



**CONSTITUTION**  
and  
**BYLAWS**

## Big 56 Conference

### **MISSION**

The Big 56 Conference, in maximize the value of Conference membership, will serve as a leading interscholastic athletic organization which strives to provide equitable and spirited athletic competition contested under the primary principles of sportsmanship, fair play, and complementary educational values. As a pioneer of advocacy, the Conference will engage all resources to promote and celebrate the accomplishments of its membership.

Member schools will provide opportunities for student-athletes to pursue individual and collective excellence both academically and athletically. The commitment to developing student-athlete leadership skills and enhancing traits of discipline, adaptability, perseverance, collaboration, effort, and acceptance is paramount to the membership.

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**COMMITTEES**

**Article I: AUDIT COMMITTEE**

- Section I:** Mission: To conduct annual audit.
- Section II:** Composition: Minimum of 3 appointed by Conference President.
- Section III:** Term: Committee members will serve at the discretion of the Conference President.

**Article II: AWARDS/BANQUET COMMITTEE**

- Section I:** Mission: To organize sponsored sports' season-ending celebratory banquets. To validate all post-season awards and respective processes.
- Section II:** Composition: (7) Chairperson for football, basketball, baseball, softball, soccer and volleyball All-Star processes plus one additional At-Large representative.
- Section III:** Term: Committee members will serve two-year terms and are eligible for uninterrupted service.

**Article III: EQUITY/COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

- Section I:** Mission: To serve in an advisory capacity for all NFHA, PIAA, WPIAL, and/or State legislative matters.
- Section II:** Composition: Minimum of 3 appointed by Conference President.
- Section III:** Term: Committee members will serve two-year terms and are eligible for uninterrupted service.

**Article IV: MARKETING/MEDIA COMMITTEE**

- Section I:** Mission: To solicit and monitor television and digital partnerships in meeting the Conference mission of advocacy for membership accomplishments.
- Section II:** Composition: Minimum of 5 appointed by Conference President.
- Section III:** Term: Committee members will serve two-year terms and are eligible for uninterrupted service.

**Article V: NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

- Section I:** Mission: To solicit and establish ballot for all Conference elections.
- Section II:** Composition: At the discretion of the Conference President.
- Section III:** Term: Committee members will serve at the discretion of the Conference President.

**Article VI: OFFICIALS/UMPIRES COMMITTEE**

**Section I:** Mission: To coordinate all officiating/umpiring matters for Conference membership.

**Section II:** Composition: Minimum of 3 appointed by Conference President.

**Section III:** Term: Committee members will serve two-year terms and are eligible for uninterrupted service.

**Article VII: SPORTSMANSHIP & SCHOLAR-ATHLETE COMMITTEE**

**Section I:** Mission: To advocate and coordinate all Conference initiatives aimed at improving and recognizing positive efforts of service, sportsmanship and scholarly achievements of member student-athletes, coaches, and/or administrators.

**Section II:** Composition: Minimum of 3 appointed by Conference President.

**Section III:** Term: Committee members will serve two-year terms and are eligible for uninterrupted service.

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**CONSTITUTION**

**Article I: NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Big 56 Conference.

**Article II: PURPOSE**

**Section I:** To further the aims as set forth in Article II of the PIAA Constitution and Bylaws:

1. Health: to organize, develop, and direct an interscholastic athletic program which will promote, protect, and conserve the health and physical welfare of all participants.
2. Education: to formulate and maintain the policies that will safeguard the educational values of interscholastic athletes and cultivate high ideals of good sportsmanship.
3. Competition: to promote uniformity of standards in all interscholastic athletic competition.

**Section II:** To promote uniformity and facilitate solutions with athletic contest scheduling and officiating.

**Section III:** To promote and foster good sportsmanship, positive interschool relations, and wholesome interscholastic competition among members.

**Article III: MEMBERSHIP**

All schools assigned by PIAA as 6A and 5A in the sports of football, boys' and girls' basketball, baseball and softball and those in the highest PIAA classification for the sports of boys' and girls' soccer and girls volleyball are eligible for membership.

**Article IV: ADMINISTRATION**

**Section I:** Authority: In keeping with PIAA regulations, authority for the Conference shall rest with the athletic directors of member schools.

**Section II:** Management: The Managing Body shall be the athletic directors.

**Article V: OFFICERS**

- Section I:** Eligible: The officers of this organization shall be elected from the Managing Body.
- Section II:** Officers: The officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer and they shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Conference.
- Section III:** Term: Officers shall be elected for a term of two years except the Vice-President. The Vice-President shall, in their third year, assume the Presidency for two years and a new Vice-President shall be elected.
- Section IV:** Election: Elected officers shall be chosen by majority vote, as defined in Article VIII and, if necessary, by written ballot.

Election of officers shall be held to coincide with the two-year state reclassifications and shall take place at the April Meeting.

A Nominating Committee shall be established at the February Meeting to prepare a slate of candidates.

Elected officers shall assume office at the conclusion of May Meeting.

**Article VI: DUTIES of OFFICERS**

- Section I:** President: Shall preside at all meetings of the Conference and the Executive Committee. The President shall appoint the chairperson of all Standing Committees within one month of the date when he/she assumes office. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Standing Committees except the Nominating Committee. The President shall appoint such special committees as are authorized by members of the Conference.
- Section II:** Vice-President: Shall assist the President in the execution of his/her duties, assume and perform the duties of the President in his/her absence or disability. In the event of the resignation or expiration of the President, the Vice-President shall become President for the unexpired term and for the successive term to which he/she is legally elected. In the event the Vice-President becomes President, another Vice-President shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for the remainder of the term of the Vice-President. The thus-appointed Vice-President will not assume the Presidency.
- Section III:** Secretary: Shall keep accurate records of minutes of all meetings of the organization and the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall also send out proper notice of all meetings of the organization and the Executive Committee at least five (5) days in advance, or sooner if the situation requires. This shall be done at the direction of the President. The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence unless otherwise directed.
- Section IV:** Treasurer: Shall keep an accounting of the Conference's finances. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and handle what financial matters may be authorized by the Conference. The Treasurer shall deposit the funds in such banks as the Executive Committee shall authorize and the account shall be in the Conference's name. Payments rendered on this account shall require the signature of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall provide an annual report and a report at such other times as the Conference may authorize.

There shall be an annual audit by the Audit Committee comprised of three (3) members appointed by the President.

**Section V:** Status: In the event the job status of any elected officer changes during his/her term, he/she will submit a resignation to the Conference within ten (10) days. For any officer change of job status, the President has the right to call a special election to fill the vacancy.

#### **Article VII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Section I:** There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the four elected officers of the Conference and three elected at-large representatives, one each from 6A, 5A and 4A classification levels.

**Section II:** Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President of the Conference according to need.

**Section III:** The rules of the Executive Committee shall not conflict with those of the Conference.

**Section IV:** The Executive Committee shall also be a grievance committee within the Conference. They shall make recommendations for settlement to the membership of the Conference.

**Section V:** The Executive Committee shall transact necessary Conference business between regularly scheduled meetings, subject to the approval of a simple majority of voting members at next regular or special meeting.

**Section VI:** The Executive Committee shall have power to recommend to the Conference any proposals, including amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. The membership shall then decide upon these proposals in due course of the proceedings. The Executive Committee's recommendation on all matters shall be taken under new business unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the Conference membership present and voting.

**Section VII:** A member school may appeal to the Conference membership any decision or action of the Executive Committee.

#### **Article VIII: VOTING**

**Section I:** Permissible Vote: Each member school shall be entitled to one official vote on all motions presented for a vote of the Conference. The vote shall be by the athletic director or their designee.

**Section II:** General Business Quorum: A quorum for all-sport, general business shall be defined as a majority of one more than half of the membership and must be present to conduct official business at any meeting.

Sport Specific Quorum: A quorum for sport-specific business shall be defined as a majority of one more than half of the membership sponsoring the specific sport and must be present to conduct official business at any meeting.

**Section III:** Motion: A motion may be made by an official representative of a member school.

**Section IV:** Action: All actions must be approved by a simple majority of the member schools present unless otherwise specified in the Constitution.

### **Article IX: MEETINGS**

**Section I:** Regular Meetings: There shall be six (6) regularly scheduled meetings each year. These shall be August, October, November, February, April, and May.

**Section II:** Special Meetings: Special meetings may be called by the President when deemed necessary for business that requires urgent action and cannot wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting. The notice (including date, time, place and location) for a special meeting must be provided electronically to the membership with at least seven days advanced notice and must provide an exact agenda of business to be conducted.

**Section III:** Location of Meetings: The time and location for all meetings will be at the discretion of the President.

**Section IV:** Order of Business: The order of business at all regular meetings of the Conference shall be:

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| 1. Roll call              | 4. Unfinished Business |
| 2. Reading of the Minutes | 5. New Business        |
| 3. Correspondence/Reports | 6. Adjournment         |

Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail at all regular meetings of the Conference.

**Section V:** Agenda: The agenda for all regular meetings will be set by the President with contribution from Conference membership.

### **Article X: DUES**

Dues shall be determined annually at the Spring Meeting and shall be payable after July 1<sup>st</sup> and no later than September 30<sup>th</sup> of that same year. Dues will be determined for all-sport members and affiliate sport members (i.e., AAAA schools competing in only soccer and/or girls volleyball).

### **Article XI: AMENDMENTS**

**Section I:** Process: Any change in this Constitution may be made by the following procedure:

1. An official member of the Conference may propose an Amendment and submit full proposal to President.
2. A previous notice of two (2) weeks minimum must be given each member of the Managing Body before a vote may be taken on any proposed Amendment. Said notice must be presented to each member of the Managing Body and must contain the proposed Amendment to be considered.
3. For electronic voting, an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the member schools is required to amend any part of the Conference Constitution.



4. For in-person voting, a quorum must be present and an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the member schools present is required to amend any part of the Conference Constitution.
5. Amendments to the Conference Constitution may be made on a suspended protocol basis, assuming proposed amendment is presented during a regularly scheduled meeting with a quorum present. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of member schools present is required to amend any part of the Conference Constitution.

**Section II:** Effective Date: All Amendments to the Constitution and/or Bylaws take effect on the date noted in the Amendment as voted on by the membership.

#### **Article XII: RATIFICATION**

This document shall become operative upon an affirmative vote of a simple majority of member schools.

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**OPERATIONAL BYLAWS**

**Article I: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**Section I:** Policies and Procedures not covered under this Constitution and Bylaws shall be kept current and available to the member schools of this Conference in meeting minutes.

**Section II:** Policies and Procedures document changes must be made only in accordance with the requirements for change set forth in the Constitution.

**Article II: OFFICIALS/UMPIRES**

**Section I:** Commissioner: A Commissioner of Officials/Umpires will be appointed by a simple majority vote of members present for each sponsored sport.

**Section II:** Stipend: The annual stipend for each Commissioner will be determined annually by a simple majority vote of the membership.

**Section III:** Duties: The duties of each Commissioner shall be as follows:

1. Assign and notify officials for all Conference schedules. In cases of emergencies, the Commissioner shall have the power to reschedule.
2. Formulate crews in positions taken from the approved list of officials/umpires approved by the PIAA.
3. Recommend the removal of incompetent officials/umpires.
4. Abide by the Conference decisions on additions or deletions of officials/umpires from the approved list.
5. Tabulate individual coaches' evaluation forms of officials/umpires.
6. Submit an annual Commissioner's report which includes weekly coaches' official/umpire evaluations, financial information, and observations.
7. Forward a copy of all communications (crew assignments, etc.) to all athletic directors.
8. Observe each crew once and make other observations as needed. This will be done by the Commissioner and/or designee. Observation schedule will be developed mutually by the Commissioner and President.
9. The Commissioner may use Observers to assist him/her in evaluation of crews.
10. The Commissioner may employ an Officiating Mechanics Coordinator to aid him/her in evaluating crews. The stipend will be determined annually by a simple majority vote of the membership.

### Article III: FOOTBALL

**Section I:** Ticket Policy: A minimum of 25 general admission complimentary tickets and 5 reserved parking passes will be provided to the visiting school by the host school. In addition, mutually agreed upon arrangements may be made by respective athletic directors to amend number of complimentary tickets and/or parking passes.

Pre-sale general admission tickets may be arranged on a per game basis between respective athletic directors. All pre-sale arrangements should be finalized by August 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the start of the season. Pre-sale tickets would be in addition to the agreed upon complimentary admission tickets and/or parking passes.

**Section II:** Video Exchange: Utilizing the Conference agreement with HUDL and their respective services, member schools will adhere to the following protocols for video exchange of all scrimmages and games:

1. Home Team and Visiting Team camera shots will be taken from the same height in the press box.
2. When shooting offense, defense and special teams the video will show 2-3 seconds of accurate scoreboard with accurate down and distance.
3. When shooting kickoffs, begin with two front lines in the frame and then zoom to wide shot with the receiver in the picture prior to catching the ball.
4. In the case of a penalty, the official's signal will be shot following the play and as accurate as possible. The scoreboard will be shot preceding the next play. However, if a timeout occurs no scoreboard will be shot.
5. The initial camera shot for each play should include all 22 players and then zoom in to the point of the deepest offensive player to the depth of the umpire for defense.
6. Each play will begin with the offensive center over the ball and include all pre-snap motions and adjustments.
7. At the end of each play the video will be zoomed in to show a close up of those players involved in its conclusion.
8. Both the Home Team and the Visiting Team will have game video uploaded by 9:00am the day after the Friday night game. **Saturday exception:** games on Saturday should be uploaded by 9:00pm Saturday evening.
9. Both the Home Team and the Visiting Team will video the scoreboard after each series.
10. For teams not participating in the Conference video exchange program, their student-athletes will be ineligible for all-star consideration.

**Section III:** Band Guidelines: The following pre-game and half-time guidelines are established for all performing band and auxiliary personnel.

#### **Pre-Game**

1. The National Anthem should be played prior to the game. The location of the band is left to the discretion of the home school.
2. Teams must leave the field 20 minutes prior to the kickoff. It is recommended, where possible, that the scoreboard be used to signal 20 minutes prior to kickoff and that the pre-game presentation start at that time. The scoreboard clock should be kept running during this 20-minute period.

3. The team should return to the field 3 minutes prior to the start of the game unless officials bring teams out earlier.
4. Coaches are charged with the responsibility of making certain that their teams do not interrupt or run through the bands during their performance.
5. Bands should not exit through the sidelines of the visiting team.
6. It is strongly recommended that all special performances (i.e. homecoming, senior night, etc.) be held prior to the game. Under no circumstances will the half-time exceed 20 minutes.

### **Half-Time**

1. Each band shall be allotted 10 minutes to perform at half-time.
2. The 10 minutes include set-up on the field and exit from the field. Timing of the half-time shall not begin until all athletic personnel have left the playing field. This includes players, coaches, managers and officials.
3. During half-time there is to be no one on the field causing distraction for the participating bands. This includes managers etc. passing footballs on the sidelines.
4. If a penalty is assessed for exceeding the 20-minute period, it shall be against the school of the offending band.

**Section IV:** Standings: Conference standings shall be determined by applying current WPIAL procedures.

**Section V:** Field Telephones: Each school is responsible for their own field phones.

**Section VI:** All-Star Selection Process: There will be an All-Star Team for each section.

The process will be as follows:

1. The Offensive Team will consist of the following 14 positions:
  - 1 – Center
  - 2 – Guards
  - 2 – Tackles
  - 1 – Tight End
  - 2 – Receivers
  - 1 – Quarterback
  - 2 – Running Backs
  - 2 – At-Large
  - 1 – Kicker

2. The Defensive Team will consist of the following 14 positions:
  - 2 – Defensive Ends
  - 2 – Defensive Tackles
  - 2 – Inside Linebackers
  - 2 – Outside Linebackers
  - 4 – Defensive Backs
  - 1 – At-Large
  - 1 – Punter
3. There will be a first team, a second team, and honorable mention selection for each position.
4. All players receiving at least one (1) vote will be placed on the honorable mention list. The list will consist of players' name and school.
5. A player may be nominated and selected to one position as all-conference offense and to one position as all-conference defense. As a result, the maximum number of all-conference awards a football player may receive is two.

### **Voting**

1. The head coach or his/her designee will vote.
2. You cannot vote for your own players.
3. The player who receives the most votes in each position is voted to the first team. The next highest vote getter is elected to the second team, unless a tie exists. If a tie exists, the tie-breaker will be in effect.

### **Tie-Breaking Procedure**

1. A re-vote involving only those who were tied will be conducted.
2. Only coaches who do not have a player involved will be weighted according to the number of players involved in the tie.

For example, if the number of tied players is 3, then on each tie-breaking ballot, the first choice will receive 3 points, the second choice 2 points and the third choice 1 point. If the number of tied players is 4, then the first choice will receive 4 points, etc. Each player involved in the tie must receive a vote (points) on every tie-breaking ballot.

3. A maximum of two (2) re-votes will be conducted for any position.
4. If a tie still exists at the conclusion of the second re-vote, the Chairman will conduct a coin toss to determine the position of the tied players.

**Section VII:** Awards: The following awards will be presented:

1. Section Champions – the first place team in each Section will receive a trophy. In the event teams are tied for first place, all first place teams will receive a trophy.
2. Coach of the Year – the coaches of each Section will vote to select a coach in their Section to receive this award. Plaques will be presented to the winners.
3. Individual Awards
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Stars – Plaque
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Stars – Certificate
  - c. Honorable Mention – Certificate

**Section VIII:** Banquet: A recognition banquet will be held following the conclusion of regular season WPIAL schedule to announce all award winners. The following parameters are in place for banquet presentation:

1. Date, time, and location to be approved by Conference Athletic Directors.
2. Awards presented at banquet include:
  - a. Section Champions
  - b. Coach of Year
  - c. All-Star Teams – 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Stars invited; 2<sup>nd</sup> Team and Honorable Mention listed in banquet program.
3. Conference pays for award winner attendees; all others pay banquet fee.

**Article IV: BASKETBALL – BOYS & GIRLS**

**Section I:** Ticket Policy: Ten (10) complimentary tickets will be provided to the visiting school by the host school for both boys & girls games.

**Section II:** Video Exchange: Utilizing the Conference agreement with HUDL and their respective services, member schools ~~will adhere to the following protocols for video exchange~~ will adhere to the following protocols for video exchange of all scrimmages and games:

1. Both home and visiting teams shall video games – minimum expectation for video quality is iPad as a camera with sound turned **OFF**.
2. All game videos should be uploaded to HUDL including both section and non-section games.
3. Both the home and away teams are responsible for recording and uploading video. Home Team video must be uploaded by 11:00pm EST, Visiting Team must be uploaded by 9:00am EST the following day.
4. Video location is from half-court at 20 rows up or the highest available vantage point for bleachers with less than 20 rows.
5. Player #'s should be visible and readable.
6. The zoom should be such that only half of the court is visible – the half that the ball is on.
7. In transition, the videographer keeps the ball in the middle of the frame until the hoop in the front court is reached.
8. Continuous video begins with the announcement of the line-up.
9. Pause at halftime.
10. Second half continuous video begins at the second buzzer signaling the start of the second half.

11. Record through post-game handshake.
12. In the event of overtime, pause at end of regulation.
13. Overtime continuous video begins at the second buzzer signaling the start of an overtime period.
14. Record through post-game handshake.
15. Video may be paused for injuries where paramedics are involved. Restart when play resumes.
16. Always pan to the scoreboard when teams return to their bench (e.g., time out, end of quarter or half) to show scoreboard.
17. For teams not participating in the Conference video exchange program, their student-athletes will be ineligible for all-star consideration.

**Section III:** Standings: Conference standings shall be determined by applying current WPIAL procedures.

**Section IV:** All-Star Selection Process: There will be an All-Star Team for each section.

The process will be as follows:

1. The first team will consist of the top 7 vote getters; the second team will consist of the next 7 vote getters.
2. There will be a first team, a second team, and honorable mention team for each section.

All players receiving at least one (1) vote will be placed on the honorable mention list. The list will consist of players' name and school.

### **Voting**

1. The head coach or his/her designee will vote.
2. You cannot vote for your own players.
3. The players who receive the most votes in each category are named first team; the next highest vote getters are named second team. The remaining players who have received at least one vote are named honorable mention.

### **Tie-Breaking Procedure**

1. A re-vote involving only those who were tied will be conducted.
2. Only coaches who do not have a player involved will be weighted according to the number of players involved in the tie.

For example, if the number of tied players is 3, then on each tie-breaking ballot, the first choice will receive 3 points, the second choice 2 points and the third choice 1 point. If the number of tied players is 2, then the first choice will receive 2 points, etc. Each player involved in the tie must receive a vote (points) on every tie-breaking ballot.

3. A maximum of two (2) re-votes will be conducted for any position.

4. If a tie still exists at the conclusion of the second re-vote, the Chairman will conduct a coin toss to determine the position of the tied players.

**Section V:** Awards: The following awards will be presented:

1. Section Champions – the first place team in each Section will receive a trophy. In the event teams are tied for first place, all first place teams will receive a trophy.
2. Coach of the Year – the coaches of each Section will vote to select a coach in their Section to receive this award. Plaques will be presented to the winners.
3. Individual Awards
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> team All-Stars – Plaque
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Stars – Certificate
  - c. Honorable Mention – Certificate

**Section VI:** Banquet: A recognition banquet will be held following the conclusion of regular season WPIAL schedule to announce all award winners. The following parameters are in place for banquet presentation:

1. Date, time, and location to be approved by Conference Athletic Directors
2. Awards presented at banquet include:
  - a. Section Champions
  - b. Coach of Year
  - c. All-Star Teams – 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Stars invited; 2<sup>nd</sup> Team and Honorable Mention listed in banquet program.
3. Conference pays for award winner attendees; all others pay banquet fee

#### **Article V: BASEBALL & SOFTBALL**

**Section I:** Standings: Conference standings shall be determined by applying current WPIAL procedures.

**Section II:** All-Star Selection Process: There will be an All-Star Team in baseball and softball for each section.

The process will be as follows:

1. The All-Star Team will consist of the following 11 positions:
  - 4 – Infielders
  - 3 – Outfielders
  - 2 – Pitchers
  - 1 – Catcher
  - 1 – Designated Hitter
2. There will be a first team, a second team, and honorable mention team for each section.



3. All players receiving at least one (1) vote will be placed on the honorable mention list. The list will consist of players' name and school.

### **Voting**

1. The head coach or his/her designee will vote.
2. You cannot vote for your own players.
3. The player who receives the most votes in each position is voted to the first team. The next highest vote getter is elected to the second team, unless a tie exists. If a tie exists, the tie-breaker will be in effect.

### **Tie-Breaking Procedure**

1. A re-vote involving only those who were tied will be conducted.
2. Only coaches who do not have a player involved will be weighted according to the number of players involved in the tie.

For example, if the number of tied players is 3, then on each tie-breaking ballot, the first choice will receive 3 points, the second choice 2 points and the third choice 1 point. If the number of tied players is 2, then the first choice will receive 2 points, etc. Each player involved in the tie must receive a vote (points) on every tie-breaking ballot.

3. A maximum of two (2) re-votes will be conducted for any position.
4. If a tie still exists at the conclusion of the second re-vote, the Chairman will conduct a coin toss to determine the position of the tied players.

### **Section II: Awards: The following awards will be presented:**

1. Section Champions – the first place team in each Section will receive a trophy. In the event teams are tied for first place, all first place teams will receive a trophy.
2. Coach of the Year – the coaches of each Section will vote to select a coach in their Section to receive this award. Plaques will be presented to the winners.
3. Individual Awards
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> team All-Stars – Plaque
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Stars – Certificate
  - c. Honorable Mention – Certificate

### **Section IV: Banquet: A recognition banquet will be held following the conclusion of regular season WPIAL schedule to announce all award winners. The following parameters are in place for banquet presentation:**

1. Date, time, and location to be approved by Conference Athletic Directors

2. Awards presented at banquet include:
  - a. Section Champions
  - b. Coach of Year
  - c. All-Star Teams – 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Stars invited; 2<sup>nd</sup> Team and Honorable Mention listed in banquet program.
3. Conference pays for award winner attendees; all others pay banquet fee.

### **Article VI: SOCCER – BOYS & GIRLS**

**Section I:** Standings: Conference standings shall be determined by applying current WPIAL procedures.

**Section II:** All-Star Selection Process: There will be an All-Star Team for each section.

The process will be as follows:

1. The first team will consist of the top 12 vote getters; the second team will consist of the next 12 vote getters. The All-Star team will consist of the following positions:
  - 2 – Forwards
  - 3 – Midfielders
  - 2 – Defenders
  - 1 – Goalkeeper
  - 4 – At-Large
2. There will be a first team, a second team, and honorable mention team for each section.
3. All players receiving at least one (1) vote will be placed on the honorable mention list. The list will consist of players' name and school.

#### **Voting**

1. The head coach or his/her designee will vote.
2. You cannot vote for your own players.
3. The players who receive the most votes in each position are named first team; the next highest vote getters are named second team. The remaining players who have received at least one vote are named honorable mention.

#### **Tie-Breaking Procedure**

1. A re-vote involving only those who were tied will be conducted.
2. Only coaches who do not have a player involved will be weighted according to the number of players involved in the tie.

For example, if the number of tied players is 3, then on each tie-breaking ballot, the first choice will receive 3 points, the second choice 2 points and the third choice 1 point. If the number of tied players is 2, then the first choice will receive 2 points, etc. Each player involved in the tie must receive a vote (points) on every tie-breaking ballot.

3. A maximum of two (2) re-votes will be conducted for any position.
4. If a tie still exists at the conclusion of the second re-vote, the Chairman will conduct a coin toss to determine the position of the tied players.

**Section III:** Awards: The following awards will be presented:

1. Section Champions – the first place team in each Section will receive a trophy. In the event teams are tied for first place, all first place teams will receive a trophy.
2. Coach of the Year – the coaches of each Section will vote to select a coach in their Section to receive this award. Plaques will be presented to the winners.
3. Individual Awards
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> team All-Stars – Plaque
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Stars – Certificate
  - c. Honorable Mention – Certificate

**Section VII:** Banquet: A recognition banquet will be held following the conclusion of regular season W.P.I.A.L. schedule to announce all award winners. The following parameters are in place for banquet presentation:

1. Date, time, and location to be approved by Conference Athletic Directors
2. Awards presented at banquet include:
  - a. Section Champions
  - b. Coach of Year
  - c. All-Star Teams – 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Stars invited; 2<sup>nd</sup> Team and Honorable Mention listed in banquet program.
3. Conference pays for award winner attendees; all others pay banquet fee

#### **Article VII: VOLLEYBALL –GIRLS**

**Section I:** Standings: Conference standings shall be determined by applying current WPIAL procedures.

**Section II:** All-Star Selection Process: There will be an All-Star Team for each section.

The process will be as follows:

1. The first team will consist of the top 9 vote getters; the second team will consist of the next 9 vote getters. The All-Star team will consist of the following positions:
  - 6 – Positional Players
  - 2 – Setter

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2. There will be a first team, a second team, and honorable mention team for each section.
3. All players receiving at least one (1) vote will be placed on the honorable mention list. The list will consist of players' name and school.

### Voting

1. The head coach or his/her designee will vote.
2. You cannot vote for your own players.
3. The players who receive the most votes in each position are named first team; the next highest vote getters are named second team. The remaining players who have received at least one vote are named honorable mention.

### Tie-Breaking Procedure

1. A re-vote involving only those who were tied will be conducted.
2. Only coaches who do not have a player involved will be weighted according to the number of players involved in the tie.

For example, if the number of tied players is 3, then on each tie-breaking ballot, the first choice will receive 3 points, the second choice 2 points and the third choice 1 point. If the number of tied players is 2, then the first choice will receive 2 points, etc. Each player involved in the tie must receive a vote (points) on every tie-breaking ballot.

3. A maximum of two (2) re-votes will be conducted for any position.
4. If a tie still exists at the conclusion of the second re-vote, the Chairman will conduct a coin toss to determine the position of the tied players.

### Section III: Awards: The following awards will be presented:

1. Section Champions – the first place team in each Section will receive a trophy. In the event teams are tied for first place, all first place teams will receive a trophy.
2. Coach of the Year – the coaches of each Section will vote to select a coach in their Section to receive this award. Plaques will be presented to the winners.
3. Individual Awards
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> team All-Stars – Plaque
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Stars – Certificate
  - c. Honorable Mention – Certificate

**Section VII:** Banquet: A recognition banquet will be held following the conclusion of regular season W.P.I.A.L. schedule to announce all award winners. The following parameters are in place for banquet presentation:

1. Date, time, and location to be approved by Conference Athletic Directors
2. Awards presented at banquet include:
  - a. Section Champions
  - b. Coach of Year
  - c. All-Star Teams – 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Stars invited; 2<sup>nd</sup> Team and Honorable Mention listed in banquet program.
3. Conference pays for award winner attendees; all others pay banquet fee

### **Article VIII: AWARDS**

**Section I:** Scholar-Athlete Award: An open nomination process allowing all member schools (*full paying and partial*) to submit a nominee of their choice regardless of the *WPIAL/PIAAsponsored* sport the student-athlete participated in.