**ALLEGHENY CHRISTIAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION - STANDING RULES**

**Home School Athletic Eligibility**

1. Each school that chooses to use home school athletes in games with other ACAA schools is limited to:
	1. 5 total players per varsity soccer team (5 boys & 5 girls)
	2. 2 total players per varsity basketball team (2 boys & 2 girls)
2. Schools may not use home school athletes to raise their total roster above a set number of players – student athletes and home school athletes combined.
	1. All athletes in grades 7-12 participating in that sport must be counted whether playing on varsity, JV, or junior high teams.
	2. For soccer, teams will be limited to 18 players
	3. For basketball, teams will be limited to 10 players.
	4. Teams with no home school athletes have no roster restriction.
3. All home school athletes must be added to the official roster prior to September 15 for soccer and January 1 for basketball. The official roster provided to the opposing team at each athletic event must clearly indicate which athletes are home schooled.
4. Transfer forms for each home school athlete must be submitted and approved before being eligible to play in any league games.
5. Home school athletes are eligible for all-star and MVP awards in soccer and basketball.
6. Teams not following the restrictions in numbers 1-4 will not be eligible for the post season tournament, or to receive any all-star awards for that sport.
7. Each school may use up to 5 total track athletes. Home school athletes are eligible to receive any individual or team recognitions for their performance.

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**SOCCER**

Duration of games shall be:

* Boys: 40 minute halves
* Girls: 40 minute halves
* Half-time: 10 minutes
* Switch ends at half-time

In case of a tie at the end of regulation:

* Regular season games tied at the end of regulation will be recorded as a tie.

Team Eligibility:

If a school does not have a minimum number (7) of girls to field an eligible team. The girls can play on the boy’s team. The opposing team needs to agree to this arrangement. If the opposing team disagrees with this arrangement, the team would not play the girls or forfeit the game.

Boys are not eligible to play on the girl’s team.

Any player(s) or coach shall sit out the next scheduled game at the time of the infraction following a red card. Disqualified players and coaches may not be on the team bench area.

A red card notification must be made to the Designated League Official by the team receiving the red card within 24 hours of the red card issuance. The DLO will notify the next opponent and league president.

If any ineligible player or coach participates in a game, the game will result in a forfeit.

All star selection:

 To be done by the 1st Friday in October:

* All head coaches submit nominations from their own team.
* Head coaches may nominate up to 4 players
* Nominations of 2 or more players must include at least one offensive and one defensive player.

Keepers will be classified as defensive and midfielders will be classified at the discretion of the coach.

* Reasons/statistics/jersey numbers must accompany submitted nominations.
* Position distinction of “offensive/defensive” must be included in the nomination.

 To be done by the 2nd Friday in October:

* The Designated League Official will compile submitted information.
* Ballots will be distributed to all schools with competing soccer teams.
* Ballots will contain all the information submitted by the coaches pertaining to their players.

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To be done by Tuesday, the week of the Championship Tournament:

* All head coaches will submit their completed ballot to the Designated League Official.
* Coaches will vote, from the nomination ballot, for the top six offensive players and the top six defensive players.
* The DLO will tally the votes in a weighted numerical fashion. The top player in each category will receive six points; the next will receive five points, and so on.
* The All-star team will consist of players from tournament eligible teams times two.

 Each coach will nominate up to four players with at least one defensive and one offensive player representing the four players nominated.

 To be done at the Championship Tournament:

* A Tournament MVP will be selected by the head coaches with teams competing at the Championship Tournament. Coaches will meet immediately following the championship game for the MVP voting.
* All trophies will be distributed following the boys championship game
* An ACAA championship banner will be distributed following the boys championship game for both boys and girls championship teams.

Tournament Procedures: Soccer

* There shall be no games scheduled the week of the ACAA Championship for Soccer.
* Due to the number of games to be played and the hours of daylight available during day 2 of the annual league championship tournament, the following guidelines will govern the 5th place consolation games when all games for the day are played at one location:
	+ The games shall consist of two – thirty minute halves, with an eight minute intermission between halves.
	+ No overtime periods will be played if the game ends in a tie
* When the host institution is able to secure an alternate site for the 5th place consolation games, the normal league rules with regard to duration of game and overtime procedures will still apply.

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**BASKETBALL**

The basketball:

* An eight panel ball shall be used.
* A Wilson Solution shall be used at the League Tournament.

Duration of games shall be:

* Junior High: 6 minute quarters (suggested)
* Boys/Girls: 8 minute quarters

Mercy Rule:

* The Mercy Rule set forth in the PIAA rulebook shall be used.
* It is noted that we should not have to use the mercy rule in a Christian
School game.

Tournament Procedures: Basketball

* There shall be no games scheduled the week of the ACAA Championship for Basketball.
* Three officials shall be used for the girls and boys championship games.

All star selection:

 To be done by the 1st Friday in February:

* All head coaches submit nominations from their own team.
* Nominations of one-three players will be accepted
* Reasons/statistics/positions/jersey numbers must accompany submitted nominations.

 To be done by the 2nd Friday in February:

* The Designated League Official will compile submitted information.
* Ballots will be distributed to all schools with competing basketball teams.
* Ballots will contain all the information submitted by the coaches pertaining to their players.

 To be done by Tuesday, the week of the Championship Tournament:

* All head coaches will submit their completed ballot (do not vote for your own players) to the Designated League Official.
* The DLO will tally the votes in a weighted numerical fashion. The top player in each category will receive six points; the next will receive five points, and so on.
* The all star team will consist of the top six vote getters. In the event a division has greater than six teams, an additional all star selection will be awarded for each team above six.

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**TRACK AND FIELD**

Entrance fee for each school is $25.00 and $5.00 per registered competing athlete.

Events/categories:

Competition for the League Meet is grouped into Junior High and Senior High divisions. The Junior High division will consist of 6th – 9th grades while Senior High will consist of 9th – 12th grades. Each division is divided into girls and boys categories. The ACAA will recognize an “outstanding athlete” for each division.

List of events:

 TRACK EVENTS FIELD EVENTS

 400m relay high jump

 800m relay long jump

 100m triple jump

 200m discus

 400m shot put

 800m Javelin

 1600m

 3200m (Senior High only)

Note: National Federation rules will be observed pertaining to shot put and discus weights.

Scoring/awards:

 First place 10 points Fourth place 4 points

 Second place 8 points Fifth place 2 points

 Third place 6 points Sixth place 1 point

* Ribbons will be awarded to the top 6 finishers in each event.
* Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 schools in each division (Jr./Sr. High)

A generic ACAA championship banner will be awarded to the school with the most accumulated points between both the Junior and Senior High divisions. A championship banner with the schools colors of the champion will be ordered and sent to the champion school (upon receipt the school will return the generic ACAA banner to the League President).

Limitations:

* Each athlete may participate in a maximum of four events.
* Only two athletes from each school may participate in an event.
* Only one relay team from each school may participate in an event.
* 1/8th inch spikes are permitted.
* Scratches should be minimal. Plan alternates ahead of time. Any changes to team rosters must be called in before the day of the track meet. No changes, except for alternates, will be accepted at the meet.
* Exhibition: 3 exhibition athletes per division, per school.

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**Division Standing and Tournament Seeding**

Ties in tournament seeding:

* Point values assigned for wins, losses, and ties:

 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss

In the event that all league games cannot be played, league officials will determine the point totals for the teams involved.

* If two teams are tied for tournament seeding, head to head play should be used as the tiebreaker.  This should be based on win-loss-tie only.  If this rule does not resolve a tie, the tournament seeding will be decided by a coin toss (see coin-toss procedures) unless a team will be eliminated by the coin toss.  If a team will be eliminated by the coin toss, a playoff game will be held for the two teams involved.  This game will be played on a neutral field/court.
* In the event of a three way divisional tie for first place, the three teams will be placed in a drawing.  The first team selected will be the #1 seed, the second team selected will be the # 2 seed, and the third team selected will be the #3 seed.
* In the event of a three way divisional tie for second place, the three teams will be placed in a drawing.  The first two teams drawn will play each other.  The team not drawn will play the loser of the first game, with the winners of the two games advancing to the tournament.  The #2 seed will be decided by head to head competition in the division.  If tie remains, the seeding will be determined by a coin toss by the League President (or another league official if the President’s school is involved).
* In the event of a three way divisional tie for third place, the three teams will be placed in a drawing.  The first two teams drawn will play each other.  The team not drawn will play the winner of the first game.  The winner of the second game advancing to the tournament as the #3 seed.

Coin-Toss Procedures:

 The coin toss shall be done and called (randomly assigning heads to one school and tails to another) by the league president (unless their team is involved, in which case another league official shall perform the procedure) after the tie is certain and with a witness not from either school with teams involved in the tie. Neither AD from the teams involved in the tie shall be a witness to the coin-toss unless both have access to the procedure. The winner of the toss will get the higher seed. Athletic Directors will then be the first ones notified of the result ASAP from both teams involved in the tie. Coaches or other school representatives will not be part of the process.

Ties at the end of a tournament soccer game:

* There shall be five minutes between the end of the match and the first overtime period.
* Two 5 minute overtime periods (not sudden victory) shall be played.

 [switching ends between periods, with no time between them]

* Tournament games still tied after two overtime periods will then go into a penalty kick shootout with the exception of the championship game.
* If the championship game is tied after two overtimes, two five minute sudden victory overtime periods will be played. If a goal is scored during the sudden victory overtimes, the game is over. If no goal is scored in the sudden victory overtimes, the game then goes to a penalty kick shootout.
* In a penalty kick shootout, five players will be chosen by each team and will alternate scoring chances. If the score is tied after all five from each team have gone, the teams will choose five different players to continue the process with one pair of players at a time until a winner is determined. Players may shoot only once, any eligible player on the roster may kick; a coach may be in the center circle.

The League president would have the ability to make decisions in regards to playoff conflicts for schools involved in ties for tournament play as long as the President’s school is not involved, in which case it would fall to another league official.

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**ADMISSION CHARGES**

Admission charges to all League regular season games shall be no more than $1.50 for staff and students and $3.00 for adults.

Admission charges for tournaments shall be:

 Student & Staff: $3.00

 Adult: $6.00
 Adult 3 Day Cap: $15.00

 Family 1 Day Cap: $15.00

 Family 3 Day Cap: $40.00

There will be no charge for Administrators and their spouses, Athletic Directors and their spouses, and Coaches at ACAA tournaments whether their team is involved or not.

The League President would have the ability to make decisions in regards to playoff conflicts for schools involved in ties for tournament play as long as the President’s school is not involved, in which case it would fall to the secretary/treasurer. If the secretary/treasurer’s team is also involved, it would then defer to a neutral AD from the other division.