

The Greater Miami Conference By-Laws and Conference Regulations

I. ELIGIBILITY

Rules and regulations governing all interscholastic athletics for grades 7 - 12 athletic eligibility as found in the Ohio High School Athletic Association Constitution and Rules (OHSAA) shall be followed.

II. CONFERENCE REGULATIONS

The purpose of the rules and suggestions which are found here and in succeeding section of this Manual are:

- A. To safeguard the health of the participants in the Athletic Program
- B. To provide opportunity for the largest possible group to participate
- C. To set standards of sportsmanship which will cultivate friendly relations among schools.
- D. To develop interests in physical activities that will serve the participant's present and future leisure-time needs.
- E. To insure that the results of the activities sponsored are desirable and have educational value.
 1. The home team is responsible for reporting the results of athletic contests to the news media and to the Conference Public Relations Person.
 2. No student athlete shall participate in both varsity and reserve events in any interscholastic meet or contest unless permitted by state rules where quarters of play in certain sports are limited.
 3. No senior shall participate in reserve competition. An exception will be to complete a team roster at a level below varsity. This exception must be approved by a vote of the Athletic Directors.
 4. If a majority of schools compete in a new activity as a varsity sport, then at the May meeting there will be a vote of the Athletic Directors to determine if the activity will be recognized with a Conference Championship. Prior to the May meeting, a committee will investigate the feasibility of adding the new activity. After the May vote, if a school must eliminate an activity for the upcoming season, the activity will remain a conference activity until the following May.

II. CONFERENCE REGULATIONS - Continued

5. Time Line:

February Athletic Director's Meeting: The Activity Participation Survey will be distributed to the athletic directors. The surveys are due to the Athletic Director Council Vice-President no later than the third Tuesday of February.

March Athletic Director's Meeting: The survey results are distributed. If six (6) schools designate a new sport as a Varsity activity, then a Feasibility Committee will be established. This committee will consist of the President of the Athletic Director Council, Conference Commissioner, Conference Secretary, and two other athletic directors. The committee shall determine the financial impact that the new activity would have upon the Conference, determine the scheduling impact, determine the facility needs and/or availability, and any and all potentially related ramifications to the Conference. This committee will present its report and recommendation at the April Athletic Director's Meeting.

April Athletic Director's Meeting: The Feasibility Committee report and recommendation will be presented. A first reading and discussion of a motion to accept or deny may be undertaken.

May Athletic Director's Meeting: A second reading of a motion to accept or deny a new sport, as a Conference Activity will be undertaken. Additional discussion will be heard followed by a vote.

6. If a sport is approved for conference competition and a school has a team in that sport, the school must compete in conference play. Any team which violates this rule -- 3 points will be deducted from the overall standings.
7. Conference passes shall be issued by the Executive Board of the **Greater Miami Conference** and shall be honored by member schools for any or all athletic activities.
8. The Conference will set up suggested standard admission prices for conference contests. These prices should be adhered to unless they conflict with individual Board of Education policies.
9. There shall be a Conference All-Activity trophy presented to the member school who accumulates the most points in Varsity competition per school year.
10. There shall be no exchange of league school films or video tape in any sport with non-league schools, other than those non-conference schools that you are actually competing against. This provision would apply for the regular season as well as post season play. League schools must follow **Greater Miami Conference** specified film or video tape exchange rules within their individual sports.

CONFERENCE REGULATIONS - Continued

11. Any person employed as a coach for a GMC school will not be permitted to officiate in that sport for any level GMC contest.
12. In case of a suspended game, both schools will continue the game at the original site at a mutually agreeable time with the exception of baseball and softball. OHSAA rules on suspended games will be followed.

III. CONFERENCE DUTIES OF ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

- A. Be present at all Athletic Director meetings or send a representative.
- B. Host Athletic Director will supervise any conference championship meet which would be conducted at his school.
- C. Host Athletic Directors make arrangements with visiting Athletic Directors on the sale of tickets, promoting the contest, etc.
- D. The Athletic Director shall be the liaison member between the Executive Board and the Athletic Program.
- E. Supervise and evaluate employees of the Conference.

IV. CONFERENCE AWARDS

- A. All individual members of a championship team will receive a selected athletic award.
- B. Individual athletes chosen for the Conference All-Star Team will receive a selected athletic award.
- C. The **Greater Miami Conference** Traveling trophy will be presented to the championship team.
 1. When teams finish conference standings in a first place tie, the championship will be shared.
 2. Championship trophy will be rotated among the championship teams throughout the year by a draw of numbers to indicate sequential order.
 3. Points toward the All-Sports trophy will be divided among the champions.
 4. When teams cannot make up a conference contest, each team will take a loss in that sport.
 5. The **Greater Miami Conference** will recognize only Varsity championships in all sports.

6. Points will be accumulated by a school where a varsity team finishes either in a conference season or conference tournament competition on the following award basis:

11 points	=	1st place
9 points	=	2nd place
8 points	=	3rd place
7 points	=	4th place
6 points	=	5th place
5 points	=	6th place
4 points	=	7th place
3 points	=	8th place
2 points	=	9th place
1 point	=	10th place

D. All-Academic Sports Award – Criteria

1. The student eligible for the award must be a member of a GMC recognized varsity team and earn a varsity award during the sport's season in which the award is to be prepared.
2. The student must have an accumulated grade point average of 3.3 or above at the most recent official school G.P.A. calculation.
3. The All-Academic Certificate is to be awarded separate from an All-Conference sport's award.
4. The official title for the award will be the **Greater Miami Conference All-Academic _____** (Name of Sport)
5. Ninth grade students are ineligible for this award because they will not have yet accumulated yearly grade-point averages.

V. **DETERMINATION OF CHAMPIONSHIPS**

This rule is to be used to determine conference championships where tie games could influence the conference championship in that sport. The following points are to be considered in determining the championship:

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

VI. **LIFETIME GMC PASS**

A Lifetime GMC Pass is to be awarded for meritorious service to the Conference. Superintendents, principals, athletic administrators, athletic secretaries, coaches, and conference employees will be eligible for this honor. Nominations must be made by the principals or athletic directors and voted on by the nominating group.

VII. DRONE USE

The use of drones is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at OHSAA or GMC events. School officials shall remove anyone attempting to use a drone and/or confiscate the drone until the event is completed. An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases, provided the school officials permit the presence of drones.

VIII. POST-GAME MANAGEMENT PLAN (Crowd Control and Team Expectations)**General Guidelines**

- A. **At no time will fans or students be permitted on a field or court** while the opposing team is still present. The “storming of a court/ field” is strictly prohibited. Actions steps will be developed to ensure that advanced preparation will take place for appropriate and efficient administration at all contests.
- B. Responsibilities are shared by both participating schools at all contests.
- C. Visiting Teams must appropriately staff away contests. OHSAA guidelines dictate that administrative coverage is mandatory for all varsity football and varsity basketball games (boys and girls).
- D. Well in advance of the end of the game administration must meet and discuss how all spectators, including students, will be managed at the conclusion of the game.
- E. If needed, home site administration will assist the visiting team in management of spectators.
- F. Adequate security should be hired for each contest to assist in postgame crowd control.
- G. Spectators are not permitted on the field or court at any time if the visiting team is present.
- H. Visiting Teams should exit the field/court as quickly as possible and be respectful of traditions that might be in place at the host school. In addition, visiting teams should be aware that many marching bands perform after athletic contests and should take this into consideration and leave the playing surface quickly.
- I. Visiting Teams should report to their designated locker room areas once the head coach dismisses the team from the field/court.
- J. Visiting Teams should not enter into a reunion or meeting after the game on the visiting sideline at football games. Visiting teams should be aware of the potential damage to a home site’s track if entire team congregates on areas that are not protected.

General Premise

Visiting teams will quickly exit a field (2-4 minutes) or court immediately following a contest. This will allow for home sites to continue traditions, community bonding and comradery as the home site. Advance preparation is important for efficient administration before, during and after all athletic contests. It is critical that expectations are clearly communicated to head coaches, assistant coaches, team personnel, players, parents and supporters.

- Team celebrations are permitted, but must not take place at center court, midfield or on the opposing teams mascot.

Key Action Steps

- Constant and consistent communication from AD's with their head coaches, assistant coaches, team personnel, players, parents and supporters in regards to direction and expectations during, before and after all contests.
- PSA outlining expectations to be read at all contests, which include, but are not limited to all football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, baseball and softball contests.
- PSA should be included in all preseason team meetings.

The Greater Miami Conference Baseball and Softball By-Laws

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championship will be declared by a double round.

EVENTS

Games will be the same as those sanctioned by the OHSAA. Rules to be regulated by Federation Rules.

GAME BALLS

The home team is to furnish two top-quality balls which must be official as recommended by Federation Rules.

UMPIRES

The home school is required to have two certified umpires for varsity games and one for reserve games. However, the game will be played if only one umpire shows.

POSTPONED/SUSPENDED GAMES

Postponed/Suspended games must be rescheduled within one week of regular scheduled games. Conference games will take precedence over other games. Make-up games will be scheduled on the first available weekday by the Athletic Directors only.

RESERVE BASEBALL

Reserve baseball should be played at the same site and day as varsity baseball whenever possible.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All rules and regulations not covered by the **Greater Miami Conference** By-Laws will be covered by OHSAA.

AWARDS

All individual and team awards will be made in accordance with policies of the **Greater Miami Conference**.

The Greater Miami Conference Basketball By-Laws

GAME UNIFORMS

The home team shall wear light and the visiting team shall wear the dark uniforms. Uniforms shall be a matching color and numbered according to Federation Rules.

GAME BALL

A top quality, narrow seam leather, either brown or orange in color, will be the official ball.

VISITING TEAM

A responsible person should meet the visiting team and direct them to their lockers. Both chalk and chalkboard should be available in the locker room. A taping table would be desirable also.

BASKETBALL FILM/VIDEO TAPE

A visiting team may film/video tape at all Conference games in the best facility a home school can provide.

There shall be no exchange of league school film or video tape in any sport with non-league schools, other than those non-conference schools that you are actually competing against. The provision would apply for the regular season as well as post season play. League schools must follow **GMC** specified film or video tape exchange rules within their individual sports.

POLICE

Sufficient uniformed police must be available to control crowds as outlined by the OHSAA at all home contests.

TIME INTERVALS

There shall be 15 minutes between the sophomore/freshman and reserve game and the game clock kept running. Half-time shall be of a 10 minute duration. Both schools must agree on Special Nights (Parent's Night) and related activities must be performed pre-varsity.

All boys' GMC basketball games shall begin twenty minutes after the conclusion of the previous contest, with the exception of mutually agreed upon special events. The varsity games will not commence prior to 7:30 p.m.

BANDS

Only the home team may have a Pep Band and there shall be no playing when time is in play. Visiting teams may not bring Pep Band, musical instruments, or obnoxious noise makers inconsistent with good taste.

Basketball By-Laws - Continued

RESERVE TEAMS

The length and number of quarters shall be governed by OHSAA. A senior cannot participate in reserve contests. Game time will be 15 minutes after end of sophomore game. Reserve quarters are to be seven minutes in length.

Girls' reserve basketball games start at 6:00 p.m. for all mid-week games. Boys' reserve basketball games will start 15 minutes at the conclusion of the sophomore/freshman game.

SOPHOMORE/FRESHMAN/JVB TEAMS

The sophomore/freshman/JVB game shall start at 4:30 p.m. and the game will be played to its completion. Quarters are to be six minutes in length.

No fifth semester student can play on a sophomore basketball team.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

All schools shall supply conference members with the following information two weeks prior to the first game.

1. Player's name, number, height, weight, age, position, grade in school, letters and honors won
2. Coaching staff and Athletic Director
3. Superintendent and Principal
4. Cheerleaders and sponsor
5. Band Director
6. Varsity schedule and scout passes
7. Pictures when available and desired.

POSTPONED GAMES

In the event of severe weather conditions, etc., it will be the responsibility of the home school to notify the opponents at the earliest possible moment. The make-up game should be scheduled at the earliest possible date.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

A doctor, trainer, or ambulance should be on call at all home contests.

SPIRIT SIGNS, BANNERS, AND/OR PARAPHERNALIA

No signs or banners, etc., of any kind (except run-through signs) are allowed in the gym on the night of a **Greater Miami Conference** game. Run-through signs are permitted. Also, no signs that may create an incident will be permitted in the lobbies. Fans are not permitted to bring into the gym for any **Greater Miami Conference** contest, noise makers, horns, whistles, shakers, confetti, and/or similar items which could litter the playing surface and create a safety hazard or disrupt the progress of the contest.

SEATING

Students are not permitted to stand on the floor. If they choose to stand, they must do so behind the first row of seats.

The Greater Miami Conference Bowling By-Laws

CHAMPIONSHIP

The **Greater Miami Conference** championship shall be determined by a conference schedule.

EVENTS

Matches will be the same as those sanctioned by the OHSAA.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All rules and regulations not covered by the **Greater Miami Conference** By-Laws will be governed by the OHSAA.

Pep Bands are not permitted to play during progress of the game.

AWARDS

All individual and team awards will be made in accordance with policies of the **Greater Miami Conference**.

The Greater Miami Conference Indoor Cheerleader By-Laws

RULES AND REGULATIONS

You can have eight (8) cheerleaders and one mascot.

There will be no mounts in the **Greater Miami Conference** league. Megaphones or noise makers of such kind will not be permitted inside gymnasium area. When the official blows the whistle, all cheerleaders must clear the floor. Pep Bands are not permitted to play during progress of the game.

All rules and regulations not covered by the **Greater Miami Conference** By-Laws will be governed by OHSAA Rules and Regulations.

The Greater Miami Conference Cross Country By-Laws

CHAMPIONSHIP

The school scoring the fewest number of points in the Conference Meet shall be declared the winner.

The **GMC** Cross Country will have seven (7) girls and boys per each school in the conference meet.

DISTANCE

The distance of the race should be determined by the OHSAA Rules and Regulations. Safety of contestants should dictate the selection of course. A course should be properly marked and officiated.

SITE

The location of the conference meet will be assigned by the athletic directors.

The Greater Miami Conference Football By-Laws

GAME UNIFORMS

The home team will wear dark colored jerseys, and the visitors will wear light colored jerseys in varsity competition. Reserve teams will wear the same colors as their varsity. All other teams will wear colors by mutual agreement of the two schools playing.

GAME BALL

Greater Miami Conference schools are to follow OHSAA Rules and Regulations on game balls.

FOOTBALL FILM/VIDEO TAPE - DIGITAL MEDIA

Each coach is to make available DVD (HUDL) copies of all current season games played (week 3 exchanges 2; week 6 exchanges 5; week 10 exchanges 9). The DVD/HUDL films are to be exchanged on Wednesday the week prior to their scheduled game (unless an earlier date and time is mutually agreed upon). DVD's are to be picked up at a mutually agreed upon site. On the Saturday morning preceding the Friday game, coaches will exchange a DVD (HUDL) of the previous night's game at a site and time agreed upon by both coaches. The exchange of DVD/HUDL will be equivalent for each team with the exchange of intercut DVD/HUDL of all games by each team to each team.

There shall be no exchange of league school video tape in any sport with non-league schools, other than those non-conference schools that you are actually competing against. This provision would apply for regular season as well as post season play.

FIELD FACILITIES

All fields shall be marked in accordance with OHSAA Rules and Regulations with a non-caustic material. Adequate and equal facilities with regard to seating, press box, scouting, filming, and telephone shall be provided. In Greater Miami Conference football games, the visiting team is to provide their own head phone.

VISITING TEAM ACCOMMODATIONS

A responsible person should always meet the visiting team bus and escort them to their locker room facility. It is recommended proper security be given the visitor's locker room. A taping table should be available.

PRE-GAME WARM-UP

The field shall be available for team warm-up starting one hour and 15 minutes prior to game time until 20 minutes before game time.

STARTING TIME

The starting time for varsity contests shall be 7:00 p.m.

HALF TIME

Half time shall coincide with the OHSAA Rules and Regulations regarding half time regulation for both teams and band.

Football By-Laws - Continued

SUSPENDED GAMES

In case of a suspended game, both schools will continue the game at the original site at a mutually agreeable time.

POLICE

Adequate uniformed police will be present for proper crowd control as outlined by the OHSAA.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

All conference members shall supply to all other members of the following information prior to the first regular game date: players' name, number, height, weight, age, position, letters won, and year in school, the coaching staff, managers, trainers, team doctor, Athletic Director, Principal, Band Director, cheerleaders and their sponsor, pictures when desired or available, school colors and mascot (nickname), and officials.

DOCTOR

Each home team should have a doctor at the game and an ambulance present or on call.

OFFICIALS

At least five registered officials, chosen from the accepted list or agreed upon mutually by the schools, are to be used. The officials are to be paid at the agreed rate as set up by the conference.

SPORTSMANSHIP

At football contests, opposing schools shall not parade in front of the opponent's stands.

RESERVE GAMES, ETC.

- A. The football game, sometimes called reserve, sophomore, junior varsity, etc., shall be designated as a reserve game. No seniors are permitted to play at this level.
- B. The length of quarters is 10 minutes for reserve games and 9 minutes for freshman games.
- C. Games will be played on the Saturday following the varsity game at the site opposite to the varsity game. Game time will be mutually agreed upon between two teams.
- D. No championship trophy or awards to reserve team members.
- E. A doctor should be on call if one is not present for reserve games.
- F. At least three registered officials will be employed for reserve games. However, four officials are recommended.

The Greater Miami Conference Golf By-Laws

CHAMPIONSHIP

In the **Greater Miami Conference** Boys' and Girls' Tournament, each school may play six and score four. The Conference Championship will be determined by a two-day, 36 hole, stroke tournament.

Players are not permitted to practice on the competition course between rounds of the GMC tournament.

EVENTS

Matches will be the same as those sanctioned by the OHSAA.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All rules and regulations not covered by the **Greater Miami Conference** By-Laws will be governed by the OHSAA

AWARDS

All individual and team awards will be made in accordance with policies of the **Greater Miami Conference**.

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

In the GMC Boys and/or Girls Golf two-day championship format, if one day of competition is cancelled due to weather then the tournament will revert to a one-day event.

The Greater Miami Conference Lacrosse By-Laws

CHAMPIONSHIP

A conference championship will be declared by a double round which will include all competing schools.

EVENTS

Games will be the same as those sanctioned by the OHSAA. Rules to be regulated by the Federation rules.

OFFICIALS

Three certified officials are recommended.

POSTPONED GAMES

Postponed games must be made up before the first state tournament game.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All rules and regulations not covered by the Greater Miami Conference By-Laws will be governed by OHSAA.

Both Lacrosse team benches are allowed to be on the same side of the field.

AWARDS

All individual and team awards will be made in accordance with policies by the Greater Miami Conference.

SPORTSMANSHIP

At lacrosse contests, opposing schools shall not parade in front of the opponent's stands.

The Greater Miami Conference Soccer By-Laws

CHAMPIONSHIP

A conference championship will be declared by one round which will include all competing schools.

EVENTS

Games will be the same as those sanctioned by the OHSAA.

OFFICIALS

Three certified officials are recommended.

POSTPONED GAMES

Postponed games must be made up before the first state tournament game.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All rules and regulations not covered by the **Greater Miami Conference** By-Laws will be governed by OHSAA.

Both Soccer team benches are allowed to be on the same side of the field.

AWARDS

All individual and team awards will be made in accordance with policies by the **Greater Miami Conference**.

SPORTSMANSHIP

At soccer contests, opposing schools shall not parade in front of the opponent's stands.

GMC SOCCER GOALKEEPER STATISTICS *(Source Material: NCAA)*

1. A save is awarded to a goalkeeper only if a shot otherwise would have gone into the goal. A goalkeeper can be credited with a save without catching the ball. If the goalkeeper blocks the ball or punches it wide or over the goal, that goalkeeper can be credited with a save, provided the ball would have otherwise gone into the goal. To receive a save, the play must be a shot on goal. A goalkeeper cannot receive credit for a save on a cross. Exception: A cross that the goalkeeper stops that otherwise would have entered the goal is considered a shot, and the goalkeeper is credited with a save.
2. A goalkeeper receives credit for a shutout only by playing the entire contest. If two or more goalkeepers participate in a game, in which no goals are allowed, credit the team with a shutout but do not award any goalkeeper an individual or shared shutout. A goalkeeper must be solely responsible for holding the opposition scoreless to be credited with a shutout.
3. If a contest ends in a scoreless tie, credit both teams with a shutout.

Soccer By-Laws - Continued

4. A goalkeeper's goals-against average is calculated by multiplying the number of goals allowed by 80, divided by the actual number of minutes played by the keeper. A team's goals-against average is figured by multiplying the number of goals allowed by the team by 80, divided by the actual number of minutes played. $GAA = (\text{Goals allowed} \times 80) \div \text{minutes played}$
5. If a player other than the team's goalkeeper saves a ball from going into the net, credit that team with a team save. The save is credited to the teams total for the game but not to the individual goalkeeper.
6. If a field player must play a game as goalkeeper due to excessive team injuries, etc., that player shall not be credited with a game played regarding per-game averages for points, goals and assists. This applies only if the field player plays the entire game in goal and does not register a goal or assist.

OVERTIME AND TIEBREAKER STATISTIC PROCEDURE

All statistics that occur during overtime count toward team and individual totals. However, if the game reaches the point where a tiebreaker procedure of taking kicks from the penalty-kick line or spot occurs, no statistics — goals or saves — count toward team or individual totals.

The Greater Miami Conference Swimming By-Laws

CHAMPIONSHIP

The Championship of the Conference will be decided by a two-day meet. Scoring and meet regulations will be as outlined in the Scholastic section of the Federation Swimming Guide with the exception--there will be no more than three (3) participants from each school. When an electronic timing system is used, the appropriate rule book governing its use will be adhered to. The meet is to be scheduled one week prior to the Sectional Swim Meet.

EVENTS

Exactly the same events will comprise the season meets and championship meets as are outlined in the previously mentioned Federation Swimming Guide. The diving competition shall be a six (6) dive format.

TEAM

In accordance with OHSAA a school must enter the minimum number of student athletes to be considered for the team championship.

MEET OFFICIALS

DUAL MEETS

1. Starter and Referee - registered officials
2. Head Scorer - knowledgeable adult
3. Assistant Scorer - an adult provided by the visiting school
4. Four Place Judges - adults
5. Eight Timers - can be trained student assistants
6. Diving Judges - three adults who are experienced in judging diving competition.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

Competitors must compete on his or her team two weeks prior to the **Greater Miami Conference** competition to be eligible to compete in the **Greater Miami Conference** Championship Meet. Each competitor may enter the number and type of events as specified by OHSAA swim meet regulations. Each school will be asked by the host school to supply the best judges available. Each school is to furnish one official in addition to the coach. The championship team receives a trophy. First, Second, and Third place finishers in the meet receive selected athletic awards.

RECORDS AND TIMES

To be considered for a conference record, all times must have been established in the Conference Championship Meet.

The Greater Miami Conference Tennis By-Laws

CHAMPIONSHIP

The Conference Championship will be declared as follows: A single round will be played to determine first round points (11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1). Ties will be resolved by dividing points. This combined with the tournament finish (11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1) will determine the champion.

Sunday may be used for a rain date for the **Greater Miami Conference** Tennis Tournament.

EVENTS

Matches will be the same as those sanctioned by the OHSAA.

AWARDS

All individual and team awards will be made in accordance with policies of the **Greater Miami Conference**.

COURTS

All **Greater Miami Conference** matches will be played on a hard-court surface.

GAME BALLS

The home team is to provide ten (10) new, top-quality championship balls for each home match.

MAKE UP MATCHES

First round conference schedules will take precedence over all other matches.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All rules and regulations not covered by the **Greater Miami Conference** By-Laws will be governed by OHSAA Rules and Regulations.

TOURNAMENT SEEDING

The number one seeded player will be in the bracket with the number four seeded player and the number two seeded player will be with the number three seeded player.

There will be a mandatory meeting of all coaches thirty minutes prior to the start of the tournament to discuss all player changes. A change in the draw will occur if at least six coaches agree that a change in the brackets should occur as a result of a player change.

Tennis By-Laws - Continued

REPLACEMENT OF AN INJURED PLAYER

SINGLES

Seed a fifth place at draw meeting. If seeded player is unable to play, seeded players advance one position and fifth seed becomes fourth seed. Substitute from injured player's school fills slot left by fifth seed.

DOUBLES

If one player is injured, the school must substitute a player and doubles team's position on bracket remains the same. If both players are unable to play, the school replaces the team and the new team remains on the same spot in bracket.

Any situation not covered by league By-Laws shall be resolved based on OHSAA rules.

The Greater Miami Conference Track and Field By-Laws

EVENTS

Events and the order in which they are run shall be as sanctioned by the OHSAA.

NUMBER OF EVENTS

An athlete can compete in only the number of events outlined by the OHSAA. Violation will be forfeiture of all points and places scored by the violator.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

The Championship meet shall be determined by a two-day meet. The starting times will be determined by the meet manager.

The finals of the **Greater Miami Conference** Track Meet will have a starting time with no individual posted event times.

SITE OF THE MEET

The site will be held at a school with an all-weather track as determined by the athletic directors.

JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

Registered officials must be used in conference meets as outlined by OHSAA. Schools will be assigned events or duties to be carried out in the conduct of the two-day Championship Meet.

AWARDS

A trophy is awarded to the championship varsity team. First, Second, and Third place finishers receive selected athletic awards.

RECORDS

Greater Miami Conference records must be set in the Conference Championship Meet and shall be considered official in accordance with federation rules relating to weather conditions.

The Greater Miami Conference Volleyball By-Laws

CHAMPIONSHIP

A Conference Championship will be declared as follows: A single round will be played to determine first round points (11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1). Ties will be resolved by dividing points.

The Conference Championship will be determined by the school with the best record at the conclusion of the round-robin season.

EVENTS

Games will be the same as those sanctioned by the OHSAA.

AWARDS

All individual and team awards will be made in accordance with the policies of the **Greater Miami Conference**.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All rules and regulations not covered by the **Greater Miami Conference** By-Laws will be governed by OHSAA.

OFFICIALS

Two certified officials are required; however, the game will be played if only one official shows.

The Greater Miami Conference Wrestling By-Laws

CHAMPIONSHIP

A Conference Champion will be declared from the tournament.

MATCHES

All matches will be comprised of the weight classes as designated by OHSAA. Intra-conference competition is encouraged.

TOURNAMENT

A one-day tournament will be run for varsity wrestlers. There will be only one entry for each weight class from each school. Scoring and seeding will be followed as set up by the Rules and Regulations of the OHSAA.

OFFICIALS

The officials shall be approved by the league for the league tournament.

AWARDS

All individual awards will be made in accordance with policies of the **Greater Miami Conference**. A trophy will be awarded to the championship team. First, Second, and Third place finishers in the tournament receive selected athletic awards.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

A doctor, trainer, or ambulance should be on call at all contests.

The Greater Miami Conference Academic Competition By-Laws

Adopted May 21, 2003

I - ELIGIBILITY

Any student participating on a team must be enrolled in grades 9-12, be in good standing, and meet the Ohio High School Athletic Association eligibility rules. The selection of the team members is the responsibility of the individual school.

II - COMPETITION

The regular season shall consist of 18 varsity matches and 9 junior varsity matches; 2 varsities and 1 junior varsity match to be held on the same day in the order V-JV-V. Competitions shall alternate home and away each year. The GMC Academic team competition will be competed in the winter season.

III - PARTICIPANTS

Four members of each team will compete at a time. Substitutions of team members can be made up to twice during time-outs by each team during the match.

IV - QUESTIONS

Questions will be supplied by the **GMC Designee**. Questions will be delivered to each school in sealed, dated envelopes.

The home team will have the questions for each match. Each packet will contain 30 Category Round Questions (3 each in the following categories: American Literature, Mathematics, World History, Fine Arts, Life Science, English Literature, U.S. Government, Physical Science, World Geography and U.S. History), 20 Alphabet Round questions and 30 Lightning Round questions. 20 Lightning Round questions will be for the competition and the last 10 will be used in the event of a tie.

V - QUESTIONING PROCEDURE

Questions are read by a moderator supplied by the home team. Both the moderator and judge shall keep all unread questions covered.

Questions will be read only once. If the moderator is interrupted by one team while reading the question and that team fails to answer correctly, she/he will complete the question for the opposing team. If a team answers a completed question incorrectly, the moderator will not repeat the question for the opposing team.

The procedure for answering matching questions will be decided by the Policy Committee before the start of the season.

Academic Competition – Continued

VI - ANSWERING PROCEDURE

The Category Round will begin with a coin toss. The winner will choose to be Team A or Team B. The first question of each category will alternate from Team A to Team B. The second question in each category will go to the other team. A team does not need to buzz in to answer a Team question. Each team has 10 seconds from the end of the reading of the team question to answer, except that in the mathematics category each team may have more time as indicated on the question packet to answer. The team may give up to two answers during this time. Three (3) points are awarded if the first answer is correct. Two (2) points are awarded if the second answer is correct. If an incorrect answer is given or the 10 seconds expires, the opposing team must be verbally recognized before answering. (*Note: The moderators will recognize the opposing team without the need for a buzz by this second team.) One (1) point is given for a correct answer by the opposing team within 10 seconds (longer on some math questions.) The third question in each category is a toss-up question. Teams must buzz in and be verbally recognized to answer the toss-up question. They must buzz in within 10 seconds of the end of the reading of the question. Teams are allowed to confer before answering and someone on the team must start to give the correct answer within 3 seconds of being verbally recognized to be awarded the point. The questions will be worth three (3) points. Only one (1) answer per team will be accepted. Either team will lose the chance to answer if it answers before being verbally recognized or does not answer within the required three (3) seconds. If the allotted time expires during the answering of a question by the first team to buzz in or during a ruling on the correctness of the first team's response, the other team will be verbally recognized by the moderator and given an additional five (5) seconds to begin its response to the toss-up question.

For the Alphabet Round, each team member will be given a copy of the 20 one-point questions, all of which require answers that begin with a designated letter of the alphabet. Each team will be given one copy of the answer sheet and will be verbally told the letter that begins each correct response. Teams will have five (5) minutes to consult and write their answers. Both teams will work at the same time. Students MUST stop writing when the time is called. Spelling does not count unless correct spelling of the answer is specified in the question. Answers must be legible. The moderator and/or official scorer will check the answers and announce point totals before the Lightning Round. Either the host coach or the moderator or a designated person will read the questions and give the correct answers to the audience/teams while the official answer sheets are checked. In the event that a team correctly answers all twenty questions, five (5) bonus points will be awarded (25 total). Otherwise, each correct answer will be worth one (1) point.

The Lightning Round will consist of 20 - two (2) point questions drawn from the previous ten categories as well as mythology, spelling, popular culture, world religions, world literature, philosophers, earth and space science, quotations and theater. A team must buzz in and be verbally recognized by the moderator to have the opportunity to answer a Lightning Round question. If a team buzzes prior to the end of the reading of the question, the moderator will stop reading and allow the team to answer. If an incorrect answer is

Academic Competition – Continued

VI - ANSWERING PROCEDURE - Continued

given, the moderator will finish reading the question. The other team may (and must) buzz and be recognized any time during the continued reading of the question or within three (3) seconds of the end of the reading of the question. Only one response will be accepted per team. If a team answers a completed question incorrectly, the opposing team must buzz in immediately (within 3 seconds) and be verbally recognized by the moderator to have the opportunity to answer. If at the end of three (3) seconds, neither team has buzzed in, the moderator will go to the next question.

Prior to the start of a match, all paper and writing utensils will be cleared from the competition tables. Each competitor will be provided one clear sheet of paper and one writing utensil by the host school. At the conclusion of the Alphabet Round, all questions sheets as well as the score sheet will be removed from the competition tables. Each competitor will be provided one clear sheet of paper and one writing utensil for the Lightning round.

Any time a buzzer is sounded before the question is complete; the moderator will stop reading and ask for the answer. The team must give all parts of the answer without further prompting, or the answer is wrong. Asking a team to be more specific will only be done if the answer was complete but needs clarification, such as first and last name. In the case of multiple choice answers, students must give the correct answer, to the letter of the correct choice or any other such designation such as "the last one."

Any time a moderator recognized a team that should have buzzed in prior to recognition, the error will be considered the fault of the moderator and the team will be allowed to answer as if it has buzzed in and been recognized.

VII - SCORING

The highest total score after the category round, alphabet round and 20 questions of the lightning round will determine the winner of the match. In the event of a tie, five (5) additional lightning questions will be presented to the teams (numbered 21-25 on the question sheet). If a tie still exists, five (5) more lightning questions (numbered 26-30) will be presented to the teams. If a tie still exists, the match will remain a tie. A minimum of two (2) people will keep score, one per team. The home team scorer will keep a record visible to both teams.

VIII - MONITORING

The home team will provide a moderator (reader), one timer, one scorer, and any other personnel needed. The moderator enforces all rules in a fair and judicious manner. The guest team will provide the judge. The judge is there to support the moderator and to intervene when the moderator asks for assistance or input. The guest team may, at the home team's option, provide additional people to score, time, or as needed.

Academic Competition - Continued

VIII - MONITORING - Continued

The timer enforces all time restrictions.

The scorer records each correct response as it is made and maintains a record of the score visible to all team members.

The judge must be able to see and hear all of the action of the match. The judge should read from the second set of questions as the moderator reads. The judge can assist the moderator when his/her assistance is requested. The judge, upon request, may rule on the acceptability of an answer.

IX - TIME-OUTS

Time-outs must be called by the team's head coach. Two (2) one-minute time-outs per match per team are allowed. A time-out may only be called at the end of a question. No time-outs may be taken during the alphabet round. If both teams substitute during a time-out, it will be considered one of the two time-outs for both teams. Time between matches should be limited to five (5) minutes when possible.

X - EQUIPMENT

The host team will supply the following equipment: Electrical buzzer system, timers, papers and pencils for both teams, and scoring system visible to both teams

XI - CHALLENGES

All challenges must be made by the advisor. A challenge may be made immediately following a controversial question or at the end of any round. Scorekeeping challenges can be made at any time. If disagreement cannot be settled immediately, the moderator's decision will stand. Any disagreement should be settled before the match is over.

XII - POSTPONEMENT/CANCELLATIONS

A meet can be cancelled only for weather conditions or the absence of the sponsor(s). The meet should be rescheduled at the earliest possible time convenient to both schools.

XIII - CHAMPIONSHIP

The GMC Championship will be determined by the win-loss-tie record of the varsity teams. In the event of a tie, total head-to-head points of the tied schools will determine the Greater Miami Conference Championship.

XIV - TOURNAMENT

A **Greater Miami Conference** varsity tournament will be held at the conclusion of the regular season. Each school is expected to compete on varsity level team as a member of the league. The winners of the varsity league and tournament are both eligible to participate at the regional/state tournament.

Academic Competition – Continued

XIV - TOURNAMENT

The tournament will be hosted at a school chosen by the athletic directors. The date for the tournament will be determined by the commissioner.

The tournament will consist of two divisions in which teams are seeded as follows based on final standings for the Greater Miami Conference season:

Division 1: Teams 1, 4, 6, 7, 10

Division 2: Teams 2, 3, 5, 8, 9

Each team will compete against the other 4 teams in its division during five (5) rounds with one bye round each. At the end of the division competition, the top team from each division will compete against each other in a final match consisting of two (2) rounds. For Division competition as well as the Final round, a round will consist of 30 Category questions, 20 Alphabet questions, and 20 Lightning Round questions. Tie-breakers will be conducted as during the regular season. If at any point in the tournament there is a tie among two (2) or more teams for wins, head-to-head competition followed by total point differential between the teams that are tied will determine the winner.

The Greater Miami Conference CHESS RULES

I - PURPOSE

To provide for inter-high school Chess activities, matches, tournaments, etc. for the **Greater Miami Conference**.

II - MEMBERS

Students enrolled in the ninth or higher grades of any high school in the **Greater Miami Conference**.

III - CHESS TEAM

A high school Chess team consists of five (5) players enrolled in the school that they represent at the time of the match. These five players may vary from match to match. OHSAA eligibility requirements are to be followed. It is recommended that each school form a reserve team from which substitutes can be obtained in cases of the absence of any of the five regular players. A dual match made of any agreed number of players may be played simultaneously with a league match.

IV- TEAM CONTACTS

Matches between Chess teams will be played in accordance with the league schedule. The designated home team contacts the visiting team for the time and place of the match arrangements. If the match is not played at the scheduled time a forfeit may be the penalty.

V – ADVISORS

Each Chess team must have an advisor who is board of education approved. The advisor will have the same power over the team activities that is usual for any club in the school in question.

VI – MATERIALS

The home team must furnish at least three Chess sets and the visiting team at least two Chess sets. By arrangement, the home team may furnish all five sets. All sets used in team matches must be of the “Staunton” style. Each team advisor will receive the league schedule, addresses of league participants, a copy of the rules and any other correspondence pertinent to the operation of the league.

VII – ARRANGEMENT

Written lineups must be brought to the match by both team advisors. These written lineups must be made out before either team sees the others team’s lineups. The home team has the white pieces on boards one, three, and five. No changes in the written lineups will be allowed unless a player does not show up for the match. If for any reason one player does not report for the match and not substitute can be found, the missing board is forfeited after thirty minutes from the time the match begins.

CHESS RULES - Continued

VIII – ETHICS

“Stacking” is when the team uses the best player at some position other than first board and other strong players out of position. It is quite unethical to “stack.” Winning is not the only purpose of the Chess league. You will play your team on boards one through five in the order of their strength as best as you can.

IX -THE MATCH

Chess clocks must be used on all boards. No one other than the players involved in a game should make any comments about a game in progress or in the status of the Chess clocks in the games. A player needing a ruling or having a question should pause both clocks and raise his or her hand to get the attention of the referee or the match coaches. Chess clocks were promoted to reduce “stalling” and force some equality in time available to each player. The purpose of this league is to promote Chess play and good sportsmanship in Chess play. If for any reason a Chess clock stops running entirely because it is in neutral or some other malfunction, the first person noticing the problem will call it to the attention of both team coaches. The coaches will take action to replace or activate the clock as seems appropriate. Each player is allowed forty-five (45) minutes to complete all his or her moves for the game during the first half of the season (the “regular season”), and each play will be allowed thirty (30) minutes to complete all his or her moves for the game during the second half of the season (“the tournament” day). If time-delay clocks are available, regular season games will be played with forty (40) minutes on the clock and a five (5) second delay. “Tournament day” games will be played with twenty-five (25) minutes on the clock and a five (5) second delay.

X – CHESS RULES

The rules for playing chess in the matches will be those of the “Chess Handbook” latest edition available with the exception that a “Losing Chances” draw claim (currently rule 14H) is not permitted during GMC play. Be sure to enforce the “touch move” rule. Once a piece is touched, it must be moved if it can be moved legally. If you wish to adjust the position of a piece on the board, say “I adjust” before touching the piece. There is to be no “kibitzing” during a match. This means by discussing or suggesting of strategy or possible moves by a player or observer until the game is over.

This includes the referring to Chess books or Chess articles or Chess material of any kind during the match. Chess club advisors should be present at each match if possible to prevent kibitzing and team captains should caution their teams concerning kibitzing. The team captains should notify the league counselor in writing if an opponent allows kibitzing so the appropriate penalties up to and sometimes including forfeits and suspensions can be assessed as are necessary.

XI – SCORING

Each game scores one pint for the winner and zero for the loser. A stalemate or drawn games scores 1/2 point for each contestant. If either team has three or more points, they win the match. If each team has 2-1/2 points, the match is a tie. Home team must report results to the **Greater Miami conference Sports Information Director** upon completion of the match. A forfeit match is scored 0-0 for a double forfeit. In a single forfeit, the losing team gets zero and the winning team gets 5.

CHESS RULES - Continued

XII – TROPHY

The league trophy remains at the winning school during the year following the winning of the championship.

XIII – CHAMPIONSHIP

A conference championship will be declared as follows: The **Greater Miami Conference** Chess teams will play a double schedule which will determine the **Greater Miami Conference** championship. The league championship will be determined by total won-loss record over two rounds. The second round will be played on a single day designated by the **Greater Miami Conference**. During the second round, players must play the same board number the entire day.

Cell phones should be silenced or turned off and stored while playing. If exiting the playing room, do not take your cell phone with you. Use of headphones is not permitted at any time. (1st Offense Warning), (2nd offense-Forfeit of match)

Notation will be required during play. If either player is below the 5-minute time period neither player is required to take notation. Prior to the 5-minute mark if a player refuses to take notation a ten-minute penalty (if time is over 20 minutes) or deletion of half the remaining playing time will be awarded.

Change of GMC Round 2 structure to 5 rounds with same time control as season matches. Every team has the opportunity to play every other team with no repeat matches. Tournament will run from 8am- 5:30 pm.

Any claims of an offense must be reported to an official by the player in the game.

The Greater Miami Conference All-League Selection Process by Sport

BASEBALL

20 First Team Selections

Minimum of 1 DH; 2 Pitchers; 5 Infielders; 4 Outfielders; 1 Catcher

20 Second Team Selections

Minimum of 1 DH; 2 Pitchers; 5 Infielders; 4 Outfielders; 1 Catcher

BASKETBALL

10 First Team Selections

10 Second Team Selections

FOOTBALL

24 First Team Offensive Selections

Minimum of 1 Quarterback; 3 Running Backs; 5 Lineman; 2 Receivers

24 First Team Defensive Selections

Minimum of 4 Defensive Lineman; 4 Linebackers, 3 Defensive Backs

48 Second Team Offensive/Defensive Selections

Minimum of 1 Quarterback; 3 Running Backs; 5 Lineman; 2 Receivers

4 Defensive Lineman; 4 Linebackers, 3 Defensive Backs

Punter - First and Second Team

Kicker - First and Second Team

BOYS LACROSSE

14 First Team Selections

Minimum of 1 Goalie; 1 FACEOFF Specialist; 1 LONG STICK MIDDLE (LSM)

14 Second Team Selections

Minimum of 1 Goalie; 1 FACEOFF Specialist; 1 LONG STICK MIDDLE (LSM)

GIRLS LACROSSE

15 First Team Selections

Minimum of 1 Goalie

15 Second Team Selections

Minimum of 1 Goalie

SOFTBALL

20 First Team Selections

Minimum of 2 Pitchers; 5 Infielders; 4 Outfielders; 1 Catcher

20 Second Team Selections

Minimum of 2 Pitchers; 5 Infielders; 4 Outfielders; 1 Catcher

All-League Selection Process by Sport - Continued

SOCCER

- 22 First Team Selections
 - Minimum of
 - 1 Goalie
- 22 Second Team Selections
 - Minimum of
 - 1 Goalie

VOLLEYBALL

- 12 First Team Selections
 - Minimum of
 - 1 Setter; 1 Defensive Specialist
- 12 Second Team Selections
 - Minimum of
 - 1 Setter; 1 Defensive Specialist

ACADEMIC

- 8 First Team Selections
- 8 Second Team Selections

CHESS

- 10 First Team Selections
- 10 Second Team Selections

BOWLING

- 10 First Team Selections
- 10 Second Team Selections

ALL LEAGUE SELECTION APPROVED VOTING PROCEDURE

1. Each coach may nominate candidates for First Team.
2. Each coach will independently rank up to 20 of the nominees.
If there are less than 10 nominees, use # ranking down to the number of nominees.
(ex. There are 4 nominees for a Volleyball Defensive Specialist. The nominees will be ranked #1 through #4 and points awarded based upon ranking.)
3. The following points will be awarded for the ranking:

Ranking 10	Ranking 20
11 points for #1 ranking	21 points for #1 ranking
9 points for #2 ranking	19 points for #2 ranking
8 points for #3 ranking	18 points for #3 ranking
7 points for #4 ranking	17 points for #4 ranking
6 points for #5 ranking	16 points for #5 ranking
5 points for #6 ranking	15 points for #6 ranking
4 points for #7 ranking	14 points for #7 ranking
3 points for #8 ranking	13 points for #8 ranking
2 points for #9 ranking	12 points for #9 ranking
1 points for #10 ranking	points continue to 1 point for #20 ranking

Ranking will be submitted to the Selection Director with submitting school name attached to the ballot.

Ranking will be read aloud to the group. Coach may NOT vote for his or her own athlete.

4. Individual nominee points are added together.
5. Athletes who receive the most points will receive All-League First Team recognition based upon the appropriate number of selections available as stated in the Sports By-Laws.
6. First Team nominees not selected for First Team become nominees for the Second Team.
7. Repeat voting procedure.
8. In the event of a tie for the last available selection, follow the General Tie-breaker Procedure outlined in the By-Laws.

GENERAL TIE-BREAKER PROCEDURE

1. Only the nominees involved in the tie shall be included in the re-vote.
2. Follow the approved voting procedure.
3. If the tie remains after the re-vote, the tie stands.
4. First team nominee who loses the tie-breaker becomes a second team nominee.

The Greater Miami Conference

Procedure for

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Chess, Football, Lacrosse, Quiz Team, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball and Wrestling

1. Coaches nominate candidate - Only First Team All-League Selections may be nominated.
2. Follow approved voting procedure
3. In the event of a tie, follow tiebreaker procedure outlined in By-Laws.
4. All nominated players for Player of the Year must be ranked.
5. Defensive "Players of the Year" in selected sports follow same approved voting procedures.

The Greater Miami Conference

All-League Selection Process Cross Country, Golf, Tennis, Track and Field, Swimming/Diving and Wrestling

All-League Selections by Sport

CROSS COUNTRY

First and Second Team Selections

Selection is based upon finish in Greater Miami Conference Tournament

First Place - Runner of the Year and First Team

Second through Fourteenth Place - First Team Selection

Fifteenth through Twenty-Eighth Place - Second Team Selection

GOLF

First and Second Team Selections

Selection is based upon finish in Greater Miami Conference Tournament

First Place - Golfer of the Year and First Team

in the event of a tie, co-Golfer of the Year will be awarded.

Second through Twelfth Top Scores - First Team Selection

In the event of a tie for twelfth spot, the tie will remain and the number recognized on 2nd team will be reduced.

Thirteenth through Twenty-Fourth Top Scores - Second Team Selection

In the event of a tie for the last second team spot, all scores that tie for that spot will receive second team recognition.

TENNIS

First, Second, Third Team and Honorable Mention Selections (top 4 places)

Selection is based upon finish in Greater Miami Conference Tournament

TRACK AND FIELD

First, Second, Third Team and Honorable Mention Selections (top 4 places)

Selection is based upon finish in Greater Miami Conference Tournament

SWIMMING/DIVING

First, Second, Third Team and Honorable Mention Selections (top 4 places)

Selection is based upon finish in Greater Miami Conference Tournament

WRESTLING

First, Second, Third Team and Honorable Mention Selections (top 4 places)

Selection is based upon finish in Greater Miami Conference Tournament

The Greater Miami Conference

Procedure for PLAYER OF THE YEAR Bowling, Tennis, Track and Field, Swimming/Diving and Wrestling

1. Coaches nominate candidate - Limit of one nomination per school.
2. Follow approved voting procedure
3. In the event of a tie, follow tie-breaker procedures outlined in By-Laws.

SWIMMING

1. Male and female Swimmer of the Year will be awarded using the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (NISCA) power point tables; swimmers will receive points for each of their individual swims in the conference meet. Using only the swimmers individual swims, the male and female swimmer with the highest combined point total of their two individual events will be chosen GMC "Swimmer of the Year."
2. The **Greater Miami Conference** will award a male and female Diver of the Year based upon points earned the **Greater Miami Conference** meet. This will also be the first team all-conference award.

TRACK & FIELD

1. Male and female Track Athletes of the Year will be awarded to the individual earning the most team points in the track portion of the **Greater Miami Conference** meet. Track athletes earning points in relay events will receive 1/4 of the team points earned as a member of the relay.
2. Male and female field Athletes of the Year will be awarded to the individual earning the most team points in the field event portion of the Greater Miami Conference championship meet.
3. Athletes who earn team points in both track **and** field events will have their Athlete of the Year point totals counted separately, not totaled together for this award.

**Procedure for
PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Bowling, Tennis, Track and Field,
Swimming/Diving and Wrestling**

Continued

COACH OF THE YEAR VOTING PROCEDURE

1. Blind ballot system.
2. A coach may not vote for himself or herself.
3. In the event of a tie, co-Coaches of the Year will be recognized.

Greater Miami Conference

Mission Statement & By-Laws for 7th and 8th Grade Athletes

Adopted, 2009

The primary function of junior high athletes is to provide exploratory experiences which meet the basic criterion for contributing to the goals of general education established for these grade levels.

The educational program in grades 7 and 8 should be designed particularly to meet the physical, mental, social and emotional needs of youth during early adolescence. To provide for these needs, the curriculum should offer a core of common experiences, which will lead to broad understandings, good citizenship, and acceptable personality traits. In addition to the core experiences, many exploratory courses and counseling services should be offered to challenge and stimulate the students' desires to acquire more knowledge in specific fields of learning and endeavor. All of these courses offered at the junior high school level should be flexible enough to allow for individual differences in needs, interests and abilities.

The goals for these middle grades cannot be fully achieved by the student participating only in the required academic program. For this reason, each 7th and 8th grade school provides each student with the opportunity to participate in student activities such as school government, curricular-related club organizations, intramurals, physical fitness programs and athletic competition.

Educators, health, and medical authorities have long recognized that students in the 7th and 8th grade have a need for vigorous physical activity to promote normal growth and development. At this age level, there is a real organic need and desire for strenuous physical activity in the form of competitive sports. A study of growth characteristics shows that students of this age seek adventure and vigorous activity, are gregarious and want to belong to a group or team. It is recognized that normal growth and development of students leads them into competitive activities. For these reasons, schools have the responsibility for meeting the developmental needs of students through programs of physical education, which include intramural activities and interscholastic athletics.

Policies and Principles For 7th and 8th Grade Athletes

The regulations for 7th and 8th grade interscholastic athletics of the **Greater Miami Conference** are based upon the following principles and policies:

1. The interscholastic competition is sports competition in which the students from each school compete as a team.
2. Interscholastic athletic sports opportunities for 7th and 8th grade students should be planned as a program separate and different from the program of competitive athletics for high school students.
3. Interscholastic athletic sports competition should be planned and carried out for the values offered to the participant rather than as a spectator sport or as a training program for high school teams. The major emphasis in 7th and 8th grade interscholastic competition should be upon the development of skilled play and good sportsmanship. Wins and losses will understandably be a bi-product of interscholastic competition, however decisions made by the governing body, as well as individual athletic directors representing each school, should not be based upon competitive advantage.
4. It is important that those members of the governing body keep cognizant of the fact that it is our duty and obligation to protect the best interest of the young adults who are competing under our watch. This includes those student athletes of our opposing conference schools. We must at all times make the decisions that are best for all of our young athletes, not those decisions that are convenient or that are best for adults who might be involved.

Greater Miami Conference Junior High School By-Laws

Adopted, 2001

ARTICLE I

This conference shall be called the **Greater Miami Conference**, Junior High – Grades 7 and 8.

Eligibility

Rules and regulations governing all interscholastic athletics for grades 7 through 12 athletic eligibility as found in the **Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA)** Constitution and Rules shall be followed.

ARTICLE II

The objectives and purposes of this conference, which the **Greater Miami Conference** High School Athletic Directors will establish, shall be to provide competitions in all sports and other activities. The purposes are to promote good relationships among the schools in this conference and throughout Ohio.

The overall objective of the **Greater Miami Conference** Junior High Athletic Association is to facilitate and create a wholesome atmosphere for extracurricular activities to be conducted on the 7th and 8th grade levels, while promoting the strength of competition in the **Greater Miami Conference** at the high school level. The **Greater Miami Conference Junior High Association** shall declare a championship in every sport in which there is an event that allows the schools to come together to compete for the championship. Individual awards and recognition will not be given by the league.

The league will not assume any added expense for these tournaments.

This governing body, with its determination to foster the values that accompany competition, believe that it is necessary to have student athletes compete within their designated grade level during end of the season GMC tournaments. This excludes individual sports like Tennis, Wrestling, Golf and Track. It is expected that coaches will adhere to this policy and ensure that this takes place, unless otherwise voted on by the government body for rare exceptions.

A commissioner's position will be established to help the association accomplish a consistent format for all league procedures. The presence of this position will allow individual members to use this person as a resource and coordinate their programs along guidelines established by **Greater Miami Conference** High School Principals and Athletic Directors and Junior High Principals. The commissioner will be instrumental in resolving and developing a calendar for the school year's athletic events. The commissioner will be visible at league-sponsored events and provide unity to the Junior High **Greater Miami Conference**.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this conference shall consist of the following schools: Colerain, Fairfield, Hamilton, Lakota East, Lakota West, Mason, Middletown, Oak Hills, Princeton, Sycamore, and their respective junior high/middle schools, grades 7 and 8.

The rules and standards of the OHSAA shall govern the activities of the GMC Junior High league and the eligibility of all GMC participants. In addition, GMC Junior High Schools will only knowingly participate in competitive events with non public schools that represent a specific school building.

When competing against non public schools that represent a specific school building, the sport must be a school sponsored sport. This By-Law only pertains to sports sanctioned by the GMC Junior High League. Sports such as junior high school soccer, lacrosse, swimming, and others are not held to this By-Law until that time they become recognized as a GMC Junior High sport.

When more than one team in the same sport at the same level represents a school the school must divide the teams in such a way that they are of equal talent. This is a procedure that should be closely monitored by the school's athletic director. It is recommended that the athletic director plan an active role in the team selection process from the first day of try-outs. At the time of team division, the athletic director must be present for a coin toss to decide which team will be assigned to each coach, or another similar means of division to keep teams equally divided. After this point in time there should be no changes to team rosters or trades of players

When a school chooses to sponsor two teams for the same sport within their building, it is imperative that both teams participate only in the GMC and both teams will follow each of the by-laws, as written in this document.

The only exception to this, is in the instance where Board Policy has been set in place by a school district declaring their intentions to have one team within the GMC and the second team acting as a "Reserve" or "B" team participating via an alternative, out of conference schedule. This must be an official board policy and proof of this must be presented to the governing body.

ARTICLE IV – NEW MEMBERS

Membership will be contingent upon the high school into which the junior high feeds being admitted as a member of the high school **Greater Miami Conference**.

At the time of a new member joining the conference, whether it's a new school district joining the GMC or a new athletic director filling the existing duties of a member school, a "mentor" will be provided to aide in the transition into the conference. This mentor will be selected and appointed by the governing body at the May meeting, and will be expected to provide the newly added athletic director with everything they will need to be successful at their new position. Included in this process will be the distribution of these by-laws along with the upcoming season's schedules, contact information for the other conference athletic directors, assignor's information, and anything else that the governing body deems necessary.

ARTICLE V – VOTING POWER ON BY-LAW CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

Schools in the junior high **Greater Miami Conference Junior High Association** will be decided by a majority vote of those preset at the designed athletic administrator meeting.

Proposed changes in junior high **Greater Miami Conference** By-Law and Regulations will be forwarded to the high school athletic directors for approval.

ARTICLE VI – GREATER MIAMI CONFERENCE CRITERIA

Schools in the **Greater Miami Conference Junior High Association** would like to promote activities common to its men's and women's programs. Other activities such as leadership conferences, student exchanges, academic competitions, and sportsmanship programs are appropriate areas for league cooperation.

The proximity of the schools including geographic locations, dismissal times, and enrollment will be areas the coordinator will assess during the first year to suggest appropriate divisions of competition league scheduling, and tournament structure.

ARTICLE VII – ANNUAL DUES

Each high school will be assessed a yearly fee to provide for the additional operating costs for the **Greater Miami Conference Junior High Association**.

ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS AND DUTIES**Section I**

An athletic administrative body comprised of the junior high athletic directors from each member school shall be established. The officers of the conference shall be elected by the athletic administrative body and shall consist of the president, president-elect, and secretary.

Section 2 - Duties**President**

1. Chairman of Athletic Administrative Body.
2. Presides at all meetings
3. Is the official spokesman for the junior high portion of the **Greater Miami Conference**.
4. Must call special meetings if requested by three or more member school athletic directors or principal.
5. Prepare agendas, including time, place, and date of next meeting, whether regular or special.
6. Responsible for annual review of the commissioner's position by adapting performance review used by high school for their commissioner.
7. Perform such other duties as normally expected.
8. The president will serve one term unless the succeeding president-elect position becomes vacant and they may continue with a majority vote of the junior school athletic administrators.

ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS AND DUTIES - Continued**President-Elect**

1. Assist the president as requested.
2. Presides in the absence of the president.
3. Assist the president with the annual review of the coordinator's position.
4. The president-elect shall succeed the president if he vacates the office before he completes his term.
5. Assist treasurer with audit of all expense accounts and financial records.

Secretary

Compile and distribute meeting minutes to all interested parties including junior high and high school athletic directors and junior high principals.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS**Section 1 - Regular Meetings**

Regular meetings will be held in August, September, October, December, January, February, March, and May.

Section 2 - Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the president and must be called upon the request of three or more athletic administrators.

ARTICLE X - ELECTIONS**Section 1**

Officers shall be elected at the last regular meeting of the school year for term of one year. The newly elected officers shall assume responsibility of their office immediately following at the conclusion of the current school year.

Section 2

A nominating committee shall be appointed by the president to select candidates for office.

ARTICLE XI – ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

The junior high athletic directors will meet as designated in Article IX, make recommendations to the By-Laws, suggest improvements in league function, and follow schedules established by the commissioner with their approval as the junior high school athletic administrative body.

ARTICLE XII – COMMISSIONER DUTIES

1. Act as a liaison between the **Greater Miami Conference Junior High Association** and the high school GMC Athletic Director's Organization.
2. Act as a liaison between the GMC junior high assignors and the junior high athletic directors.
3. Set up schedules as requested by the junior high athletic directors.
4. Set up review of assignors and officials used in league contests and report to the junior high athletic directors.
5. Report OHSAA rules and changes as they affect junior high participation.
6. Perform other duties as required by the junior high athletic administrators.
7. Attend conference tournaments as requested by the junior high athletic directors.
8. Prepare and distribute tournament information in cooperation with host school.

ARTICLE XII – COMMISSIONER DUTIES (Continued)

9. Act as treasurer which will include issuing invoices for dues, maintaining the GMC checking account, paying assignors, reimbursing schools that host tournaments.
10. Establish a comprehensive training procedure to address frequent turnover of Athletic Directors.

Special Notation – The high school commissioner should be the same person for liaison purposes.

ARTICLE XIII - TOURNAMENT/EVENT DIRECTOR

1. Provide a safe environment for all players, coaches and spectators.
2. Provide adequate and secure location(s) for the visiting team's personal items.
3. Provide suitable and necessary equipment for warm-ups and game play.
4. At all times an adult should be made available to run the scoreboard. During end of the season tournaments games, visiting schools must also provide an adult to be line judges and/or scorebook keeper.
5. Host school's athletic director and/or other building administrator must be present to supervise events. In the event that an administrator cannot be present, a suitable site supervisor may be paid to "fill-in" but visiting schools should be informed upon arrival.

GMC Championship Trophy Guidelines

1. If your school wins a championship, you will be presented with the trophy at the conclusion of the competition. You are then responsible for taking the trophy to Scott's Awards to have it engraved. Scott's Awards is located at 9044 Cincinnati-Columbus Road, West Chester, Ohio (513-777-8456).
2. Payment for the engraving is the responsibility of the winning school.
3. If you lose the trophy, you must pay the replacement cost.
4. The trophy must be returned to the tournament host at least one day prior to the championship.
5. If a tie occurs, the schools involved will split the time of possessions of the trophy. The schools involved will determine the dates of possession.
6. The Commissioner shall keep a list of the winner in each sport. This list will be used if a trophy is lost and needs to be replaced.

ARTICLE XIV - By-Law Articulation

All bylaws established by the **Greater Miami Conference Junior High Association** will conform to those established by the **Greater Miami Conference High School Organization**.