

SANGAMON VALLEY GRADE SCHOOL CONFERENCE

CONSTITUTION

Article I Name

The name of this association shall be the Sangamon Valley Grade School Conference.

Article II Object

The object of this conference is to encourage and develop inter-school activities among member schools that will have maximum educational values to those who participate.

Article III Membership

Section 1. The following schools were charter members of the conference: Octavia, Farmer City, Mahomet, Fisher, Saybrook-Arrowsmith, and LeRoy.

Section 2. The membership of this conference as of January 1996 consisted of Blue Ridge Junior High, Deland Weldon, Fisher Jr.-Sr. High School, Heyworth Grade/Jr. High, Holy Trinity School, LeRoy Junior High School, Ridgeview Junior High and Tri-Valley Middle School.

The membership of this conference as of August 2004 is Blue Ridge Junior High, DeLand-Weldon School, Epiphany Grade School, Fisher Junior High School, Heyworth Junior High, Holy Trinity School, LeRoy Junior High School, Ridgeview Junior High, and Tri-Valley Middle School.

The membership of this conference as of August 2006 consists of Blue Ridge Junior High School, Deland Weldon Middle School, Epiphany Junior High School, Fisher Junior High School, Heyworth Junior High School, Holy Trinity School, LeRoy Junior High School, Lexington Junior High School, Ridgeview Junior High School, and Tri-Valley Middle School.

The membership of this conference as of August 2008 consists of Blue Ridge Junior High School, Epiphany Junior High School, Fisher Junior High School, Heyworth Junior High School, Holy Trinity School, LeRoy Junior High School, Lexington Junior High School, Ridgeview Junior High School, and Tri-Valley Middle School.

Section 3. Other schools may be added to the conference upon written petition of the member schools and a favorable vote by not less than three-fourths of the member schools.

Section 4. A school may be dropped from the conference by a vote of three-fourths of the membership.

Section 5. Schools wishing to join the conference must submit a letter requesting admission to the President. This letter must be presented to the Executive Body at the next meeting for the first reading. The Executive Body will vote on the admission of the school at the meeting following the reading. Participation will begin as decided by the executive body at the meeting at which the school is admitted.

Section 6. Member schools are expected to participate in all conference sports. **If a member school cannot field a team for a conference contest, that contest will be considered a forfeit and the opposing school will be credited with the win. An emergency meeting will be held if a member school is not able to field an athletic team in the same sport for two consecutive years or if a member school is not able to field a team for two or more sports in the same school year. A vote will be taken at the meeting to decide if the school shall be eliminated from the conference. A $\frac{3}{4}$ vote by the Executive Body will eliminate the school from the conference, effective the following school year.**

Article IV Officers

Section 1. The officers of this conference shall be a President and Secretary. The executive body will also appoint a web site director who will not be included as an officer.

Section 2. The executive body will appoint all officers for the conference. Only the athletic director of a member school may be President. The executive body may appoint officers on a permanent basis or they may rotate officers alphabetically by school name. A \$500.00 donation will be paid to the Secretary and Web Site Director.

Section 3. The executive body will decide the dates for all meetings. The President may set a date for any special or emergency meeting. The President will make all arrangements for meeting sites. The President will also be responsible for the conference budget. This includes all conference expenditures, deposits and financial reports to the executive body. The Secretary will schedule all regular season contests, send out meeting agendas, and send the minutes of each meeting to all member schools. The Secretary will also be responsible for posting all pertinent information, including conference contest results on the conference web site.

Section 4 **The president of the conference upon the written request of three member schools shall have the power to call special meetings. The president shall notify each school in the conference of the date, time and place of such meeting.**

Article V Meetings

Section 1. There shall be a general fall meeting including all coaches, principals, and athletic directors of member schools. The date and time of the meeting will be decided at the spring meeting. The fall meeting will be held within the first 3 weeks of the school year at a place designated by the President. An Executive Body meeting shall be held immediately preceding the general meeting.

Section 2. Executive Body meetings shall be held during September and at other such times as decided by the executive body.

Section 3. A mid-year scheduling meeting for the purpose of drafting a general sports calendar for the conference will be held during the first two weeks of December. This meeting shall be held at a site designated by the President, and should begin at a time agreed upon by the members. Each member school must send one representative with the authority and necessary materials to complete preliminary scheduling.

Section 4. A spring scheduling meeting for the purpose of scheduling athletic events during the current spring and following fall and winter, shall be held during the last two weeks of January. This meeting shall be held at a site designated by the President and should begin at a time agreed upon by the members. Each member school must send one representative with the authority and necessary materials to complete scheduling.

Article VI The Executive Body

Section 1. The Executive Body shall consist of regular officers of the conference and an administrator from each member school. Decisions of the Executive Body shall be made by a majority vote of that body. The Secretary of the conference is a non-voting member of the Executive Body.

Section 2. A quorum shall be a simple majority of the member schools.

Article VII Dues and Assessments

Section 1. The Executive Body shall have power to levy special assessments upon the member schools of the conference for the purpose of discharging the obligations of the conference incurred by an emergency or by a deficit incurred through the conduct of conference activities.

Section 2. Failure to pay the special assessment within thirty days after the date agreed upon by the Executive Body shall constitute sufficient grounds for the suspension of the school.

Article VIII Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting upon a two-thirds vote of the Executive Body, provided that the proposed changes have been submitted in writing in advance to all member schools two weeks prior to the meeting in which the vote is to be taken.

The by-laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting by a two-thirds vote of a quorum.

By-Laws

Article I Contests

Section 1. This conference shall sponsor regular season contests in boys' baseball, girls' 7th and 8th grade basketball, boys' 7th and 8th grade basketball, girls' 7th and 8th grade volleyball, and 7th and 8th grade boys and girls track following all IESA guidelines.

Section 2. The Sangamon Valley Conference will allow seventh grade students to play on both the seventh and eighth grade teams during regular conference play, but this action must comply with IESA's Athletic By- Laws on season limitation and participation limitation.

1. The number of seventh graders allowed to dress and play up is used only to fill the number requirements up to double the number required to start a contest.
2. Seventh graders are used only for substitutes unless the number of eighth graders is less than the number required to start competition.

Section 3. Tournaments will be sponsored in the following activities and grade levels:

- 7th Grade Girls' Basketball
- 8th Grade Girls' Basketball
- 7th Grade Boys' Basketball
- 8th Grade Boys' Basketball
- 7th Grade Girls' Volleyball
- 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball

In addition, a conference track meet will be held each year. Team competition will be held for 7th Grade Girls, 7th Grade Boys, 8th Grade Girls and 8th Grade Boys.

Article II Eligibility

Section 1. The rules of the Illinois Elementary School Association shall govern the eligibility of all students participating in athletic contests except as otherwise especially provided for by that governing body

Article III Conference Tournaments

Section 1. The athletic director of the school, which hosts the contests, or his designate, shall act as manager of the contest.

Section 2. The net proceeds of the tournament shall be paid to the JHSVC Conference to meet financial needs of the conference excluding the JHSVC track meet.

Section 3.

- A. The host school shall determine the price of admission to regular conference games.
- B. At the spring meeting, the Executive Body will set the price of admission to conference tournament games and the conference track meet.

Section 4. The executive body will establish conference tournament dates.

The conference track meet will be held each year on the Friday/Saturday before the I.E.S.A. Class A Sectional Track Meet.

Section 5.

As of the 2006-2007 school year, permanent hosts have been determined. The following is a list of the tournaments and the host school.

7 th Girls Basketball	-LeRoy
8 th Girls Basketball	-Fisher
7 th Boys Basketball	-Heyworth
8 th Boys Basketball	-Holy Trinity
7 th Volleyball	-Blue Ridge
8 th Volleyball	-Ridgeview
JHSVC Track Meet	-Tri-Valley

The Executive Body will review the tournament sites yearly.

Section 6. The Sangamon Valley Conference will allow seventh grade students to play on both the seventh and eighth grade teams during conference play under the following conditions:

1. Guidelines of games per day follow the IESA regulations
 - a. Basketball – eight quarters per day in tournament play at the same grade level, four quarters per day at different levels, and eighty total quarters per season.
 - b. Volleyball – four matches per day in tournament play, 72 total games per season. An individual student shall be limited to three games in one day in all regular season play.
2. The number of seventh graders allowed to dress and play up is used only to fill the number requirements up to 10 (ten).
3. Seventh graders are used only for substitutes unless the number of eighth graders is less than the number required to start competition.

Section 7. A school, which is suspended from the conference, will not be able to participate in any conference tournaments during the time of the suspension.

Article IV Awards

Section 1. The athletic director of each school should report the results of each regular season contest to the Secretary. The Secretary will post the results on the conference web site. The Secretary will report each regular season team champion to the President. The president will be responsible for delivering all regular season championship trophies to the winning member schools.

Regular Season Championship Trophies/Plaques will be awarded for the following activities:

- Boys' Baseball
- 7th Girls Basketball
- 8th Girls Basketball
- 7th Boys Basketball
- 8th Boys Basketball
- 7th Volleyball
- 8th Volleyball

Section 2. Trophies/plaques will be awarded to the First and Second Place Teams for each tournament.

Section 3. In the conference track meet, First and Second Place Trophies will be presented to the top two teams for the 7th Grade Girls, 7th Grade Boys, 8th Grade Girls and 8th Grade Boys. First place medals will be awarded to the winners of each event. Second through Sixth place finishers will be presented ribbons for each event.

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