played.

Article XIV – Rules for Elections of Western Big 6 All-Conference Teams:

Section 1 – Baseball and Softball

- A. The coaches will meet for the selection of the All-Conference team on Wednesday of week 45 of the standardized calendar.
- B. The All-Conference team shall consist of:
 1. 1st Team - Infielders (4), Outfield (3), Pitchers (2), catcher (1), Utility Player (1) – Plus ties
 2. 2nd Team - Infielders (4), Outfield (3), Pitchers (2), catcher (1), Utility Player (1) – Plus ties
- C. Coaches will nominate their own players. Each school shall have unlimited nominations.

- D. The team will be elected by open ballot. The ballots will be handed to the chairman and results compiled.
- E. Each coach will be allowed eleven (11) votes for all conference players within their category
 - 1. A coach will identify his/her top choice for All Conference Honors as #1, their next choice as #2, and so on through their allotted number of votes assigning each athlete a number indicating their order of choice from first choice to final choice.
 - 2. 2nd Team will be the next 4 infielders, 3 outfielders, 2 pitchers, and utility player, including ties.
- F. Honorable mention will be accorded to any athlete not selected to the All-Conference team, but who received a vote.
- G. The All-Conference team will be released on conference stationery. (See Section XVIII)

Section 2 – Boys and Girls Basketball

- A. The coaches will meet for the selection of the All-Conference Girls Basketball team on the Monday of week 35 of the IHSA standardized calendar.
- B. The coaches will meet for the selection of the All-Conference Boys Basketball team on the Monday of week 35 of the IHSA standardized calendar.
- C. Ten (10) players (plus ties) will be selected.
- D. The five (5) players (plus ties) receiving the highest votes will be designated “First Team”.
- E. The five (5) players (plus ties) receiving the next highest votes will be designated “Second Team”.
- F. Coaches will nominate only their own players. Each school will have unlimited nominations.
- G. The team will be selected by open ballot. The ballots will be handed to the chairman, and the results compiled.
- H. Each coach will be allowed ten (10) votes and may not vote for their own players.
 - 1. A coach will identify his/her top choice for All Conference Honors as #1, their next choice as #2, and so on through their allotted number of votes assigning each athlete a number indicating their order of choice from first choice to final choice.
- I. Honorable mention will be accorded to any athlete not selected to the All-Conference team, but who received a vote.
- J. The official All-Conference team will be released on conference stationery. (See Section XVIII)

Section 3 – Football

- A. The coaches will meet for the selection of the All-Conference team on Wednesday of week 17 of the standardized calendar.
- B. An eleven (11) man “First Team” offensive team (plus ties) will be selected consisting of one (1) quarterback (plus ties), five (5) linemen (plus ties) and five (5) skill players (plus ties) receiving the most votes.
- C. An eleven (11) man “Second Team” offensive team (plus ties) will be selected consisting of one (1) quarterback (plus ties), five (5) linemen (plus ties) and five (5) skill players (plus ties) receiving the next highest votes.
- D. Four (4) special team players will be selected consisting of punters, kickers, return specialists, etc., The two (2) players (plus ties) receiving the highest votes shall be

designated “First Team”, the two (2) players receiving the next highest votes (plus ties) shall be designated “Second Team”.

- E. An eleven (11) man “First Team” defensive team (plus ties) will be selected consisting of the four (4) linemen (plus ties) and seven (7) skill players (plus ties) receiving the most votes.
- F. An eleven (11) man “Second Team” defensive team (plus ties) will be selected consisting of four (4) linemen (plus ties) and seven (7) skill players (plus ties) receiving the next highest votes.
- G. The team will be elected by open ballot. The ballots will be handed to the chairman, and the results compiled.
- H. Coaches will nominate their own players. Each school will have unlimited nominations.
- I. Each coach will be allowed twenty-three (23) votes for the offensive team consisting of two (2) for quarterback, ten (10) for linemen and ten (10) skill players. The Quarterback, top five linemen, and top five skill players receiving the most votes shall be designated the First Team Offense. The Quarterback, five (5) linemen, and five (5) skill players receiving the next highest votes shall be designated Second Team Offense. Each coach will be allowed twenty-two (22) votes for the defensive team, and four (4) votes for special team players. Coaches may not vote for their own players.
 - 1. A coach will identify his/her top choice for All Conference Honors as #1, their next choice as #2, and so on through their allotted number of votes assigning each athlete a number indicating their order of choice from first choice to final choice.
- J. Honorable mention will be accorded to any athlete not selected to the All-Conference team, but who received a vote.
- K. The official All-Conference team will be released on conference stationery. (See Section XVIII)

Section 4 – Boys and Girls Soccer

- A. The coaches will meet for the selection of the All-Conference Boys Soccer team on the Wednesday of week 17 of the standardized calendar.
- B. The coaches will meet for the selection of the All-Conference Girls Soccer team on Wednesday of week 46 of the standardized calendar.
- C. A twenty-two (22) player team (plus ties) will be selected.
- D. Two (2) goalie (plus ties) will be selected. The goalie receiving the highest number of votes will be designated “First Team”. The goalie receiving the next highest number of votes will be designated “Second Team”.
- E. Twenty (20) field players will be selected consisting of 12 offensive players and 8 defensive players shall be selected.. The six (6) offensive players and (4) defensive players receiving the highest number of votes (plus ties) will be designated “First Team”. The six (6) offensive players and (4) defensive players receiving the next highest votes (plus ties) will be designated “Second Team”.
- F. Coaches will nominate only their own players. Each school will have unlimited nominations.
- G. The team will be selected by open ballot. The ballots will be handed to the chairman, and the results compiled.
- H. Each coach is allowed twenty (20) votes for field players and one (1) vote for goalie.
 - 1. A coach will identify his/her top choice for All Conference Honors as #1, their next choice as #2, and so on through their allotted number of votes

assigning each athlete a number indicating their order of choice from first choice to final choice.

- I. Coaches may not vote for their own players.
- J. Honorable Mention will be accorded to any athlete not selected to the All-Conference team, but who received votes.
- K. The official All-Conference team will be released on conference stationery. (See Section XVIII)

Section 5 – Volleyball

- A. The coaches will meet for the selection of the All-Conference team on Wednesday of week 17 of the standardized calendar.
- B. Fourteen (14) players (plus ties) will be on the All-Conference team.
- C. Fourteen (14) players will be selected. The seven (7) players receiving the most votes (plus ties) will be designated “First Team”. The seven (7) players receiving the next highest votes (plus ties) will be designated “Second Team”.
- D. Coaches will nominate only their own players. Each school will have unlimited nominations.
- E. The team will be elected by open ballot. The ballots will be handed to the chairman, and the results compiled.
- F. Each coach will be allowed fourteen (14) votes.
 - 1. A coach will identify his/her top choice for All Conference Honors as #1, their next choice as #2, and so on through their allotted number of votes assigning each athlete a number indicating their order of choice from first choice to final choice.
- G. Coaches may not vote for their own players.
- H. Honorable mention will be accorded to any athlete not selected to the All-Conference team, but who received a vote.
- I. The official All-Conference team will be released on conference stationery. (See Section XVIII)

Section 6 – Wrestling

- A. The Champion in each weight class at the Conference Championship Meet shall be designated “First Team All Conference”. The second-place finisher in each event at the Conference Championship Meet shall be designates “Second Team All Conference”.
- B. The host school Athletic Director shall report the meet results to the Executive Secretary promptly upon completion of the meet.
- C. The official All-Conference team will be released on conference stationery. (See Section XVIII)

Section 7 – Boys and Girls Cross Country

- A. The top ten (10) male individual finishers at the Conference Championship Meet shall be designated Boys Cross Country “First Team All Conference”. The second ten (10) individual finishers at the Conference Championship Meet shall be designated “Second Team All Conference”.
- B. The top ten (10) female individual finishers at the Conference Championship Meet shall be designated Girls Cross Country “All Conference”. The second ten (10) individual finishers at the Conference Championship Meet shall be designated “Second Team All Conference”
- C. The host school Athletic Director shall report the meet results to the Executive

Secretary promptly upon completion of the meet.

- D. The official All-Conference team will be released on conference stationery. (See Section XVIII)

Section 8 – Boys and Girls Golf

- A. The top six (6) male individual finishers at the Conference Championship Tournament shall be designated Boys Golf “First Team All Conference”. The six (6) male finishers in seventh through 12th place shall be designated Boys Golf “Second Team All Conference”. It is intended that the 12 best golfers be recognized. If ties expand the First Team to more than six golfers, the remaining number of the top 12 golfers shall be the Second Team, even if the number of second team members is less than six.
- B. The top six (6) female individual finishers at the Conference Championship Tournament shall be designated Girls Golf “First Team All Conference”. The six (6) female individual finishers in seventh through 12th place shall be designated Girls Golf “Second Team All Conference”. It is intended that the 12 best golfers be recognized. If ties expand the First Team to more than six golfers, the remaining number of the top 12 golfers shall be the Second Team, even if the number of second team members is less than six.
- C. The host school Athletic Director shall report the tournament results to the Executive Secretary promptly upon completion of the tournament.
- D. The official All-Conference team will be released on conference stationery. (See Section XVIII)

Section 9 – Boys and Girls Swimming

- A. The Champion in each event at the Conference Championship Meet shall be designated “First Team All Conference”. The second-place finisher in each event at the Conference Championship Meet shall be designated “Second Team All Conference”.
- B. The host school Athletic Director shall report the meet results to the Executive Secretary promptly upon completion of the meet.
- C. The official All-Conference team will be released on conference stationery. (See Section XVIII)

Section 10 – Boys and Girls Tennis

- A. The Champion, Runner Up, in #1 Singles and #1 Doubles at the Conference Championship Tournament shall be designated “First Team All Conference”. The third and fourth place in #1 Singles and #1 Doubles at the Conference Championship tournament shall be designated “Second Team All Conference”.
- B. The host school Athletic Director shall report the tournament results to the Executive Secretary promptly upon completion of the tournament.
- C. The official All-Conference team will be released on conference stationery. (See Section XVIII)

Section 11 – Boys and Girls Track

- A. The Champion in each event at the Conference Championship Meet shall be designated “First Team All Conference”. The second-place finisher in each event at the Conference Championship Meet shall be designated “Second Team All Conference”.
- B. The host school Athletic Director shall report the meet results to the Executive Secretary promptly upon completion of the meet.

- C. The official All-Conference team will be released on conference stationery. (See Section XVIII)

Section 12 – Girls Bowling

- A. The 5 bowlers (plus ties) scoring the highest average per game pin count at the Conference Tournament shall be designated as “First Team All Conference”. The 5 bowlers (plus ties) scoring the next highest average per game pin count at the Conference Tournament shall be designated as “Second Team All Conference”.
- B. The host school Athletic Director shall report the meet results to the Executive Secretary promptly upon completion of the meet.
- C. The official All-Conference team will be released on conference stationery (See Section XVIII)

Article XV - Sportsmanship Rules

Section 1 The following sportsmanship rules have been agreed upon:

- A. Both school songs will be played at all conference games. Fans will be asked to stand for both songs.
- B. A sportsmanship announcement will be read at each conference game and all schools will include sportsmanship statements in their program.
- C. Host schools will reserve 15 seats for sophomore basketball players.
- D. In accordance with IHSA rules, the display of signs, banners, placards or similar items at conference activities is permitted, provided:
 - 1. They are in good taste and reflect good sportsmanship in their message and use;
 - 2. They reflect identification and encouragement to participants and their school/community;
 - 3. They are not displayed on the field of play or in a manner which interferes with play;
 - 4. They do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators; and
 - 5. They are not safety hazards.
- E. Hoops used by schools for the team to enter the playing area must honor the team. No negative comments about the opponent will be allowed.
- F. The host will inform the visitors of the pre-game show.
- G. Visitors will not interfere with the host schools pre-game show.
- H. Administrators from visiting schools will notify the host school of their seat location.

Section 2 The following recommendations have been agreed upon.

- A. The visiting team will be introduced first, following by the home team. Coaches shall be introduced last, meet, and shake hands.
- B. Handshaking after a contest should be encouraged.

Article XVI – Assignment of Lifetime Passes and Recognition Awards.

Section 1

Conference lifetime passes may be awarded, by recommendation of the conference schools, to the following people who have served 15 years at a Western Big 6 School: high school coaches, administrators, athletic directors, and ticket managers. Also,

those people who have made an exceptional contribution to athletics may be awarded a lifetime pass if approved by a majority of the Board of Control. Effective April 14, 1997, all future passes will include “Admit Two.”

Section 2

Recognition awards will be offered to any retiring principal or athletic director that has served on or with the Western Big 6 Board of Control for 10 or more years.

Article XVII—TV Policy

Section 1 – Live Telecasts

- A. There shall be no live telecast of any athletic event, unless there is the unanimous consent of the Board of Control of the Western Big 6 Conference.
- B. The President of the Board of Control has the power to instruct the Executive Secretary to poll the principals of member schools for consent.
- C. Any television station requesting permission to televise live, an athletic contest of a member school, shall guarantee the host school money involving the difference in receipts (based on current adult general admission prices) between actual attendance and capacity attendance, plus the sum of \$100 payable to the Western Big 6 Conference.

Section 2 – Delayed Telecasts

- A. Delayed telecasts are permissible and shall be defined as those telecasts of an event occurring after the actual athletic event has been played.
- B. If feasible, broadcast tapes should be made available to the host school after the delayed telecast.

Section 3 – General Principles governing live and delayed telecasts, as well as Radio Broadcasts

- A. Broadcasting rights shall be made available to all stations.
- B. Permission to telecast or broadcast shall be sought in advance of the event from the competing schools.
- C. Host school members of the conference will make every effort to grant broadcasting rights, as well as, telecasting rights on a fair and equitable basis, but they reserve the right to approve or reject any application. They also further reserve the right to approve or reject any proposed commercial sponsor.
- D. Sponsors shall not be permitted to interrupt the actual playing time of the contest.
- E. Host school members will allow approved television or radio stations to broadcast; but will assume no expense in connection with the broadcasts or telecasts.
- F. Construction of any broadcast or television facilities must be approved in advance by the host school; and after their construction, they become the property of the host school for further disposition at the discretion of the host school.
- G. Advertising on live and delayed action telecasts, as well as radio broadcasts,

- shall conform to the guidelines issued by the Illinois High School Association.
- H. Facilities for TV or radio crews shall be arranged by the proper authority of the host school. Any seats lost in connection with making the broadcast, shall be purchased by the broadcasting station.
 - I. In arranging broadcasts, the station shall furnish evidence of liability insurance, satisfactory to the host school, to cover possible injuries resulting from equipment used in connection with the broadcast.
 - J. The broadcasting station shall be held responsible for any damage to the premises caused by persons or equipment connected with broadcasting the games.
 - K. The competing school shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to equipment or injury to broadcast personnel caused by spectators or others at the event.
 - L. No floor cameras will be allowed if other space is available.
 - M. No contract will be let by member schools for longer than one year (i.e. football, basketball, etc.)

Section 4 – Method of Seeking Permission

- A. Permission to telecast or broadcast shall be sought in advance of the event from the competing schools and agreed upon by both parties.
- B. Firms wishing to cable or telecast a Western Big 6 Conference game must make their requests to host school principal prior to July 1.
- C. It is the host school's prerogative to grant permission. The Conference will just review the request and arbitrate any problems.

Section 5

The Western Big 6 Conference reserves the right to review and revise any of these policies at any time and to revoke any or all rights which might have been granted under them.

Section 6

These policies, as called for above, shall apply to all live and delayed telecasts and broadcasts of contests of member school played at home.

Article XVIII – Rotation

Section 1

A rotation will be established for athletic directors to serve as chairmen of each sport. The rotation shall be in reverse order as was done for Conference officers.

- A. The Executive Secretary will be responsible to conduct the All Conference selection meetings and release the All Conference Team to the local newspapers to include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - Rock Island Argus/Moline Daily Dispatch
 - Quad-City Times
 - Galesburg Register-Mail
 - Quincy Herald – Whig
 - Sterling Daily Gazette
 - Sauk Valley News

- B. The host Athletic Director of the conference event/tournament will be responsible for sending results of the event to the Executive Secretary.

Article XIV – Scholastic All Conference

Section 1 – Criteria

- A. Senior athlete who is presently active in athletics and has won a varsity letter.
- B. Good citizen.
- C. Must have GPA of 3.25. The GPA will be through the 6th semester for fall sports and through the 7th semester for winter and spring sports.
- D. Student must participate in a recognized IHSA and/or a Western Big 6 athletic activity.
- E. Fall scholar athletes’ names will be submitted the Monday prior to Thanksgiving with a release date of the first Saturday in December.
- F. Winter scholar athletes’ names will be submitted on the first Monday of April and released immediately.
- G. Spring scholar athletes’ names will be submitted on the third Monday in May and be released immediately.

SCHOLASTIC ALL-CONFERENCE APPROVED ACTIVITIES

FALL

Cross Country (Boys and Girls)
 Football
 Golf (Boys and Girls)
 Soccer (Boys)
 Swimming (Girls)
 Tennis (Girls)
 Volleyball

WINTER

Basketball (Boys and Girls)
 Bowling (Girls)
 Gymnastics (Girls)
 Swimming (Boys)
 Wrestling

SPRING

Baseball
 Soccer (Girls)
 Softball
 Tennis (Boys)
 Track (Boys and Girls)

Article XX – Videotaping

Section 1

It is recommended that Western Big 6 Conference coaches exchange video tapes for scouting purposes.

Section 2

All conference schools will be permitted to videotape sporting events hosted by a conference school. The host school will provide space for a video camera to the visiting conference school. In addition, no conference school will exchange a video tape with a school not affiliated with the Western Big 6 conference, thus enabling that school to gain an unwarranted advantage over a conference school.

(Established September 18, 1996.)

WESTERN BIG 6 CONFERENCE
RULES AND REGULATIONS

Adopted January 3, 1969

I. AWARDS

- A. Awards shall be presented to Conference team championships annually as follows in all sports recognized by the Western Big 6 Conference as conference sports.
- B. In the event of a tie for any team championship, duplicate awards shall be presented.
- C. Bars shall be awarded to all champions as listed above under Section A.
- D. Medals: Suitable medals shall be awarded to individual competitors as listed below. In case of a tie, a medal shall be awarded per current IHSA practices unless otherwise specified herein.
 - 1. Medals shall be awarded to the first ten (10) individual placed winners in the varsity cross country conference meet. *(change approved 4/16/14)*
 - 2. Medals shall be awarded to the first three (3) place winners in individual events and four medals to the three (3) place winners in the relays for varsity boys' and girls' outdoor conference track meets and varsity boys and girls swimming.
 - 3. Individual medals shall be awarded to the first six (6) places in the boys and girls varsity golf conference meet. *(changed approved 4/16/14)*
 - 4. Medals shall be awarded to the top six (6) individuals in varsity girls bowling conference meet.
 - 5. Medals shall be awarded to places 1-4 in singles and 1-4 in doubles in the boys and girls varsity tennis conference tournament.
 - 6. All Conference Teams will be selected in all recognized varsity conference sports.
- E. Awarding Sweepstakes Championship Bar *(Change approved 8/31/22)*
 - 1. Sweepstakes Points will be awarded for each official conference sport
 - 2. 9 Points will be awarded for 1st place, 7 points for 2nd Place, 6 points for 3rd on down to 1 point for 8th. If a school does not participate in a sport, they will receive zero points.
 - 3. In the event of a tie, points will be added together and divided by the number of teams tying.
 - 4. The Executive Secretary will keep the Sweepstakes standings and shall provide a report of standings at the conclusion of fall sports, winter sports, and spring sports.
 - 5. The Sweepstakes Award will be presented to the school accumulating the most points during the school year.
- F. Criteria for "Don Morris Multi-Sport Award" *(revised 9/20/13)*
 - 1. No athlete shall be nominated that does not have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA on a four (4) point scale.
 - 2. Multi-sport athlete in their senior year.
 - 3. Awards earned in the Conference and at state will be considered. School and community awards will also be considered.
 - 4. Each school may nominate one (1) boy and one (1) girl. The selections are to be made by the principal and athletic director.
 - 5. A resume of the student athlete's accomplishments must be brought to the selection committee in writing.
 - 6. Sufficient copies of the nomination will be prepared so each school will have one (six (6) copies for each nominee).
 - 7. Each athletic director votes for one male and one female candidate. They may not vote on their own school's nominations.

II. BASEBALL

- A. The baseball competition for varsity shall be a fourteen (14) game double round robin.
- B. Conference baseball competition will be scheduled from Week 39 through Week 44 as Saturday double-headers and Tuesday home/away single games.
- C. All games played must be as scheduled, weather permitting.
- D. The Conference baseball season may be extended through the State Final Competition if weather conditions preclude finishing the season prior to the Regional Tournament.
- E. A team must play a minimum of eight (12) games for Conference championship recognition.
- F. The team championship shall be determined on a percentage basis: tie games shall count one-half (1/2) game won and one—half (1/2) game lost.
- G. All varsity teams will compete on the best home baseball field.

III. BOYS BASKETBALL

- A. The Conference basketball competition for varsity shall be a double round robin schedule.
- B. Team basketball championship in varsity shall be determined on a percentage basis.
- C. The home team shall wear light uniforms.
- D. Scouting of opponents shall be unlimited.
 - 1. The host school shall provide two (2) seats only for each of the next conference opponent's scouts.
 - 2. Coaches are encouraged to make arrangements for scouting well in advance.
- E. The host school shall provide tickets to the visiting sophomore team for seats during the varsity basketball game. Whenever possible, these seats will be directly behind the varsity bench. The tickets for these seats will be given to the sophomore coach upon arrival.
- F. At least one (1) week before the opening game of the season, each school shall send an Information sheet to all other member schools. The information sheet shall include at least the following items.
 - 1. Varsity Roster:
 - 2. Home and away numbers of each squad member.
 - 3. Height of each squad member.
 - 4. Class of each squad member.
 - 5. Name of school officials and coaches.
 - 6. Other pertinent information may be included.
- G. Assignment of basketball officials will be made by the contracted conference assignor. The assignor is given the flexibility to hire whatever officials are deemed suitable for conference games.
- H. Sophomore boys basketball games when played prior to an evening varsity game shall begin at 5:30pm. Upon conclusion of the sophomore game, fifteen minutes shall be put on the game clock. The floor shall be immediately cleared and sweep. Upon completion, or at 6:45pm whichever occurs last, the clock shall be started, and the varsity teams shall commence their warmup. When the clock reaches 00:00 the National Anthem shall be played followed by player introductions. Thereafter the game shall commence. Halftime for basketball shall be 10 minutes. For senior night, time not in excess of 10 minutes may be added to the between game schedule. Eight (8) minute quarters will be played in both preliminary and varsity games.
- I. The floor will be cleaned prior to the varsity team's warm-up period.

IV. GIRLS BASKETBALL

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 2. Other pertinent information may be included.
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 1. The assignor is given the flexibility to hire whatever officials are deemed suitable for conference games.
- H. Sophomore girls basketball games when played prior to an evening varsity game shall begin at 5:30pm. Upon conclusion of the sophomore game, fifteen minutes shall be put on the game clock. The floor shall be immediately cleared and sweep. Upon completion, or at 6:45pm whichever occurs last, the clock shall be started, and the varsity teams shall commence their warmup. When the clock reaches 00:00 the National Anthem shall be played followed by player introductions. Thereafter the game shall commence. Halftime for basketball shall be 10 minutes. For senior night, time not in excess of 10 minutes may be added to the between game schedule. Eight (8) minute quarters will be played in both preliminary and varsity games.
- I. The floor will be cleaned prior to the varsity team's warm-up period.

V. GIRLS' BOWLING

- A. The conference team champion will be determined by a Conference Tournament.
- B. IHSA Rules will govern competition.
- C. A Conference Tournament shall be held on Monday of Week 31 of the IHSA calendar which shall be rotated between the participating schools alphabetically commencing with Galesburg in 2011. The Tournament format shall be a preliminary 3 game series with opponents determined by a blind draw, followed by a final 3 game series with the two teams that scored the highest in the preliminary 3 games series paired and the two teams scoring the lowest paired for a second 3 game series.
- D. The Conference team champion shall be the team that scores the highest six (6) game series for the tournament. (*introduced December 2011*)

VI. CROSS COUNTRY (BOYS and GIRLS)

- A. The Conference Team Championship shall be determined by a Conference meet.
- B. The Conference tournament shall be held the Thursday prior to the state series.
- C. Each school may enter an unlimited number of runners; count five (5) for team placing.
- D. Illinois High School Association rules for Regional meets shall apply to the varsity cross country meet.

VII. FOOTBALL

- A. The Conference varsity football competition shall be a single round robin schedule.
- B. IHSA Rules will be followed in tie games.
- C. The following method will be used for selecting conference representative to football playoffs:
 - 1. Champion (outright).
 - 2. Two-Way-Tie (Winner of the game between the two teams tied).
 - 3. Three-Way-Tie (Criteria in order listed).
 - a. Fewest defensive points allowed among the schools tied in games against each other.
 - b. Athletic Directors will vote to determine the most representative team to send to the playoffs.
- D. All preliminary conference games, as well as non-conference games, shall have ten (10) minute quarters.
- E. The visiting football teams shall wear white jerseys, and the home team shall wear a color other than white.
- F. The preliminary for Friday night football games will start at 5:00p.m. Upon completion of the preliminary game, 25 minutes shall be put on the game clock. The clock shall start as soon as the field is cleared or at 6:35pm, whichever occurs last. Upon starting the clock, the varsity teams shall have full use of the field for warming up. When the clock reaches 10 minutes remaining the teams shall move to their respective areas inside the 20-yard line and the band and cheerleaders shall have the area between the twenty-yard lines for the pre-game presentation, playing of school songs, and national anthem. Pre-game activities shall be completed, and the field cleared when the clock reaches 00:00, and the game shall commence. The Halftime intermission shall be 15 minutes plus a 3-minute warmup period. For Homecoming and senior night, additional time not in excess of 15 minutes may be added to the between game schedule..
- G. Scouting of opponents shall be unlimited.
The host school shall provide two reserved seats only for visiting team scouts.
- H. Five officials for varsity football games shall be assigned..
 - 1. The host school shall assign four state approved officials for sophomore games.
- I. At least one (1) week before the opening game of the season, each school shall send an Information sheet to other member schools. The Information sheet shall include at least the following items.
 - 1. Varsity roster:
 - a. Home and away numbers of each squad member.
 - b. Approximate weight of each squad member.
 - c. Class of each squad member.
 - d. Position of each squad member.
 - e. Names of school officials and coaches.
 - 2. Other pertinent Information may be included.
- J. Football jerseys at the sophomore level will conform to IHSA rules.
- K. A minimum of twenty (20) minutes warm-up will be allowed the varsity teams from the end of the sophomore game.
- L. The regularly scheduled conference contest counts towards conference standings.

VIII. GOLF (BOYS AND GIRLS)

- A. The conference fall golf championships shall be determined by a tournament.
 - 1. The boys and girls conference tournament shall be held at a common site on the Monday prior to their IHSA regional tournament.
- B. IHSA Regional play rules shall govern tournament play.
- C. Ties for individual medals shall not be broken. Participants that finish with identical scores shall be considered co-winners and shall be provided with duplicate medals. No further awards are given, the top 6 including ties are recognized with medals and all-conference.

IX. SOCCER (BOYS AND GIRLS)

- A. Conference champion will be determined by a single round robin.
- B. If two Conference games are played, the first will count in the Conference standings.
- C. IHSA rules govern play.
- D. In the event a game is tied at the end of regulation time, two ten-minute overtime periods will be played in full. If teams are still tied after that a PK shootout would occur. The visiting team shall call the coin toss. The winner of the coin flip to choose to shoot 1st or 2nd. Each team will pick 5 people to shoot. If still tied after the 1st 5 kicks, a series of sudden death kicks will be made by 5 different players. If another sudden death series needs to be used, any player may be designated to shoot.

X. GIRLS' SOFTBALL

- A. Competition for varsity shall be a fourteen (14) game double round robin.
- B. Best won-lost record will be declared champion.
- C. Conference softball competition will be double-header games scheduled from Week 39 through Week 44.
- D. The Athletic Directors shall prepare a schedule of games which shall be approved by the Board of Control and distributed to member schools. Games shall be played as scheduled, weather permitting.
- E. A team must play a minimum of eight (12) games for Conference Championship recognition.
- F. If the second game of a double-header is rained out and cannot be rescheduled, it will count as one-half (1/2) game won and one-half (1/2) game lost in the standings.

XI. SWIMMING (BOYS and GIRLS)

- A. The Conference Team Championship in Varsity Swimming shall be determined by a conference meet.
- B. The Conference Swim Meet will be held on Saturday two weeks prior to the Sectional Swim Meet. In the event an emergency causes the meet to be cancelled or postponed, the meet shall be held on the following Monday.
- C. The Conference Swim Meet shall be scored the same as the IHSA Series.
- D. The IHSA State Rule regarding limitations of swimming events shall be followed.
- E. Entries shall be limited to two from each school.
- F. The Host school shall assume all financial obligations for conducting and managing the Conference Swim Meet except for awards.
- G. The Host school may call on other member schools to provide help to assist in conducting the meet.

XII. TENNIS (BOYS AND GIRLS)

- A. The Conference tennis championship shall be determined by a tournament.
- B. IHSA Sectional play rules shall govern the tournament play.
- C. The Conference Tournament shall be held on the Saturday prior to the Sectional Saturday date. However, should this Saturday date be postponed, then the Conference Tournament shall be held on the next available date..

XIII. TRACK (BOYS AND GIRLS)

- A. The varsity team championship shall be determined by a Conference meet
- B. The Varsity Conference meet shall be held on the same day and at the same place on the weekend preceding the Sectional meet.
- C. The Conference track and field championship meet will correspond to the events and order of events in the State Track Meet. If fully automatic timing is used, preliminaries shall be eliminated.
- D. Entries shall be limited to three from each school in all individual events.
- E. Each school may enter one relay team only in each relay race.
- F. Five (5) places shall be counted and scored as per current IHSA practices.
- G. The IHSA state rule regarding limitation of track events shall be followed.
- H. Host School Responsibilities: The host school shall be responsible for all details of conducting the meet.
 - 1. The host school may call on other member schools to provide at least two persons to assist in conducting the meet.
 - 2. The host school shall assume all financial obligations for conducting and managing Conference track meet except for awards, which are provided by the Conference. All profit or losses shall be borne by the host school.
 - 3. Fully Automatic Timing (FAT) shall be used for the conference boys and girls track meets.

XIV. GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

- A. Competition for varsity shall be a fourteen (14) game double round robin.
- B. Best won-lost record will be declared champion.
- C. Conference volleyball competition will be scheduled from Week 9 through Week 14.
- D. The Athletic Directors shall prepare a schedule of games which shall be approved by the Board of Control and distributed to member schools.
- E. IHSA rules will govern play.

XV. WRESTLING

- A. The conference team champion will be determined by a conference tournament.
- B. IHSA rules will govern competition.
- C. The tournament shall be held on Saturday of Week 30 of the standardized calendar.
- D. The host site for the tournament shall rotate through the member schools.

XVI. GAMES DURING STRIKE

- A. In accordance with IHSA By-Law 2.140 no team or other entity representing a member school may participate in an interscholastic contest or activity during the time the member school is not in session due to a strike by teachers or other school personnel.
- B. Conference games scheduled to occur while a member school is not in session due to a strike shall be forfeited and recorded as a loss by the striking school and a victory by the scheduled conference opponent.
- C. In the event a strike settlement agreement is reached during a sports season when games are scheduled, the principal or athletic director of the striking school shall give notice of the settlement via telephone, email, or fax to the principals or athletic directors of all conference opponents scheduled to play the striking school within 5 days of the notice. Games scheduled not less than 24 hours prior to the starting time of the first scheduled event after such notice is provided shall be played. Games scheduled to be played less than 24 hours prior to the starting time of the first scheduled event after such notice is provided shall be forfeited. The intent of this by-law is to ensure a minimum of 24 hours' notice to schools involved in athletic contests with conference opponents of striking schools.
- D. This by-law shall not supersede existing IHSA by-law 2.140.3 regarding football.
- E. There shall be no financial consequence to the striking school resulting from athletic contests forfeited by the imposition of this by-law.

ARTICLE XVII. AMENDMENTS

These Rules & Regulations may be amended by a majority affirmative vote of the Board of Control at a regular or special Conference meeting

