

THE MID-OHIO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLES

I. CONFERENCE NAME

(1) The name of the Conference shall be The Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference

II. PURPOSE OF THE CONSTITUTION

(1) The purpose of this Non-Profit Conference shall be to regulate, supervise and administer interscholastic athletic competition by and among its membership by establishing a common set of rules and regulations that provide for and develop activities to meet the common interest of the member schools.

(2) In order to fulfill the purposes of The Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference, the MOAC shall encourage the development of programs within the member schools that promote the goals of good sportsmanship, assist in the development of good citizenship and seek to achieve the goals of education based interscholastic competitions among member schools.

III. MEMBERSHIP

(1) The MOAC was formed in 1990 with the following charter members: Buckeye Valley, Cardington, Elgin, Highland, Mt. Gilead, North Union, Northmor, Pleasant, Ridgedale and River Valley

(2) In 2013 the following schools were added: Centerburg, Fairbanks, Fredericktown and Jonathan Alder

(3) In 2014 the following schools were added: East Knox, Galion, Marion Harding and Upper Sandusky (One year, football only). Also, in 2014 Ridgedale chose to withdrawal from the Conference.

(4) In 2017 the Knox and Morrow County schools left the Conference to form a new league. Elgin, Fairbanks and Jonathan Alder left to join other leagues. Clear Fork and Ontario were added to make an 8 school conference (Buckeye Valley, Clear Fork, Galion, Marion Harding, North Union, Ontario, Pleasant, River Valley).

(5) In 2018 North Union left to join another league (played Football only in 2018) and Shelby entered except for Football.

(6) After the Spring of 2018, Buckeye Valley left to join another league leaving 7 schools (Clear Fork, Galion, Marion Harding, Ontario, Pleasant, River Valley and Shelby).

(7) In the Spring of 2020, Highland was accepted back into the MOAC in all sports except football in 2021/22 and football in 2022.

(8) In the Spring of 2022, the MOAC absorbed JH sports into the MOAC making the MOAC a 7-12 conference.

(9) Membership in the MOAC requires that member schools agree to be a member of and comply with the constitution, bylaws, and sports regulations of the OHSAA and the constitution, bylaws, rules, regulations and playing rules of the MOAC, as amended from time to time, as a condition for membership and participation in MOAC meetings and sponsored events.

(10) New schools may be admitted within the framework of the constitution by a 75% vote of the total member schools.

(11) New members may be added to the conference under the following procedures: application must be made in writing to the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall present the application to the members at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the conference

(12) A member may withdraw from the conference by notifying all members and Commissioner not later than the first day of September of any given year. Withdrawal shall become effective two (2) years later.

- (13) An existing member can be removed from the conference by a 75% vote of the total member schools.
- (14) The conference Commissioner shall adopt a uniform membership fee, which will be due at the August meeting.

IV. ORGANIZATION

- (1) The officers of the conference shall be: Past President, Current President, President-elect, and Commissioner. The past, current and future Principals of the schools shall make the Executive Triad.
- (2) The terms of office of each elected officer shall be two (2) years.
- (3) The Presidency of the conference will rotate alphabetically every two years. The President-elect shall be from the school next in the rotation. The Chairperson of the Athletic Director's committee will be the AD from the school of the President. The order of rotation for the office of President beginning August 1, 2021 with Pleasant. Ontario will fill the past President position and River Valley will fill the President-Elect position. All officers shall assume their office at the August Executive Committee organizational meeting.
- (4) The President's duties shall include acting as the Chairperson of Executive Committee, conducting the evaluation of the Commissioner, and keeping in contact with the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall preside over Executive Committee meetings, and set the agenda as outlined by the Athletic Director's recommendations, with the assistance of the President. In the absence of the Commissioner, the President will be in charge of conducting all Executive Committee business.
- (5) The duties and salary of the Commissioner shall be established annually.

IV. MEETINGS

- (1) Executive Committee meetings shall be held as follows:
 - a) The first week of August with all Athletic Directors
 - b) The Wednesday after the completion of the seasonal sports banquets or seasonal conference regular season schedule. Beginning in 2021/22 Executive Committee Meetings will be at 4:30 at All Occasions in Waldo prior to each banquet.
 - c) The Athletic Directors shall meet monthly on the Tuesday of the first full week of the month. In all cases this will be prior to the Executive Committee's meeting for the purpose of setting the agenda and recommending courses of action.
 - d) Altered dates may be necessary if conflicts occur
- (2) Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Commissioner or a majority of the conference members the meeting shall be called under the following guidelines:
 - a) All members shall be notified in writing or via electronic mail.
 - b) At least 75% of the member schools must be present or cast a valid vote via an on-line ballot before business can be conducted.
- (3) Any business requiring voting by the membership at regular or special meetings must pass by a 75% vote of the total member schools.
- (4) At the conference sponsored meetings requiring the membership to vote those voters must be the building principal of the member school or his/her designee.

V. RATIFICATION & AMENDING OF THE CONSTITUTION

- (1) The constitution may be amended by a 75% vote of the total member schools.
- (2) Amendments must be initiated at least 30 days prior to being acted upon and shall be acted upon only at an Executive Committee meeting.

VI. ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS

- (1) The eligibility of the participants of any activity of the conference shall be determined by the rules of eligibility of the OHSAA and the individual member schools
- (2) If a suspended athlete from one school transfers to a member school the suspension will follow the student. After the student has fulfilled suspension requirements, he/she will then become eligible at the new school as per OHSSA bylaws.
- (3) Incoming students will follow new school GPA requirements.

VII. DETERMINATION OF CHAMPIONSHIPS & AWARDS

- (1) Each school shall play all scheduled conference schools who participate in a sport to be eligible for the championship unless weather and/or time prohibits playing the scheduled games unless those games have an outcome on the championship and/or the MOAC All Sports Trophy. In that case they will be played.
- (2) In case of a tie for the conference championship there will be no playoff to determine the undisputed champion.
- (3) The conference will award champions in each activity annually in case of co-champions, trophies will be awarded to all champions.
- (4) The MOAC will recognize all OHSAA sports as conference sports provided at least **50%** of the member schools field a team in that sport. Unless otherwise stated, a team is defined by the OHSAA by-laws.
 - a) At the August Executive Committee meeting a tentative list of sports that will be recognized as conference sports for the upcoming school year will be determined.
 - b) If applicable, a varsity level conference tournament/match/meet will determine the MOAC Champion in the following sports: cross-country, gymnastics, swimming, boys & girls track and wrestling.
 - c) In the sport of wrestling, seeding and scheduling of individual matches will be done as 1 tournament. There will be one all conference team, but the highest finishing team being named Conference team champion.
 - d) These guidelines are to be used in the determination of the minimum number of teams, and seeding of any specified freshman level tournaments
- (5) Junior High champions will be recognized in Football (best record); Volleyball (tournament champion); Boys and Girls Cross Country (MOAC Meet winners); Boys and Girls Basket – ball (tournament winners); Wrestling (MOAC Tournament winner) and Boys and Girls Track (MOAC Meet winners)

VIII. CONTRACTS

- (1) The home team in all contests involving finances shall retain all receipts.
- (2) The conference shall adopt a uniform admissions fee for each activity annually.
- (3) Conference blanket contracts are binding.

IX. ABEYANCE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

- (1) Each school holding membership in the conference agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the conference and if, for any reason, a school is suspected of violation of the rules or regulations, a written charge may be made to the Commissioner of the conference whose duties in such a case are as follows:
 - a) Send a written copy of the charges to the school principal of all the member schools;
 - b) Set a time and place for the hearing of the case and notify the high school principals of each of the member schools;
 - c) Conduct a strictly impartial hearing. In case the school of the presiding officer is a direct part of the hearing, the President-elect shall preside. In case the schools of

- the President and the President-elect are direct parties the remaining members will elect a presiding officer for the hearing;
- d) Findings of the hearing shall be determined by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the members not party to the charges.

X. COMMISSIONER

- (1) The Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference shall employ a Commissioner to administer the conference in accordance with the rules and regulations of the OHSAA and the policies of the MOAC.
- (2) The Commissioner's duties will be outlined in the by-laws of the MOAC.
- (3) The Commissioner will be issued a contract at the August organizational meeting of the Executive Committee
- (4) The Commissioner's performance will be reviewed in the March executive meeting for renewal of the contract at the August Executive Committee organizational meeting. A committee made up of the current President, past President and President-elect will be responsible for reviewing the Commissioner's performance.

XI. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (1) The controlling body of the conference shall be the principals. Each school shall be entitled to one vote. If the principal is not present, the school's vote may be cast by the principal's designee. The President's school Athletic Director will be the Athletic Director's committee chairman and be a member of the Executive Committee as a non-voting member
- (2) The time of the meetings shall be established by the Executive Committee each June.
- (3) Place of the meetings will be Tri-Rivers Career Center unless otherwise stated.
- (4) Duties: to act upon general business of the conference. All business acted upon by this body shall be final.
- (5) The membership shall include the principals and the Athletic Directors of the member schools or their designated representative.

XII. SCHOLARSHIP

Any senior athlete who has maintained a 3.5 accumulative GPA on 4.0 unweighted scale at the end 7 semesters will be recognized by the MOAC for their accomplishment as a Scholar-Athlete and receive a certificate honoring this accomplishment. This includes all participants in any OHSAA or MOAC sponsored athletic sport, including cheerleaders, managers, and trainers. The certificate shall be signed by the Commissioner and a representative of the athlete's school.

XIII. IRS

- (1) The Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference will be an entity that will be beneficial to the area high school athletes by providing a structure for the scheduling, governing, rulings and regulations for coaches, officials and student behavior by the expanding of the educational knowledge of sports in a student's life we want to help them grow as students and individuals. This organization with its detailed structure of the high schools that are members will work with the sports of their school to promote healthy, fair reasonable events.
- (2) Upon the dissolution of The Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(C) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code, or shall be distributed to The Federal Government, or to a State or Local Government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction in the country in which the principal office of the organization, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.
- (3) The Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference is organized for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to

organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(C) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code.

XIV. Directors and Officers Insurance

The Commissioner will arrange for Director and Officer Insurance for the conference. The Executive Committee will approve this expense each year as part of the annual budget.

XV. Oversight and Correction

Should a situation arise through administrative oversight or error, where extenuating circumstances exist, the Executive Committee may through a 75% vote of the membership resolve said issue without a permanent change to the constitution.

BY-LAWS

I. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER

- 1) The Commissioner is directly responsible to the executive committee.
- 2) The Commissioner's contractual year begins August 1st.
- 3) The Commissioner's salary and expenses will be determined by the Executive Committee at the June meeting.
- 4) Salary shall be paid, by the President, in two equal installments: the 15th of December and the 15th of May
- 5) At the end of the calendar year and at the end of the school year, the Commissioner will request the President approve any reimbursement expenses. The request will coincide with the approved budget and include any applicable documentation. When approved the President will issue this payment.
- 6) The Commissioner will:
 - a. Serve as the secretary and treasurer of the conference.
 - b. Secure and issue all conference passes at the August AD & Executive Committee meeting.
 - c. Organize and administer All-Conference tournaments in cooperation with personnel from the host school.
 - d. Investigate grievances as outlined in the constitution.
 - e. Investigate written complaints from the schools regarding the officiating of contest.
 - f. Draft all MOAC schedules with assistance from the Athletic Directors of the member schools.
- 7) The Commissioner will coordinate and promote the interest of the MOAC by:
 - a. Attending the executive committee meetings.
 - b. Presenting recommendations to the executive committee for their consideration.
 - c. Attending as many conference events as possible including one sporting event each school year at each member school.
 - d. Act as a spokesman for the conference as deemed necessary and as authorized by the executive committee.
 - e. Prepare and distribute congratulatory notes and other necessary or desirable acts of courtesy.
 - f. Maintain the dignity of the conference by performing the task of the commissioner in as upright, forthright, and honest manner. Expecting the same responses from each of the member schools.
 - g. Maintain membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association's certified assigners program.

- h. Respond to the tasks requested by the executive committee and maintain open lines of communication with each member school and their staff and personnel.
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- 8) Awards**
- a. The Commissioner shall be responsible for the administration and selection of All-Conference teams according to the constitution and by-laws. Commissioner will inform the MOAC web master who will release the All-Conference selections to the media in the local areas who shall coordinate the selection process and all presentation programs at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
 - b. The Commissioner shall purchase all awards approved by the Executive Committee for the use in the awards program of the conference.
- 9) Officials (If the commissioner is also the Fall, Winter, and/or Spring Assigner)**
- a. Develop an approved list of officials for MOAC sports.
 - i. Officials currently being assigned in the conference will be subject to annual evaluations and approval.
 - ii. Observe and evaluate the performance of young officials being utilized for the JV contest for the possible use at the varsity level in the future.
 - b. Use the OHSAA contract for all officials, or equivalent. Whenever possible, contract officials at least one (1) year in advance for both conference and non-conference games keeping in mind the implications involved by the use of an approved list.
 - c. Assign officials to contest or Commissioner Designee to assign officials in all varsity, JV and freshman sports. Taking into account:
 - i. School attitudes toward the official being assigned.
 - ii. Time and travel considerations.
 - iii. Official's affiliation with the conference schools.
 - iv. Number of times an official works at a given school. The goal should be not more than twice in varsity football and varsity basketball per school year.
 - d. Communicate to the assigned officials their game assignments well in advance of the game day, conference rules appropriate to their assignment. In addition the Names, titles, addresses, telephone numbers of school officials, and an explanation of evaluation forms and procedures.
 - e. Be responsible for payment of officials for all conference sponsored tournaments.
 - f. The Commissioner may officiate any contest except a varsity contest (JV or Freshman are permitted).
- 10) News releases and publicity**
- a. Prepare and release appropriate publicity regarding conference matters and status to state wide media.
 - b. Prepare and release news regarding the conference at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
 - c. Be prepared to speak at school and civic events for the promotion of the MOAC and its activities.
 - d. Promote the MOAC by maintaining contact with the news media to provide coverage for the conference activities.
 - e. Be prepared to present or assist in the presentation of awards that promote the MOAC.
 - f. MOAC web master may assist in any of these duties
- 11) Records**
- a. Maintain win-loss league records and All-Conference selections.
 - b. MOAC web master may assist in tracking league records.
- 12) Financial**
- a. Prepare an annual budget by projecting all revenues and expenses for the upcoming year.

- b. Prepare and submit a financial statement after the completion of the fall, winter, and spring sports. Additionally prepare an annual financial report detailed by month for the presentation at the August meeting of the Executive Committee.
- c. Prepare statements and collect conference fees and fines from member schools as well as revenues generated by league events.
- d. All monies from events sponsored by the MOAC will be given to the commissioner by school issued check and will include a ticket reconciliation sheet.
- e. Fines will be levied against those schools whose coaches do not submit stats to the MOAC website weekly or evaluate officials weekly. Fines will be issued at the end of the school year with payment added to the conference dues for the next school year.
- f. Pay all bills incurred by and approved for payment by the conference.

13) Banquet Coordinator

- a. The Executive Committee shall approve a Banquet Coordinator to organize the awards banquet events. They will report to and coordinate with the Commissioner on the meals, schedule and award preparations. They may also solicit approved donations of funds and work from area businesses and individuals to help pay for events. Donations will be to the MOAC. A fee, approved by the Executive Committee, will be added to the purchase price of each meal to compensate the Coordinator. The Coordinator is an independent contractor and is responsible for all tax liability.

14) Sub-Varsity Assigners

- a. The Executive Committee shall approve the selection of up to two sub-varsity assigners. The sub-varsity assigner or assigners will assist the Commissioner in the assigning of officials for sub-varsity officials in the sports of basketball, baseball and softball.
- b. The sub-varsity assigners will be an independent contractor. Pay amount for these duties will be determined by the approved budget each June. Payment will be made at the conclusion of the assigning period.
- c. The sub-varsity assigner(s) will report directly to the Commissioner and will receive an evaluation from the Commissioner at the conclusion of each sport season that they assign. Each offer for employment will be for one school year.
- d. The sub-varsity assigner(s) are required to be certified as an OHSAA assigner. The MOAC will pay for the annual cost of maintaining this certification.
- e. Primarily responsible for sub-varsity assigning, the sub-varsity assigner may assist the Commissioner in varsity assigning should the need arise. Sub-varsity assigners do not qualify for OHSAA post season voting of tournament officials.

II. CONFERENCE PASS POLICY

1) Distribution and use of passes

- a. Each school will receive 60 conference, 4 Administrative Passes admitting 2, and 5 band passes. (Band passes are for regular season football games only)
- b. All passes will be numbered. The Commissioner will determine the method of numbering and report this method to all the member schools.
- c. The number on the pass will only be honored once per contest at the site.
- d. The conference and band passes are only good for one person's admittance, not family or relatives.
- e. Lifetime and Administrative passes are good for two (2) people.
- f. Anyone entering a contest must pay or have a pass with a number that has not been used for the contest.
- g. Coaches, managers, statisticians, filmmakers and cheerleaders coming later than the team must present a pass or pay. They may not get a coach or AD to verify them. They must enter with the team, present a pass or pay.

- h. If a school has double on passes or breaks any of the above rules, that school will be accountable to the home school for the amount of admission for the number of people entering improperly.
- i. Lifetime passes will be issued to those deserving such recognition by a vote of the Executive Committee.
- j. All OHSAA District passes issued to administration will be accepted at all MOAC contest.

III. REPORTING

1) How to report scores, inclement weather and cancellations

- k. Scores shall be reported immediately by the home school after every conference recognized sporting contest. The web master will post these scores as soon as possible following the receipt of the score.
- l. In case of bad weather, no contest will be played. If both schools mutually agree to play the game, the contest can take place.
- m. MOAC web master and assigner shall be notified of cancellations and changes as soon as possible of sports listed in part "a".

IV. CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

1) *All-Conference Selections and Awards*

- n. The Commissioner will be in charge of the team selection meetings/events. The Athletic Directors and Commissioner will determine the meeting location, date and time of the all conference voting.
- o. After an approved motion by the Athletic Directors, all conference selections may be done via an on-line process. The on-line process shall allow at least 72 hours for nomination of first team athletes, 48 hours for nomination of second team athletes and 24 hours for nominating or announcing honorable mention athletes. After nominations close, each coach shall have up to 24 hours to cast his/her ballot. If 75% or more of the ballots are received the results shall be considered official. The Commissioner may extend the voting period if circumstances arise or until 75% of the ballots are received. The Commissioner shall supervise the nomination and selection process and certify the results. Each school Athletic Director is responsible for providing up to date contact information for the coach involved in the selection process.
- p. In all sports individual awards will be as follows: First Team Patch and Certificates, Second Team Certificates, Honorable Mention Certificates. The certificate shall be signed by the Commissioner and a representative of the athlete's school.
- q. Conference team champion/co-champion schools will be presented with a trophy.
- r. *In sports where individual performance can advance the athlete in the OHSAA post season tournament, without his/her team, the all conference team will be selected by regular season, league and non-league contest performance results. The calculation method for each sport is listed below. Events where the scoring differs from the tradition conference events shall not be included in this calculation and will not be considered when determining all conference honors.*
 - i. *Bowling, highest season average of 10 pin scored games, minimum of 70% of the maximum conference games bowled by the team (conference games only) and will include the maximum number of MOAC tournament games bowled.*
 - ii. *Golf, based on the total points awarded through the conference regular season golf matches and the points awarded at the MOAC golf tournament (page 12)*

- iii. *Gymnastics - Average score of the specific event over the course of the season, minimum 4 scores*
- iv. *Swimming – based on the order of finish at the MOAC Swim Meet*
- v. *Tennis - based on the order of finish at the MOAC Conference Tournament*
- vi. *Track , Cross Country - order of finish at the MOAC Conference Meet*
- vii. *Wrestling - order of finish in each weight class at the MOAC Conference Tournament*
- viii. *If two or more athlete's year end calculation are equal, all athletes involved will be included in the all conference team at the higher applicable level*
- s. *In sports where only the team may advance in post season, OHSAA, play, the majority of coach's votes will determine the all conference team members.*
 - i. *Each school may have only one voting member/representative, but other members of the host school may be present to assist in the voting process (All sports)*
 - ii. *Votes must be cast at the meeting location by a representative of each member school (no votes via proxy, email, paper, phone, etc.) (All sports)*
 - iii. *If at all possible, the head coach shall attend and cast votes*
 - iv. *If an initial vote ends with two or more athletes in a tie for the final position on an all conference team, a second vote to break that tie will be conducted. If the tie breaker vote ends in a tie, all athletes involved in this tie will be included in the all conference team at that level (See Appendix i for football)*
 - v. *First and Second team members are selected via the guidelines above, but Honorable Mention team members will be made by the coach selecting one member of his/her team.*
- t. *The standard maximum number of members of each all conference team (unless there is a tie) will be determined by whether an individual athlete may advance or whether a team may advance in post season play. The number of team members for sports where an individual may advance is based on the maximum "team" permitted at the OHSAA post season event. No additional members will be added. If the sport requires the team advance the number of members on each all conference team shall be the maximum number of players listed on a starting lineup, plus one. Appendix "i" is a table with the current information and shall be reviewed and updated at the Athletic Director's meeting each August.*
- u. *Each ballot will identify the school casting it. A coach may NOT vote for his/her own player*
- v. *Voting will be done using a point system. The coach will assign the most points, based on the number of potential award winners, to the player they feel is most deserving. Followed by the next lower point value to the next most deserving, and so on. Players with the most points will be determined the winners of the all-conference positions. **All ballots must be completed with all possible point values assigned. If the coach is unable to use all of the points allotted because he/she cannot vote for his/her player, they must use the highest point total available, leaving the lowest point values unused.** The above tie breaker process will be used if needed.*

2) Sport Athlete and Coach of the Year Award

- a. *The Conference will award a single "Player/Athlete of the year" and a "Coach of the year" award in each conference sport. This athlete must be:*
 - i. *Member of the all-conference First Team in that sport*
 - ii. *Be selected by a vote of the coaches after the conclusion of that sport's regular season, and after all conference championships have been decided.*
 - iii. *The Commissioner will coordinate the voting with an on-line selection process being the desired process.*
 - iv. *The Commissioner may choose to delay the date of the voting until after state tournament events have taken place, but the conclusion of the voting can be no later than 12 days prior to the seasonal sports banquet.*

- b. *In the sport of Cross Country, the runner who wins the MOAC Cross Country Championship race is automatically declared “MOAC Championship Runner of the Year”. There will not be a season “runner of the year” award and no voting will take place by the coaches.*
- c. *A coach MAY vote for his/her own player for Athlete/Player of the Year and MAY vote for themselves for Coach of the Year.*
- d. *Unless otherwise listed, the voting for athlete of the year will be done using a point system. The coaches will designate the most points, based on the total number of potential candidates, to the athlete they feel most worthy of the award. The second most points to the athlete they feel is next most worthy and so on. Coaches will nominate candidates from their school only for POY and a separate vote, as detailed above, will be used to determine the winner. Coaches' ballots and results for POY & COY will be shared with ADs who may share them with Principals. If there are more than 2 nominees for POY, the first ballot will eliminate all but 2 nominees, a revote will determine the POY.*
- e. *In the sport of Cross Country, the runner who wins the MOAC Cross Country Championship race is automatically declared “MOAC Championship Runner of the Year”. There will not be a season “runner of the year” award and no voting will take place by the coaches.*

Baseball And Softball

- a. Each school will play Home and Away Conference matches
- b. Order of play will be based on the order played in football as the first round. Second round contests will use the same order at the opposite site.
- c. The home team will take the field at 4:45 PM and the visiting team will take the field at 5:00 PM. Each team will have the field for 10 minutes. There will be no batting practice after 4:45 PM.
- d. Games will start at 5:15 PM unless the schools mutually agree to alternate time.
- e. The home team will furnish high quality baseball/softballs.
- f. All teams must complete the schedule of conference games. Exception: if the conference schedule is not complete before both teams have been eliminated from the OHSAA tournament and the conference game would not affect a conference championship, the game(s) need not to be made up.
- g. Games will be played on back to back days, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Preferred makeup days for Tuesday contests will be Thursday, with Friday being the preferred make up day for Wednesday contests. This may be changed based on school schedules and availability. If a league contest is scheduled for a Saturday and not completed, the makeup date will be arranged by the schools and should be rescheduled/completed at the home team site.
- h. Conference games will take precedence over non-conference games. In the event of make-up state tournament, they will take precedence over all games.
- i. If a game can't be played at the scheduled site due to inclement weather, the game will be moved to the visiting site if playable and agreed by both coaches. On arrival the varsity game will take precedence over the JV game. (Scheduled home team is still the home team and maintains all financial responsibility for a game moved to the opposing site, if it is the second game.)
- j. In case of postponement due to inclement weather or wet grounds, the home team will notify the visiting team and the officials no later than 2:00 PM the day of the game, so other arrangements can be made.
- k. Schedule/travel arrangements will be as follows:
 - i. Varsity baseball and softball at one site.
 - ii. JV baseball and JV softball at the opposite site.
- l. Baseball & Softball coaches are to submit the previous week's game stats to the MOAC website by the Wednesday of the next week.
- m. Baseball & Softball coaches are to evaluate game officials each week.
- n. Failing to complete varsity official evaluations in a timely manner will result in the school being penalized: First Offense Warning; Second Offense \$50.00 Fine; Third and subsequent

offenses \$100.00 Fine for each violation.

Basketball (Boys & Girls)

- a. Each school will play Home and Away Conference matches
- b. Order of play will be based on the order played in football as the first round. Second round contests will use the same order at the opposite site. **The girls' schedule will be at opposite sites of the boys schedule.**
- c. Due to Title IX, boys and girls games will be played so that girls play an equal number of games on Friday and Saturday nights.
- d. **15 minutes will be allowed between the JV and Varsity games.**
- e. The timer will start the clock when the 1st Varsity team has entered the floor.
- f. Teams will restrict their warm-up activities to their end of the floor.
- g. All night JV games will start at 6:00 PM, **Freshman triple header games will begin at 4:45. If both schools agree, Saturday games may be moved from evening to afternoon.**
- h. Based on the requirements listed in VIII (5) the MOAC will sponsor a freshman boys and/or girls tournament at the conclusion of their regular season. Unless a single site can be used, contests will be at the school with the highest seed. Net proceeds from the tournament will go to the MOAC treasury.
- i. Basketball coaches are to submit the previous week's game stats to the MOAC by Wednesday of the next week.
- j. Basketball coaches are to evaluate game officials each week.
- k. Failing to complete varsity official evaluations in a timely manner will result in the school being penalized: First Offense Warning; Second Offense \$50.00 Fine; Third and subsequent offenses \$100.00 Fine for each violation.

Bowling (Boys & Girls)

- a. Each school will play Home & Away Conference matches
- b. Order of play will be based on the order played in football as the first round. Second round contests will use the same order at the opposite site.
- c. A regular season conference match will consist of two 10-pin games, minimum of 5 bowlers and 2 Baker Games. League won/loss record will be the head to head result of each conference match.
- d. The MOAC will sponsor a conference tournament annually on the weekend prior to the Sectional or District tournament.
- e. Net proceeds of the conference tournament will go to the conference treasury.
- f. The league may hire a meet manager to run the tournament.
- g. The conference tournament will follow OHSAA bowling tournament format. The conference will recognize one overall team winner of the tournament with a rotating plaque and also recognize one "All Tournament Team" with the highest total pins with a certificate. The number of members of the "All Tournament Team" will be based on the information in Appendix i, first team members.
- h. The league tournament will not count towards the championship records (wins/losses). However, the scores of any 10 pin games bowled will be added to the regular season totals to determine the season averages.
- i. All other OHSAA rules apply.

Cross-Country (Boys & Girls)

- a. The MOAC will sponsor a conference meet annually on the Saturday prior to the District meet. Each race will determine the conference champions and All-Conference Teams. The meet will start at 10:00 AM unless changed by the Executive Committee. Each team is limited to 10 runners per race.

3) Football

- a. A 7 (or 6 as long as a 7 team league exists) game conference schedule will be played.
- b. Home and Away scheduling will be approved by the Athletic Directors and whenever possible rotated each year.

- c. The order each school will play will be rotated with the first conference week opponent being placed in the last conference week spot every other year. (i.e., Week 4 opponent from 2018 schedule will become week 10 opponent in 2019 – same home/away as 2017).
- d. Game time: All games on Friday night will begin 7:00 PM.
- e. Pre-game activities: Both teams shall leave the field by 6:45 PM to allow for the pre-game activities that shall conclude by 6:55 PM.
- f. Half-time activities: 20 minutes will be allowed for the bands half-time show. The visiting team shall be notified in advance of any special pre-game or half-time activities.
- g. Program listings and other information should be forwarded to the home school no later than two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled contest between the 2 schools.
- h. Head coaches should make arrangements for the film exchange. The head coach of the home school should call to arrange for the exchange.
- i. Each school should have a qualified timer and spotter available for each game.
- j. JV football games will be played at 10:00 AM on the Saturday morning following the varsity game at the opposing site unless agreed upon by the 2 participating schools.
- k. Freshman games will be played at 5:00pm on the Monday following the Varsity game at the opposite site as the Varsity game unless agreed upon by the 2 opponents.
- l. The JV and Freshman contests for the last week of the regular season will replace an contests scheduled with the last week of non-conference play (currently week 10 opponents will be played week 3).
- n. Unless mutually agreed to in advance, the teams will wear the same jerseys designated to be worn at the varsity game regardless of who is hosting the event. (i.e. varsity is away – JV/Freshman wear away jerseys even if playing at home).
- o. Football coaches are to submit game stats to the MOAC website by Wednesday following the varsity game.
- p. Football coaches are to evaluate game officials each week.
- q. Failing to complete varsity official evaluations in a timely manner will result in the school being penalized: First Offense Warning; Second Offense \$50.00 Fine; Third and subsequent offenses \$100.00 Fine for each violation.

8) **Golf** (Boys and Girls)

- a. Each school will play Home & Away Conference matches
- b. Order of play will be based on the order played in football as the first round. Second round contests will use the same order at the opposite site.
- c. All MOAC matches will be played starting at 4:15 PM. All conference matches will be hole events and all conference matches must be completed.
- d. Every school has the option to schedule tri-matches and quad matches to free up days to be eligible to compete in more 18-hole invitational matches, and to reduce travel time/expense. All MOAC matches will still be played, but do not have to be played as dual matches.
- e. If any of the matches have not been completed, they must be completed by the Saturday following the Sectional Tournament.
- f. An 18 hole tournament will be played at the end of each season. The tournament will be played at a neutral golf course established by the Athletic Directors. The Athletic Directors will also determine the date, time and possible makeup dates if necessary.

Total team points determine league order of finish: teams for regular season matches get 1 point per victory and 2 points for each team defeated in the tournament. If teams tie in the tournament, ties will be broken by 5th lowest and potentially 6th lowest scores. Individual points: regular season matches - 12 points for medalist down to 1 if both teams have full squads. If they don't, individual points still start at 12 points going down. For the tournament - individual points start at total players participating as the highest awarded to the medalist down to 1. Combine regular season points and tournament points to determine order for All-MOAC recognition.

9) GYMNASTICS

- a. All-Conference will be determined by By-law 5.
- b. If a conference meet is held, all proceeds will go to the conference treasury.

10) SWIMMING

- a. The MOAC will sponsor Conference meet annually on a date designated by the Athletic Directors.
- b. The location will be determined by the Athletic Directors.
- c. Gate proceeds from the event will go to the conference treasury.
- d. First, second and honorable mention all-conference winners will be determined by the order of finish in this meet.

11) SOCCER

- a. All schools will play a single round conference schedule, rotating home sites annually
- b. Order and location of play will be based on the order of play in football.
- c. League matches will be scheduled on Monday and Wednesdays, with preference going to Wednesday, one match each week.
- d. If conference teams play more than one time in the regular season the first match will be designated at the conference match for determining the conference championship.
- e. All-Conference will be determined by By-law 4.

12) TENNIS (BOYS & GIRLS)

- a. Each school will play Home & Away Conference matches
- b. League matches will be scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- c. Order of play will be based on the order played in football as the first round. Second round contests will use the same order at the opposite site.
- d. All-Conference will be determined by By-law VIII, 5.
- e. A Conference Tournament will be held the Saturday prior to the Sectional starting date. Only schools with a minimum of 5 courts can host this event. The host school will be determined by the Athletic Directors. Beginning in 2021/22, all tournaments will be held at the Lakewood Racquet Club in Lexington.
- f. Tie breaker procedures for the tournament will follow the below order:
 - I. Higher Number of champions (All levels – firsts, seconds, thirds)
 - II. Head to head matches throughout the tournament
 - III. Head to head sets throughout the tournament
 - IV. Head to head games won throughout the tournament
 - V. Coin Flip

13) TRACK (BOYS & GIRLS)

- a. The MOAC will sponsor a conference annually the Tuesday and Thursday prior the District meet. The specific start times for each event and location will be set by the Meet Manager, in concert with the host school's Athletic Director.
- b. Only schools with eight lane all weather tracks may host the conference meets. The site will be determined by the Athletic Directors.
- c. Each school will furnish the needed representatives to help with the administration of the event.
- d. The MOAC meet managers will be someone other than a conference track coach.
- e. Net proceeds from the conference meets will go to the conference treasury.
- f. Schools will be allowed to enter one relay team per school for each conference meet.
- g. Admission fees for the conference meets will be the published conference schedule for major events per day or the conference may set a two (2) day fee.

14)VOLLEYBALL

- a. Each school will play Home & Away Conference matches
- b. Order of play will be based on the order played in football as the first round. Second round contests will use the same order at the opposite site.
- c. Conference games will be scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday nights with Saturday mornings to be used as needed to complete the schedule if available. Starting times will be 4:30 PM for freshman games during the week with the JV game to start 20 minutes after the conclusion of the freshman game. If there is no freshman game, JV games will start at 5:30
- d. Volleyball coaches are to submit the previous week's game stats to the MOAC website by Wednesday of the following week.
- e. Volleyball coaches are to evaluate game officials each week.
- f. Failing to complete varsity official evaluations in a timely manner will result in the school being penalized: First Offense Warning; Second Offense \$50.00 Fine; Third and subsequent offenses \$100.00 Fine for each violation.

15) WRESTLING

- a. The MOAC will sponsor a Conference tournament annually on a date and at a location designated by the Athletic Directors. The conference tournament will start no earlier than 10 AM with weigh-ins starting no earlier than 8 AM. If weather threatens the event, a decision will be made by the Commissioner/President (VII – Inclement weather) by 6 AM the day of the event. No school shall leave for the event site prior to 6 AM. If reasonable, the event start time will be pushed to later in that day. If that is not a reasonable option, the event will be postponed and moved to the next day (Sunday) at 1:00 PM. If the event cannot be held on the original or make up days the event will not be held and no awards (championships or all conference team) will be given for that year.
- b. Net proceeds from the conference match will go to the conference treasury.
- c. The league will hire a meet manager to run the tournament.
- d. If a wrestler advances via a "Bye", points will only be awarded for the bye match if that wrestler wins his/her next match.
- e. Whenever possible, the meet will be set up as two seeded pools of four wrestlers.
- f. No consolation match for 3rd, 5th, 7th place will be held.
- g. During this Conference Tournament, a "team" is defined as one or more wrestlers from any MOAC school. Team points will be credited to each team based on the result of wrestler's match or matches.

V. CONFERENCE SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

1. The member schools of the MOAC believe that interscholastic competition involving member schools should be governed by the basic principles of good sportsmanship. This document has been prepared to ensure that all members have a common understanding of those basic principles. We believe that participation is more important than winning. We believe that students should be coached to play to the best of their ability and to understand that to play well is to play honorably. The promotion of sportsmanship is the obligation of all school personnel, (Principals, AD's and Coaches) and is directed to the behavior of the spectators, coaches and players. An additional component to consider is in the area of coaches' ethics. We believe the development of good sportsmanship through the practice of ethical behavior and moral reasoning is one of the acknowledged objectives of interscholastic athletics. We, therefore, expect member school administrators, coaches, athletes, cheerleaders and spectators to know and embrace the following fundamentals of sportsmanship:
 - a. Respect should be demonstrated for an athletic opponent and the school at all times. Host schools should treat the visiting team and their supporters as guests and accord the considerations that all human beings deserve. Visiting schools should respect the property and dignity of their host school and their athletes.

- b. Respect should be shown to officials at all times. Officials must be assumed to be accepted as impartial arbitrators who are trained to do their job and can be expected to do it to the best of their ability.
- c. Knowledge of and respect for the current rules of the contest should guide the behavior of the participants. Rules essential for a fair contest and good sportsmanship suggest the importance of conforming to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules.
- d. All participants should strive to maintain self-control at all times during the contest. The desire to win should not be accepted as an excuse for abandoning rational behavior. A proper perspective must be maintained by all if the potential educational values of athletic competition are to be realized.
- e. All participants should learn to recognize and appreciate skill in performance regardless of the affiliation. Recognition of a good performance by an opponent is the demonstration of generosity and good will that is encouraged in all member schools. In order for good sportsmanship to prevail it is essential that all participants understand their individual responsibilities and expected modes of behavior, during and after contest.
- f. No signs or derogatory pictures or dummies shall be paraded or shown in front of the stands.

2. COACHES

The coaches bear the greatest responsibility for the development of sportsmanship as they have the greatest influence on attitudes and behaviors of the participants, the student body and the community. Coaches must value sportsmanship and teach it through their words and through their example. Therefore, coaches should embrace the following appropriate behaviors:

- a. Instruct their players in the fundamentals of good sportsmanship.
- b. Teach the values of conforming to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules.
- c. Make sportsmanship a matter of team discipline with appropriate consequences or the team members that display behaviors contrary to that of good sportsmanship.
- d. Remind the student body at every opportunity that the visiting teams are the guests of the school and as their host they should be polite and courteous.
- e. Respect the official's judgment and interpretation of the rules.
- h. Demonstrate publicly the ideals of good sportsmanship by such acts as shaking hands with officials and opposing coaches before and after the contest

Coaches should avoid inappropriate behaviors as follows:

- a. Use of profanity
- b. Ejection from contest
- c. Berating officials or players
- d. Inciting spectators or players to do inappropriate behavior

Disciplinary action should include:

- a. Ejection must follow OHSAA By-laws
- b. Discussion with school administration
- c. Possible growth plan for improvement
- d. Possible suspension/termination

3. PARTICIPANTS PLAYERS

Because players are respected, admired and exert a great deal of influence over the actions and behavior of the spectators, it is important players:

- a. Treat opponents with respect that is due them as guests and fellow human beings.
- b. Shake hands with their opponent and wish them a good contest, when appropriate.
- c. Exercise self-control at all times, accept the judgment of the officials as just, the best judgment they could have made given what they know and see. Never argue or make gestures indicating lack of respect for the official's judgment.
- d. Accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion. Congratulate your opponent in a sincere manner after victory or defeat.
- e. Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing your school and community.

4. CHEERLEADERS

Cheerleaders are representatives of their student body. By setting a good example, the cheerleaders can influence and control the actions of the student spectators by:

- a. Establishing standards of behavior in keeping with the fundamentals of good sportsmanship for the cheerleaders and pep club.
- b. Using positive cheers that encourage their own team without demeaning their opponent.
- c. Using discretion deciding when to cheer and what cheers to use.
- d. Trying never to distract your opponents or in any way to interfere with their performance.
- e. Serving as host to the opposing cheerleaders.
- f. Cheerleaders cannot interfere with pre-game warm-ups.
- g. The use of stunts, mounts and pyramids will be at the discretion of the home school.

5. PARTICIPANTS: (PLAYERS AND CHEERLEADERS)

Should avoid the following inappropriate behaviors:

- a. Taunting officials, opponents, or spectators.
- b. Violations of bench rule: If any athlete leaves the bench area and is involved in an altercation on the floor or field, it is strongly recommended that the athlete be suspended for two (2) contests. The suspension should include non-conference and tournament games and should carry over into the next sports season.
- c. Ejections from contest
- d. Use of profanity
- e. Damage/destruction of property
- f. Theft of school or personal property

Disciplinary action should include:

- a. Ejection must follow OHSAA By-laws.
- b. Benching of the participant
- c. Suspension for a portion of the season
- d. Restitution

6. INDOOR CONTEST REGULATIONS FOR MOAC CONTEST

SIGNS AND BANNERS

- a. Allowable: Positive signs or banners supporting your school, team or players that are fixed.
- b. Prohibited: Signs or banners against opponents, balloons, confetti, laser pointers, flashlights, and hand-held signs, items that may block the view of other spectators or be harmful to others. Any object that would not be needed to sit and watch a game, etc.

NOISEMAKERS

- a. Allowable: Pep Bands (Can only play during a dead ball, between games or intermission.
- b. Prohibited: Horns, air horns, bells, sirens, drums, sticks, kazoos, whistles, megaphones, etc.

CLOTHING

- a. Clothing worn to events hosted by a MOAC school shall be in good taste. Any item of clothing that expresses a negative connotation towards any of the participating teams, players, coaches or officials is prohibited. The administration of the host school shall have the final say on all clothing matter as per OHSAA guidelines. Shirts must be worn (No body paint to replace shirt)

TUNNELS

- a. Allowable: Teams and cheerleaders
- b. Prohibited: Student and spectator tunnel

STUDENT SECTIONS

- a. Should be in a designated area determined by each facility

7. SPECTATORS

Partisan spectators by their behavior and reactions determine to a large extent the reputation for sportsmanship of their school. Spectators should be reminded and should keep in mind that the athletes are friendly rivals as members of opposing amateur teams. They are to be treated as such.

Spectators should be reminded also, that the contest should be decided by the athletes and not their supporters. It is important that all spectators:

- a. Know and demonstrate the fundamentals of good sportsmanship.
- b. Respect, cooperate and respond enthusiastically to the cheerleaders, coaches and athletes at all times.
- c. Censor other spectators whose behavior has become unsportsmanlike.
- d. Be positive towards coaches and players regardless of the outcome of the contest.
- e. Respect the professionalism of the officials and coaches.
- f.

SPECTATORS INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

- a. Verbal/physical abuse of officials
- b. Berating the opposing players, coaches or spectators
- c. Chants, signs, or cheers berating participants and their supporters
- d. Interruption of the contest by:
 - i. Throwing objects on to the floor/field
 - ii. Entering the playing area
 - iii. Displaying disruptive behavior

Disciplinary action should include:

- a. Removal from contest area
- b. Discussion with school administration

We believe that each member school of the MOAC is committed to upholding the ideals of good sportsmanship as set forth in this document. It is in this spirit that the suggested disciplinary actions are proposed. We also recognize the importance of communication and cooperation between member schools when incidents of inappropriate behavior arise. The quality of the MOAC depends upon this mutual respect. We also believe that being proactive is vital to the education of our students and spectators and therefore offer the following suggested activities:

- 1) Public address announcements and contest
- 2) Letter to the community
- 3) Insert in the program
- 4) Team night promotion of sportsmanship
- 5) Coaches in-service (Ethics and Sportsmanship)
- 6) Beginning year assemblies

VI. Inclement Weather Procedure

- 1) The MOAC does not wish to place participants or spectators at unreasonable risk, nor does it wish lessen the ability of a school to make a decision to hold or cancel a contest based on current or predicted weather/road conditions. For these reasons they have adopted the below procedure to guide the decision-making process should weather and/or road conditions be a concern for the day of a scheduled sporting event.
 - a. Regarding regular season contests the home (host) school will be the full authority in determining whether the contest will be played. There is no "appeal" process and this decision will be final.
 - b. For all MOAC meets/tournaments/championship events, the host school will make the determination to hold or cancel the event and report that decision to the Commissioner. The Commissioner will notify each of the other school Athletic Directors of this decision and if they do not agree the Commissioner will make the decision. If the Commissioner and host school administration disagree, the Conference President will be notified and he/she will make the final decision.

VII. Film Exchange

Hudl game films will be used for Varsity Football, Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball. All games (league and non-league) are to be posted with 24 hours of the end of the contest. If a school has played no varsity contests prior to a scheduled MOAC game, that school will post

its most recent scrimmage.

Appendix i

Individual Sports	"Starters" @ OHSAA Post Season Con-tests	Minimum Qualifying for "Team" Score	MOAC 1st Team Members	MOAC 2nd Team Members	Honorable Men-tions
Bowling	8	5	6	6	6
Cross Country	7	5	First 7 Not Required to "place"	Second 7 Not Re-quired to "place"	Third 7 Not Required to "place"
Golf	5	4	5	5	5
Gymnastics	6	4	6	6	6
Swimming	22 (12 events plus relay members)	6	22	22	22
Tennis	7	5	7 (1st Singles top 3 places, 1 st Doubles, 2 nd singles top 2 places)	7 (1st Doubles 2 nd place, 2nd Doubles 1 st place, 3 rd singles first place), 4 th place 1 st Singles, 3 rd place 2 nd Singles	7 (Each Coach will select one player, not already on a team)
Track & Field	29 (12 races, events plus relay runners, plus 7 field events*)	19	29	29	29
Wrestling	14 Weight Classes	14 Weight Classes	14 (1 per Weight Class)	14 (1 per Weight Class)	14 (1 per Weight Class)

Team Sports	Maximum Number of Team "Starters" @ OHSAA Post Sea-son Contests	Team Sport Adjust-ment	MOAC 1st Team Members	MOAC 2nd Team Members	Honorable Men-tions
Baseball	10	Plus 1	11	11	One per School
Basketball	5	Plus 1	6	6	One per School
Field Hockey	11	Plus 1	12	12	One per School
Football	22 (11 offense/ 11 Defense)	Plus 1 Specialist for offense and defense	24	24	One per School
Ice Hockey	6	Plus 1	7	7	One per School
Soccer	11	Plus 1	12	12	One per School
Softball	10	Plus 1	11	11	One per School
Volleyball	7	Plus 1	8	8	One per School

Football All-Conference Positions:

Offense

*Tight Ends can be either a line-man or receiver + Offensive skill players may in-clude a receiver, but at least one

*Lineman	5
+Offensive Skill Positions	6
*+Receiver	delete

Defense

Lineman	4
Linebackers/Defen-sive Backs	7
Specialist	1

receiver must be
selected for that
position

Specialist	1
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First Team member nominations for each football position shall be submitted to the commissioner beginning the Sunday prior to the last football weekend (first day of week 10) and will close at noon on Wednesday of that same week. A player may be nominated for and receive honors for more than one position, on opposing sides of the line of scrimmage (Offense/Defense, not Offense/Offense, Defense/Defense). Voting will commence following the playing of the last regular season game and end 48 hours later. If any ties exist, the Commissioner will notify the coaches via email and open the voting for a 24 hour period. Second team nominations will be opened at the conclusion of the First team voting and close 24 hours later. At that time voting for second team members shall begin and end 48 hours later. Voting will be prioritized by the possible number of positions in that group (5-4-3-2-1 for offensive lineman). The points for each nominee are to be totaled with the one receiving the most points being selected for that team. At the conclusion of the voting the Commissioner will post the first and second team members, then request honorable mention player names from each coach. The Honorable Mention player names will be posted as they are supplied.