

**MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC  
CONFERENCE**

**MIAC**

**POLICY MANUAL**

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# GENERAL POLICIES

## I. Athletic Director Meetings

### A. Snow Day Suggestions

1. If there is a weather advisory the day before an AD meeting the commissioner will contact the athletic directors the day before and make a decision concerning the meeting.
2. The tentative reschedule date for the AD meeting will be the following Wednesday.

### B. MIAAA Meeting

1. One athletic director from the league will attend the MIAAA Annual Conference in Traverse City each year.
2. The league will pay for the person attending the meeting.

## II. Rescheduling of Contests

- A. Home team must wait at least one hour after the regular scheduled starting time before they may leave. A game must be started within one hour of the regular scheduled starting time before it can be cancelled.
- B. If a game must be replayed due to the officials failing to appear, the game will be The team responsible for the cancellation will bear the expense of the officials.
- C. Protocol for rescheduling conference games cancelled due to weather conditions:
  1. Reschedule game on a date agreed upon by both teams.
  2. Reschedule doubleheader for second time playing other school. (Baseball, Softball)
  3. Bump a non-conference game
  4. Don't play the game if it doesn't affect conference championship.

## III. Player Eligibility for Conference Championships

Athletes may participate on more than one team during the same season. To compete for Conference Championships or All-Conference honors the athlete must have competed in 50% of the league contests scheduled.

## IV. Officials

- A. Two officials are required for Varsity Baseball, Varsity Softball, and Varsity Volleyball.
- B. Three officials are required for Varsity Basketball
  1. In the event an official fails to arrive for a scheduled contest, the visiting coach has the final decision as to whether the contest should be played under whatever conditions and arrangements are agreed upon by the two coaches.
- C. Registered officials are required for Cross Country and Track Meets.
- D. Three officials are required to be scheduled for Soccer games, but games are to be played if only two officials are present.
- E. Substitute officials used for varsity contests must be state registered and have no connection from either the associated church or school.

## V. League Expansion

### A. Schools Applying for Membership

1. The application and all supporting material of the application must be typed. (Refer to page in Appendix.
2. Completed application should be sent to:  
Tim Donnan  
MIAC Commissioner  
Southfield Christian School  
28650 Lahser Rd.  
Southfield, MI 48034
3. Completed applications will be reviewed at the next monthly MIAC Athletic Director Meeting
4. An evaluation team of conference athletic directors and principals will be put together to conduct a site visit. The purpose of the site visit is to verify the information in the application and to ask questions of supporting documents. At site visits the evaluation team will plan to meet with the athletic administrator, coaches and attend practices/contests. The committee will then put together a written report to share with member schools.
5. Each applying school will give a presentation at one of the two yearly Principal/Athletic Director meetings (November/March). After the presentation member schools will discuss each schools, application, site visit and presentation. Conference schools will then vote on membership. Schools must be approved by a 3/4 vote or greater to be accepted on a two year probationary status.
6. Schools accepted at the November meeting will start membership on August 1 of the following year and be included in MIAC schedules and AD's will start attending meeting in December of that year. Schools accepted at the March meeting will not be able to start membership for one full school year following the current year of acceptance and AD's would start attending AD meetings in December the following year.
7. Once a school has completed their two year probationary status they will be reviewed by the Principal/Athletic Director council during the March meeting to be approved by 3/4 vote for full membership and then placed on a four year school evaluation cycle.

## VI. Protests

Protests are not allowed. Controversies affecting the contest must be settled on the spot.

## VII. Publicity

Both Coaches are responsible for updating the website with scores following a game.

## VIII. Realignment Policy

- A. During All-Conference Meeting at the end of each season, all coaches must state individual position as to moving up or down, or staying in a division.
  1. If a change is requested by a team, the other coaches must state their agreement or disagreement with that position.
  2. Chairperson of meeting will take and count vote.

- B. Athletic Director (from requesting school) will submit to Commissioner of League request for move.
  - 1. Before the next AD meeting the school requesting move and schools from other division that it could affect will be notified by Commissioner.
  - 2. All schools involved will need to be ready for discussion on realignment.
- C. During next AD meeting, change of school position within divisions will be discussed and voted on based on the following criteria:
  - 1. Vote of coaches from All-Conference meeting
  - 2. Strength of program
    - a. Various levels with the program – 1.e. 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, Jr. High, Junior Varsity
    - b. Consistency of varsity program over the past 3-5 years – overall record
    - c. Competitiveness within the opposite division in league
    - d. Non-league schedule (strong vs. weak)
    - e. Coaching experience, expertise.
  - 3. Special considerations
    - a. Coaches ability to sell his/her case for his/her position
    - b. Returning players, graduating seniors, incoming new players
    - c. Size of school
  - 4. Each team will be given a set amount of time for his/her case and during that allotted time it is his/her responsibility to sell his/her case.
- D. Athletic directors will vote on this issue and the matter will be closed.

## IX. Scoring and Timing

Coaches, prior to the beginning of the contest, shall agree on the most competent adult to act as the official timer and scorer for Varsity Basketball contests.

## X. Sportsmanship

- A. School administrators, athletic directors and coaches will insure that insulting or derogatory banners, songs, chants, etc. will be eliminated from the contests.
- B. Pep Bands will be allowed at home contests only. Athletic Directors will insure that the bands play at appropriate times.
- C. MIAC Code of Conduct (refer to page in Appendix).

## XI. Suspensions

- A. Player and/or coach disqualification will follow MHSAA Policy Regulations.
- B. Should a player or coach be expelled from a second MIAC contest during the same season, he will be banned from the next two MIAC contests. A representative of the MIAC will meet with the school officials to discuss further action.
- C. Any disregard of MIAC sanctions will result in forfeiture of the game.

## XII. Ticket Prices

- A. Current ticket prices for all sports except football will be \$3.00 for students and \$5.00 for adults.
- B. Football's maximum charge is \$5.00 for students and \$5.00 for adults.

### XIII. MIAC Game Pass

- A. Fifteen MIAC Game Passes will be distributed to the Athletic Directors by the Conference.
- B. Athletic Directors may distribute to the appropriate people at their school.
- C. Each MIAC Game Pass is good for the bearer and one (1) guest.

### XIV. Pep Bands/Cheerleaders

Will follow MHSAA rules governing numbers and style.

### XV. Junior Varsity

Junior Varsity contests may be played with less than the requirements outlined in these procedures.

### XVI. Division Champions

- A. A champion in each of the league divisions will receive a plaque
- B. Co-champions will remain as co-champions.

### XVII. School Size

When a high school (grades 9-12) reaches an enrollment level of 450 students the conference has the right to review the school's membership in the MIAC.

### XVIII. Membership to the MIAC

Schools desiring membership in the MIAC must sponsor at least 50% of the varsity sports offered by the Conference. They must also hold membership in the MHSAA.

### XIX. Suspended Games

- A. Suspended games will be resumed where the game was left in the scorebook.
- B. Suspended games must be finished before a new game is played.
- C. Baseball pitcher-inning requirements will follow MHSAA guidelines.

### XX. MHSAA League & Conference Athletic Directors Meeting.

Fees for officers attending meeting will be paid by the league.

### XXI. Coach's Recognition

- D. In an effort to recognize the years of service for coaches in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, an M.I.A.C. athletic director may request a coach be recognized by one or both of the following ways.
  1. A coach who has accumulated 10 years of high school coaching with a minimum of 2 years of coaching in the MIAC will receive a certificate.
  2. A coach who has accumulated 25 years of high school coaching with a minimum of 5 years coaching in the MIAC will receive a plaque.
  3. A standard plaque will be produced identifying the years of service a coach has completed at a particular school. The cost of the plaque would be absorbed by the requesting school.
  4. A school may request an athletic director come to an awards banquet as a M.I.A.C. representative to speak a word of congratulations and present the plaque. This athletic director can be decided at the time of the request.

## XXII. Ratification of an Official Conference Sport

- A. The athletic environment of our conference schools is constantly changing due to size of each school from year to year and the popularity of individual sports. In order to maintain a relatively consistent sport offering within the MIAC, the following guidelines will apply to ratification of adding a new sport to the conference.
- B. Adding a new sport consists of a three year process.
  1. Year 1
    - a. A proposal will be brought to the athletic directors to start a three year probationary period.
    - b. A minimum of 5 schools will be needed to consist of a division.
  2. Year 2
    - a. Schools must have competed in two consecutive years in the MHSAA post season tournament in order to be considered a consistent program.
    - b. The cost of adding a sport would be absorbed by the entire conference and therefore the proposal would require ratification by the normal voting procedure from all athletic directors.
    - c. Individual sports vary in nature, therefore each sport will be considered on an individual basis.
    - d. A conference schedule following league policy would be distributed.
    - e. League rules, all conference numbers, etc. would also be discussed and distributed.
  3. Year 3
    - a. The sport participates as an official league sport.
  4. A proposal may be brought to the athletic directors at any time and may be retroactive with consideration to the two year requirement of the MHSAA post season participation.

## XXIII. At Risk Program

At risk programs are programs that sponsor a sport but have years when they are unable to sponsor that sport for a variety of reasons. When a school is part of the conference schedule in a division sport and is unable to honor their commitment this presents scheduling problems for the remaining schools in that division. Therefore if a school is unable to honor a commitment for two consecutive years that school's team will then be dropped from scheduling the following season. If a school wishes to bring back or add a sport to the division schedule they must submit in writing to the conference their desire to do so and then they will go through a one year probationary period where they can schedule conference schools on a non-conference basis. If the school is able to successfully complete the season then they will be added to the division schedule the following year.

## XIV. At Risk School

At risk schools are ones that for a variety of reasons fail to offer the minimum amount of teams the conference standards require. Once a school has been dropped from the conference schedule and no longer offers 50% of the conference sports that school shall be put on probation for a two year period to allow them time to be in compliance with the conference standard. At the end of the two year probation period if the school continues to not meet the conference minimum for sport offerings the conference will vote whether to allow the school to continue to be a member and must receive a 3/4 vote to dismiss the school



# ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTION

## I. General guidelines

- A. Format for All-Conference Meetings:
  - 1. Record league records and determine final standings.
  - 2. Select First Team All-Conference
  - 3. Select Dream Team (**Basketball Only** – see Appendix pg. for procedures).
  - 4. Select the MVP from the First Team All-Conference.
  - 5. Select the Second Team All-Conference.
  - 6. Select the Coach-of-the-Year.
  - 7. Discuss Points of Emphasis items suggested from AD meeting.
  - 8. Make any recommendations for next year for consideration by Athletic Directors.
  - 9. Discuss and recommend whether any teams should change divisions.
- B. An athletic director is required to chair each All-Conference selection meeting. This person will complete the All-Conference form and send it to the MIAC Commissioner.
- C. To receive All-Conference honors, the athlete must have competed in 50% of the scheduled league contests in that sport.
- D. In addition to All-Conference selections, a Coach-of-the-Year and a MVP shall be selected in each sport in each division. Plaques shall be awarded to the Coach-of-the-Year and the MVP.
- E. Fifty percent of the division schools must sponsor the sport to be considered for a league championship.
- F. All League Conference selections will be posted during the Regional week of that sport.

## II. Most Valuable Player

- A. Criteria for the selection of the MIAC MVP:
  - 1. Outstanding player in the conference for that season.
  - 2. Must also be the MVP of your team.
  - 3. Must be a member of the First Team All-Conference.
  - 4. An individual from the championship team has primary consideration.
  - 5. Exhibits a positive attitude on and off the field.
  - 6. Academically eligible the entire season.
  - 7. Any suspensions should be discussed during the meeting.
  - 8. Must compete in 50% of the league contests scheduled.

## III. Coach of the Year

- A. Criteria for the selection of the MIAC Coach of the Year:
  - 1. Coach from winning team is automatically nominated and then other nominations can be made by the coaches.
  - 2. Demonstrates good sportsmanship.
  - 3. Successful season results.
  - 4. Has a team that overachieves their ability.

## INDIVIDUAL SPORTS POLICIES

### I. Cross Country

- A. The league championship will consist of two jamborees and a final conference meet.
  - 1. The two jamborees will each count 25% toward the league championship.
  - 2. The final conference meet will count 50% toward the league championship.
- B. MIAC final meet shall take place the Friday or Saturday prior to MHSAA Regionals.
  - 1. The boys and girls will run at the same place alternating who goes first from year to year.
  - 2. The second race will start 45 minutes after the first race whether or not all runners have finished.
  - 3. Only the top 7 runners from a school count.
- C. There should be an official starter and timer for the jamborees and the final conference meet who will be paid by the league.
- D. Each member school participating in cross country will be charged a \$35.00 entry fee for the MIAC meets.
- E. All Conference Selections
  - 1. The first seven runners in the final meet will make 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference.
  - 2. Second team All-Conference will be calculated by the percentages of the three meets and be the next top seven runners
  - 3. If a runner finishes in the top 14 runners of both the jamborees, and the league meet they will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Conference selection.

### II. Basketball

- A. MHSAA rules apply regarding types of basketballs.
- B. Each school will supply balls for the visiting league teams. This includes elementary, junior high, and high school teams.
- C. Water should be supplied for visiting team.
- D. Three referees are required to be assigned for Varsity Basketball games, but games are to be played if only two officials show up.
- E. Recommended times for Basketball games are 5:30 p.m. for JV and 7:00 p.m. for Varsity on Tuesday and 6:00 p.m. for JV and 7:30 p.m. for Varsity on Friday nights.
- F. Recommended times for Friday night multiple game format are JV games at 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. and Varsity games at 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. Also, the following procedures should be observed,
  - 1. Warm up time for JV games will be 10 minutes.
  - 2. Half time for JV games will be 5 minutes.
  - 3. Warm up time for Varsity games will be 15 minutes.
  - 4. Half time for Varsity games will be 10 minutes.
  - 5. If games finish early, the next game should start early.
  - 6. The national anthem should take place before the girls varsity game only and line-ups should be conducted for the Varsity girls and boys games.
- G. Coaches, prior to the beginning of the contest, shall agree on the most competent adult to act as the official timer and scorer for varsity basketball contests.
- H. All-Conference Selection Numbers – Please refer to Appendix, p. 19.

### III. Football

- A. The home team should make every effort to have a trainer at each competition to take care of emergency situations that could occur. Routine taping and the like should be taken care of by each team.
- B. Visiting teams should bring their own water.
- C. The home team will be responsible for calling the Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press with the scores and highlights. The visiting team will provide any standouts and their stats that they would like mentioned.
- D. Five officials are required to be assigned for a game, but games can be conducted with a minimum of three officials.
- E. Home team is responsible to have adults on the chains and the scoreboard.
- F. Both home and visiting teams are to report their scores to the MHSAA on the website within 2 hours of game completion.
- G. MIAC League Pre-game Routine – please refer to page of Appendix.
- H. All-Conference Selections Numbers – please refer to Appendix, pp. 19-20.

### IV. Soccer

- A. Ball runners are to be provided by the home team for league soccer games.
- B. The recommended time for a soccer game is 4:30 p.m.
- C. Three officials are required to be assigned for varsity soccer games, but games are to be played if only two officials show up.
- D. Recommendation for rescheduling conference soccer rain-outs.
  - 1. Reschedule game on a open date agreed upon by both teams.
  - 2. Bump a non-conference game.
  - 3. Don't play it if it doesn't affect standings for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place.
  - 4. A game not rescheduled does not count as a win or loss for the teams involved.
- E. Soccer League Championship Tie-Breaker Rules:
  - 1. Points to be applied.
    - i. 3 points for each win
    - ii. 1 point for each tie
    - iii. 0 points for each loss
  - 2. Conference win-loss record
  - 3. Matching of "head to head" conference competition.
  - 4. Co-Champions
- F. All-Conference Selection Numbers – please refer to Appendix, p. 20.

### V. Golf

- A. Conference contests consist of 6 players, best four scores count. Home team is responsible for costs associated with the contest.
- B. Conference Championship – Team
  - 1. Each school is responsible for paying the greens fees of their team for each of the tournaments.
  - 2. Each team will be allowed to play in 3 tournaments, only counting their best 2 finishes.
  - 3. The Conference Champion will be determined using a point system. The team with the highest combined total from the 2 scoring tournaments will be named champion.

4. Point System – based on finish, teams will earn the following points:

1 <sup>st</sup> – 13 points	7 <sup>th</sup> – 5 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 11 points	8 <sup>th</sup> – 4 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 9 points	9 <sup>th</sup> – 3 points
4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 points	10 <sup>th</sup> – 2 points
5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 points	11 <sup>th</sup> – 1 point
6 <sup>th</sup> – 5 points	

C. Conference Championship – Individual

1. Each school is responsible for paying the greens fees of their golfers for each of the tournaments.
2. Each individual will be allowed to play in 3 tournaments, only counting best 2 finishes.
3. The MVP and All-Conference teams will be determined using a point system. The individual with the highest combined total from the 2 scoring tournaments will be named MVP. The top seven individual point totals will receive 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference honors. The second seven individual point totals will receive 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference honors.
4. Point System – based on finish, individuals will earn the following points:

1 <sup>st</sup> - 25 points	11 <sup>th</sup> – 10 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 23 points	12 <sup>th</sup> – 9 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 21 points	13 <sup>th</sup> – 8 points
4 <sup>th</sup> – 19 points	14 <sup>th</sup> – 7 points
5 <sup>th</sup> – 17 points	15 <sup>th</sup> – 6 point
6 <sup>th</sup> – 15 points	16 <sup>th</sup> - 5 points
7 <sup>th</sup> – 14 points	17 <sup>th</sup> – 4 points
8 <sup>th</sup> - 13 points	18 <sup>th</sup> – 3points
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 points	19 <sup>th</sup> – 2 points
10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 points	20 <sup>th</sup> – 1 point

## VI. Volleyball

- A. Format for Varsity Volleyball conference matches will be the best 3 of 5 games, rally scoring – 25 pts. – last game 15 pts.
- B. Two officials are required to be scheduled for matches, but games can be played with one official.
- C. JV matches will be the best 2 of 3 games, rally scoring – no cap, 25 pts. for all 3 games.
- D. Balls used will comply with MHSAA rules.
- E. Home teams should have 2 ball carts, 2 for each team while warming up.
- F. Recommended times for Volleyball games are 5:30 p.m. for JV and 6:30 p.m. for Varsity.
- G. All-Conference Selection Numbers – please refer to Appendix, p. 21.

## VII. Track and Field

- A. The MIAC league meet will take place after the MHSAA regional meet.
- B. Pole Vault shall be an event at the MIAC Track and Field Championship.
- C. A bona-fide Track Team consists of one person. By MIAC consensus, for an athlete to be eligible to participate at the Track and Field Championship Meet, the school has to sponsor a team and the individual must have successfully participated at the team's scheduled meets.
- D. A team must compete in a minimum of 4 contests to participate in the league meet.
- E. Schools involved in the MIAC Track Meet will pay an entry fee of \$35.00 to help cover the cost of the meet.
  - 1. The Starter and the Clerk for the MIAC Track Meet will be paid for by the league.
  - 2. The Timing System for the MIAC Track Meet will also be paid for by the league.
- F. The recommended time for a track meet is 4:30 p.m., but the MIAC Track meet may start earlier.
- G. Online entries will be used for the conference track meet and the league.
- H. Medals will be given to only first and second place finishers.
- I. All-Conference Selection:
  - 1. There will be a maximum of 20 All-Conference players (could be less) that consists of 13 individual winners of the conference meet, and a maximum of 7 at large selections.

## VIII. Baseball & Softball

- A. If double-headers are scheduled as part of the regular schedule or as a rain make-up, each team will act as the home team for one of the games.
- B. Recommendation for rescheduling conference baseball and softball rain-outs.
  - 1. Reschedule game on a date agreed upon by both teams.
  - 2. Reschedule doubleheader for second time playing other school.
  - 3. Bump a non-conference a game.
  - 4. Don't play the game if it doesn't affect standings for the conference championship.
  - 5. A game not rescheduled does not count as a win or loss for the teams involved.
- C. Conference standings are based on the number of wins.
- D. Two officials are to be assigned for Varsity Baseball and Softball games, but games can be played with one official.
- E. Baseball pitching regulations will follow the MHSAA guidelines.
- F. The recommended time for Varsity Baseball and Softball games is 4:30 p.m. Doubleheaders may start at 4:00 p.m.
- G. The MHSAA Softball tiebreaker rule should be used for all league games, but will start in the 9<sup>th</sup> inning.
- H. All-Conference Selection Numbers – please refer to Appendix, p. 22.

## IX. Competitive Cheer

### A. MIAC Conference Meets

1. The MIAC Conference Competitive Cheer Season will consist of 3 competitions.
2. Meets should have 3 judges and a recommended 2 safety judges (can compete with 1 safety judge if needed).
3. Recommended start time for competitions is 6 PM.
4. Recommended time between rounds is 15 minutes. If a matted warm-up area is provided, then 10 minutes between rounds is acceptable.
5. Minimum of 3 minutes of mat time provided prior to the competition.

### B. Team Championship

1. The 3 competitions will be weighted 30% - 30% - 40%.
2. Each team will earn points based on place at each competition with the 1<sup>st</sup> place team earning the most points. If 7 teams compete then 1<sup>st</sup> place team would receive 7 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 6 points, etc.

### C. All Conference Awards

1. Will follow MVP & COY regulations in place.
2. All-Conference Selection Numbers – Please refer to Appendix p. 22

**Revision of Policy Manual: Will take place annually at the Spring meeting**

# MIAC MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SPORTS POLICIES

## MIAC MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER POLICIES

### **1. Length of Game**

- 30 minute halves
- 5 minute halftime

### **2. Mercy Rule**

- 8 goal mercy rule

### **3. Overtime**

- No overtime – can be ties

### **4. Ball size – standard 5**

### **5. Field Size – none**

### **6. Goal Size – regular**

### **7. Number of Players to start and finish**

- Can start the game with 7 and finish with 7.

### **8. Officials**

- Recommended 2 officials but can play with 1.

## **MIAC ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL POLICIES**

### **1. Warm-Up Time**

- Minimum of at least 6 minutes

### **2. Length of Quarters**

- 6 minutes

### **3. Half Time Length**

- Minimum of 5 minutes

### **4. Timer/Scorer Requirements**

- Competent person but also can defer to the other team if they have a permanent or more competent adult.

### **5. Overtime Length**

- One 3 minute overtime, if still tied, one 3 minute sudden victory, if still tied, tie game!!!!

### **6. Running Clock**

- Starts at 30 pt. differential, stops when it becomes a 20 pt. differential.

### **7. Ball Size**

- 5<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> – 28.5 both boys and girls
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Up – Girls – 28.5, Boys – 29.5

### **8. Press**

- 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> – last 2 minutes of regulation and overtime.
- 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – can press at anytime up until 20 pt.

### **9. Free Throw Line**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – relaxed line (shorter) but must stay behind line on shot.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – regulation line, but can step on or over line on shot.
- 7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade – regulation line and cannot jump on or over line on shot.

### **10. Discussion concerning players playing more than one game in a day.**

No rules were encouraged except to make sure schools are doing this in order to fulfill contracted games and not to let good players get more play.



## MIAC MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL POLICIES

### **1. Warm-up time**

- 5 minutes for both teams

### **2. Length of game**

- Six innings or 90 minutes.
- No new inning can start **after** the 90 minute time limit.
- Can end in a tie.

### **3. Mercy Rules**

- No Mercy rules
- 6 runs per inning

### **4. Stealing**

- Yes

### **5. Pitching**

- 54" for baseball
- 40' for softball

### **6. Pitch Count**

- Follow middle school pitch count in effect at this time.

### **7. Bats**

- Baseball – little league approved or high school bb core
- Softball – high school approved

### **8. Bases**

- Recommend 75' for baseball unless field makes it impossible to do..

### **9. Officials**

- Recommend two officials for both baseball and softball but play with one.

### **10. Batting Lineup**

- If a team bats their entire team they will have free substitution.
- If a team has a nine player line up they must follow standard substitution rules.
- Coaches should make this decision at the beginning of the game and let the other coach know what they are doing.

### **11. If a school is considerably weak it is up to the AD from that school to contact the opposing school to make any changes necessary.**

## APPENDIX

### MIAC CODE OF CONDUCT

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In addition, as member schools of the M.I.A.C., we have already made a statement as to the importance of following policies and procedures. As a result, any spectators observed participating in unacceptable behavior may receive a warning before they are removed from the contest. Severe infractions may lead to immediate removal from the school or event premised without warning. This will be up to the discretion of the administrator and/or school representative in charge of crowd control.

Infractions which may lead to a warning or immediate removal from the athletic event, include, but are not limited to: harassment of an official, team member, coach, spectator, or visiting team participants; the use of foul language, throwing of any object onto or near the playing area, or in the stands, and any other activity that is deemed as unsportsmanlike.

The additional follow-up steps may be taken:

1. If possible, talk to the Coach of the school to identify as to whom the individual is.
2. Inform the Athletic Director of the school whom the individual was representing.
3. Ban the individual from attending some or any remaining M.I.A.C. contests.

# ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTION NUMBERS

## Basketball

8 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	3	1	4
2	2	1	3
3	1	2	3
4	1	2	3
5	1	1	2
6	1	1	2
7	1	1	2
8	1	1	2
	11	10	21

7 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	3	1	4
2	2	1	3
3	1	2	3
4	1	1	2
5	1	1	2
6	1	1	2
7	1	1	2
	10	8	18

6 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	3	1	4
2	2	1	3
3	1	2	3
4	1	1	2
5	1	1	2
6	1	1	2
8 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	4	4	8
2	4	3	7
3	3	3	6
4	3	2	5
5	2	3	5
6	2	2	4
7	1	2	3
8	1	1	2
	20	20	401

## Football

5 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	3	1	4
2	2	1	3
3	1	2	3
4	1	1	2
5	1	1	2
7 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	4	4	8
2	4	3	7
3	3	3	6
4	3	2	5
5	2	2	4
6	2	2	4
7	1	2	3
	19	18	37

**Football (cont'd)**

6 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	4	3	7
2	3	3	6
3	3	2	5
4	2	3	5
5	2	2	4
6	2	2	4
	16	15	31

5 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	4	3	7
2	3	3	6
3	3	2	5
4	2	3	5
5	2	2	4
	14	13	27

**Soccer**

8 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	3	1	4
2	2	1	3
3	1	2	3
4	1	2	3
5	1	1	2
6	1	1	2
7	1	1	2
8	1	1	2
	11	10	21

7 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	4	2	6
2	3	2	5
3	3	2	5
4	2	2	4
5	2	2	4
6	2	2	4
7	1	2	3
	17	14	31

6 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	3	3	6
2	3	2	5
3	2	3	5
4	2	2	4
5	2	2	4
6	1	2	3
	13	14	27

5 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	3	3	6
2	3	2	5
3	2	2	4
4	2	2	4
5	1	1	2
	11	10	21

**Volleyball**

8 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	3	2	5
2	2	2	4
3	2	1	3
4	2	1	3
5	1	2	3
6	1	1	2
7	1	1	2
8	1	1	2
	13	11	24

7 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	3	2	5
2	2	2	4
3	2	1	3
4	1	2	3
5	1	1	2
6	1	1	2
7	1	1	2
	11	10	21

6 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	3	2	5
2	2	2	4
3	2	1	3
4	1	1	2
5	1	1	2
6	1	1	2
	10	8	18

5 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	2	2	4
2	2	1	3
3	1	2	3
4	1	1	2
5	1	1	2
	7	7	14

**Baseball/Softball**

8 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	4	3	7
2	3	3	6
3	3	2	5
4	2	2	4
5	2	2	4
6	1	2	3
7	1	1	2
8	1	1	2
	17	16	33

7 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	4	3	7
2	3	3	6
3	3	2	5
4	2	2	4
5	2	2	4
6	2	2	4
7	1	2	3
	17	16	33

**Baseball/Softball (cont'd)**

6 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	3	3	6
2	3	2	5
3	3	2	5
4	2	2	4
5	2	2	4
6	1	2	3
	14	13	27

**Competitive  
Cheer**

5 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	3	3	6
2	3	2	5
3	2	2	4
4	2	2	4
5	1	1	2
	11	10	21

7 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	3	2	5
2	2	3	5
3	2	2	4
4	2	1	3
5	2	2	3
6	1	1	2
7	1	1	2
	12	12	24

6 Teams			
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Totals
1	3	2	5
2	2	3	5
3	2	2	4
4	2	1	3
5	1	2	3
6	1	1	2
	11	11	22

# **MIAC LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Michigan Independent Athletic Conference values sportsmanship and leadership. Each year, the schools of the MIAC enjoy tremendous success in athletics throughout the regular season and into the Michigan High School Athletic Association post-season tournament. The on-field success brings credibility to the hard work that the MIAC student/athletes exhibit in practice and in training. However, the MIAC recognizes that this success needs sportsmanship and leadership from those same student/athletes in order for our programs to be complete. Therefore, the MIAC has established the MIAC Annual Leadership Luncheon in an effort to promote good sportsmanship and leadership throughout our league.

Each year, MIAC schools are encouraged to send 10 student/athletes to a meeting. This meeting is held during lunch which provides informal social interaction with our student/athletes. The formal portion of the meeting encourages and promotes athletic and student leadership through speakers, activities and directed social interaction from these same student/athletes.

To that end, the purpose of the MIAC Annual leadership Luncheon will be to continue putting championship teams on all athletic fields and courts in both victories and sportsmanship through our student/athletic leaders. In doing so, the MIAC teaches young men and women to be leaders now in their respective schools and prepares them to be leaders in the future for their own success and for the success of those around them.

## MIAC LEAGUE FOOTBALL PRE-GAME ROUTINE

<u>Minutes before Kick-Off</u>	<u>Time on the Clock</u>	<u>What to Do</u>
:15	:10	Announcing of starters
:05	:00	Welcome/Prayer National Anthem
:00	:00	Kick-Off

When the clock hits :00 teams should go to their sidelines and face the flag for prayer and National Anthem

Starters will be announced while warm-ups are going on.

## EXPANSION COMMITTEE RECCOMENDATIONS

Goal of Expansion - To improve athletic competition, sportsmanship and character, and to promote friendship.

3 to 5 Year Plan – adding 3-5 teams moving toward a 3 divisional league. This would be a divisional plan by sport with the following parameters:

3 Divisions – Maximum 8 teams in a division, minimum 5 teams

2 Divisions – Maximum 8 teams in a division, minimum 5 teams

1 Division – Maximum 8 teams in a division, minimum 6 teams  
with some exceptions:

- \*Football – maximum of 9 teams in a division
- Cross Country, Golf, and Track & Field can maintain 1 division with a large number of teams

Open or Closed to Applications – the committee recommended that we would be open to applications and handle them as outlined in the constitution.



## BASKETBALL DREAM TEAM PROCEDURES

Selection of a Dream Team:

1. 1st Team selections for each school must be made.
2. Dream team is selected by the following criteria.
  - a. Players from the 1st team are ranked by the coaches for the 5 spots. (5 Total Spots)
  - b. Conference statistics are used to provide data for the selection voting.
  - c. Statistical data for 1<sup>st</sup> team nominations are to be turned in by the Monday before the all-conference meeting.
  - d. Data is compiled and turned in to the Athletic Director hosting meeting.
  - e. Discussion of the players by the coaches takes place before the voting.
3. The Dream Team voting process.
  - a. The players on the 1<sup>st</sup> team are all ranked by the coaches.
  - b. The ballots are scored with the players each receiving a score for their position. 1st = 1 point, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 3 points, etc. Every player nominated must be ranked on each ballot.
  - c. The 5 players with the lowest scores are selected to the Dream Team.
  - d. Dream Team selections receive the "First - Dream Team" on the appropriate line of their All-Conference Certificate.
4. The MVP for the league is selected by the coaches from the dream team.

## MIAC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The following application is for membership to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (M.I.A.C.). Our conference has developed the following guidelines to help us properly evaluate schools seeking membership.

The Conference will be reviewing the following areas when considering membership:

1. Athletic/School Philosophy, History, Sportsmanship, Participation, Crowd Control and Past Affiliations
2. Enrollment
3. Facilities
4. Programs (Athletics, Fine Arts, etc.)
5. Location

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## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

1. A recognized Michigan secondary school
2. Must be a current member in good standing of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. (Please include a copy of your current MHSAA membership resolution in the application.)

## **APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCESS**

1. The application and all supporting material of the application must be typed.
2. Completed application should be sent to:  
Tim Donnan  
MIAC Commissioner  
Southfield Christian School  
28650 Lahser Rd.  
Southfield, MI 48034
3. Completed applications will be reviewed and the next monthly MIAC Athletic Director Meeting
4. An evaluation team of conference athletic directors and principals will be put together to conduct a site visit. The purpose of the site visit is to verify the information in the application and to ask questions of supporting documents. At site visits the evaluation team will plan to meet with the athletic administrator, coaches and attend practices/contests. The committee will then put together a written report to share with member schools.
5. Each applying school will give a presentation at one of the two yearly Principal/Athletic Director meetings (November/March). After the presentation member schools will discuss each schools, application, site visit and presentation. Conference schools will then vote on membership. Schools must be approved by a 3/4 vote or greater to be accepted on a two year probationary status.
6. Schools accepted at the November meeting will start membership on August 1 of the following year and be included in MIAC schedules and AD's will start attending meeting in December of that year. Schools accepted at the March meeting will not be able to start membership for one full school year following the current year of acceptance and AD's would start attending AD meetings in December the following year.
7. Once a school has completed their two year probationary status they will be reviewed by the Principal/Athletic Director council during the March meeting to be approved by 3/4 vote for full membership and then placed on a four year school evaluation cycle.

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Athletic Conference Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel & Email:

Superintendent (Administrator): \_\_\_\_\_

Principal(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletics: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Athletic Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the governing structure (chain of command) of the school.

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Type of School: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the school's basic financial condition?

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Does your governing body (school board) support membership in the MIAC?

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When do you desire to begin MIAC Membership? \_\_\_\_\_

**SUMMARY STATEMENT (typed on a separate piece of paper)**

1. Please give reasons why your school desires to be a member of the MIAC.
2. Please describe your athletic program's philosophy, vision and traditions.
3. Please describe your athletic program's history and any major milestones or achievements.

**SCHOOL & ATHLETE DEMOGRAPHICS**

**SCHOOL (circle best one):**

- Which location best describes your school location?
  - Urban/City
  - Suburban
  - Rural/Small Town
- How old is your current school facility
  - 1-5 years
  - 6-10 years
  - 11-15 years
  - 16-20 years
  - 21-25 years
  - 25 or more

**STUDENT-ATHLETE**

Enrollment based on MHSAA February count past 5 years:

Year \_\_\_\_\_

_____ Male	_____ Female 9 <sup>th</sup>	_____ Total
_____ Male	_____ Female 10 <sup>th</sup>	_____ Total
_____ Male	_____ Female 11 <sup>th</sup>	_____ Total
_____ Male	_____ Female 12 <sup>th</sup>	_____ Total
_____ Male	_____ Female	*Total _____

Year \_\_\_\_\_

_____ Male	_____ Female 9 <sup>th</sup>	_____ Total
_____ Male	_____ Female 10 <sup>th</sup>	_____ Total
_____ Male	_____ Female 11 <sup>th</sup>	_____ Total
_____ Male	_____ Female 12 <sup>th</sup>	_____ Total
_____ Male	_____ Female	*Total _____

Year \_\_\_\_\_

_____ Male	_____ Female 9 <sup>th</sup>	_____ Total
_____ Male	_____ Female 10 <sup>th</sup>	_____ Total
_____ Male	_____ Female 11 <sup>th</sup>	_____ Total
_____ Male	_____ Female 12 <sup>th</sup>	_____ Total
_____ Male	_____ Female	*Total _____

Year \_\_\_\_\_

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_____ Male	_____ Female 11 <sup>th</sup>	_____ Total
_____ Male	_____ Female 12 <sup>th</sup>	_____ Total
_____ Male	_____ Female	*Total _____

Year \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Male    \_\_\_\_\_ Female 9<sup>th</sup>    \_\_\_\_\_ Total

\_\_\_\_\_ Male    \_\_\_\_\_ Female 10<sup>th</sup>    \_\_\_\_\_ Total

\_\_\_\_\_ Male    \_\_\_\_\_ Female 11<sup>th</sup>    \_\_\_\_\_ Total

\_\_\_\_\_ Male    \_\_\_\_\_ Female 12<sup>th</sup>    \_\_\_\_\_ Total

\_\_\_\_\_ Male    \_\_\_\_\_ Female    \*Total \_\_\_\_\_

## **ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION**

Percentage of your student body who participated in at least one of your school sponsored teams in the previous year:

Male \_\_\_\_\_%

Female \_\_\_\_\_%

Total \_\_\_\_\_%

Percentage of your student body that participated for at least 2 sponsored teams in the previous year:

Male \_\_\_\_\_%

Female \_\_\_\_\_%

Total \_\_\_\_\_%

Percentage of your student body that participated for at least 3 sponsored teams in the previous year:

Male \_\_\_\_\_%

Female \_\_\_\_\_%

Total \_\_\_\_\_%

## **ATHLETIC STAFF**

Athletic Director:

Number of years as an Athletic Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years as an AD at your school: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Administrator Designation Achieved (RAA, CAA, CMAA or none): \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Administrator membership in the MIAAA since: \_\_\_\_\_

Duties in addition to being an athletic director: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Assistants:

List other full time staff dedicated to athletics and their titles:

List part time staff dedicated to athletics and their titles:

Please describe your school's procedures for event supervision and contest management.

Please describe who is responsible for covering other event staff (ticket takers, announcers, scorers, timers, etc.).

Athletic Trainer:

Do you have training services for your athletic teams provided by the school?

Number of hours your trainer works per week.

Describe the coverage by your athletic trainer at athletic events.

How many AED's does your school have? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your school provide an AED at all home contests? \_\_\_\_\_

Coaching Staff:

Number of Head Varsity Coaches: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Faculty Head Varsity Coaches: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Head Sub-Varsity Coaches: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Faculty Head Sub-Varsity Coaches: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Paid Assistant Coaches: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Faculty Paid Assistant Coaches: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Volunteer Coaches: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Coaches: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Head Coaches that are CPR certified: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Assistant/Sub-Varsity Coaches that are CPR certified: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Head Coaches that are CAP certified: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Assistant/Sub-Varsity Coaches that are CAP certified: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the professional development done for your coaches over the past 5 years.

### **MIAC CONFERENCE ATHLETIC OFFERING STANDARDS**

The MIAC conference currently sponsors 13 sport championships. Each school in the conference must offer at least one male and one female sport per season (Fall, Winter & Spring) and must offer at least two male divisional sports (soccer, basketball & baseball) and two female divisional sports (volleyball, basketball, softball & soccer) per year. Please check off sports you sponsor below.

#### **MIAC VARSITY CONFERENCE SPORTS**

##### Male Offerings

- \_\_\_\_\_ Soccer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Football
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cross Country
- \_\_\_\_\_ Basketball
- \_\_\_\_\_ Baseball
- \_\_\_\_\_ Track & Field
- \_\_\_\_\_ Golf

##### Female Offerings

- \_\_\_\_\_ Volleyball
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cross Country
- \_\_\_\_\_ Basketball
- \_\_\_\_\_ Softball
- \_\_\_\_\_ Soccer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Track & Field

#### **MIAC JV CONFERENCE SPORTS**

##### Male Offerings

- \_\_\_\_\_ Basketball

##### Female Offerings

- \_\_\_\_\_ Volleyball
- \_\_\_\_\_ Basketball

#### **OTHER SPORTS**

##### Male Offerings

- \_\_\_\_\_ Bowling
- \_\_\_\_\_ Swimming
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lacrosse
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tennis
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hockey

##### Female Offerings

- \_\_\_\_\_ Bowling
- \_\_\_\_\_ Swimming
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lacrosse
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tennis
- \_\_\_\_\_ Golf



\_\_\_\_\_Ski

\_\_\_\_\_Ski

\_\_\_\_\_Wrestling

\_\_\_\_\_Competitive Cheer

Please list any other teams or programs you sponsor:

## **POLICIES & PRACTICES**

Sportsmanship: Please describe how your school handles the following areas.

1. Unsportsmanlike Behavior
2. Communicating Sportsmanship Expectations
3. Process used to evaluate adult and student spectator, player and coaching behaviors
4. List any sportsmanship awards or concerns reported to the MHSAA regarding sportsmanship by athletes, fans & staff.

## **M.I.A.C. at Risk Programs**

At risk programs are programs that sponsor a sport but have years when they are unable to sponsor that sport for a variety of reasons. When a school is part of the conference schedule in a division sport and is unable to honor their commitment this presents scheduling problems for the remaining schools in that division. Therefore if a school is unable to honor a commitment for two consecutive years that schools team will then be dropped from scheduling the following season. If a school wishes to bring back or add a sport to the division schedule they must submit in writing to the conference their desire to do so and then they will go through a one year probationary period where they can schedule conference schools on a non-conference basis. If the school is able to successfully complete the season then they will be added to the division schedule the following year.

## **M.I.A.C at Risk Schools**

At risk schools are ones that for a variety of reasons fail to offer the minimum amount of teams the conference standards require. Once a school has been dropped from the conference schedule and no longer offers 50% of the conference sports that school shall be put on probation for a two year period to allow them time to be in compliance with the conference standard. At the end of the two year probation period if the school continues to not meet the conference minimum for sport offerings the conference will vote whether to allow the school to continue to be a member and must receive a 3/4 vote to dismiss the school.

## Supervision

- Each member school will have a person serve as Athletic Director/Coordinator. This person is expected to attend monthly meeting or have a representative if not in attendance. The Athletic Director will have the authority to vote on athletic matters or have the ability to make athletic policy recommendations.
- Each member school is required to have a designated adult representative present at all home contests for supervision and game management.

## Facility Inventory

Outdoor Facilities: Please list all outdoor facilities that are used to support your school's programs. Include location, condition, seating capacity, scoreboards, access to restrooms and parking.

Indoor Facilities: Please list all indoor facilities that are used to support your school's programs. Include location, court size, condition, seating capacity, restroom, scoreboards, restrooms and parking.

## Application Checklist

1. Cover letter from high school principal
2. Typed Application
3. Summary Statements
4. Copy of your school's athletic handbook
5. Copy of most recent MHSAA Resolution of membership
6. Recommendation letter from a current M.I.A.C. member sponsoring your application

Please submit this completed application to the MIAC Commissioner along with a non-refundable check payable to the MIAC in the amount of \$250. Upon acceptance to the MIAC the \$250 will be applied to membership dues. It is the sole discretion of the members of the MIAC Conference to accept or decline a school's membership application with or without cause.

We submit this information to be accurate and representative of the applying school.

Athletic Director (Signature): \_\_\_\_\_

Principal (Signature): \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent (Signature): \_\_\_\_\_

School Board Chairman or CEO (Signature): \_\_\_\_\_