

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FOOTBALL CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION (amended 5/2016)

ARTICLE I - NAME

1. This organization shall be known as the Eastern Pennsylvania Interscholastic Football Conference (Incorporated). The conference shall consist of six divisions – Division 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5/6A, and South. Member schools will be assigned to a division based on their PIAA Football Classification. District 3 member schools will all be assigned to the South Division, regardless of classification, because their regular season does not end until PIAA Week #10.

2. All rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association shall be enforced.

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

1. To protect the mutual interest of the members of the association through the cultivation of ideals of clean sport in their relationship to development of character.

2. To select representative teams from the membership of the Divisions and Sections to meet in Playoff Games to determine championships of the Eastern Pennsylvania Interscholastic Football Conference.

3. To promote uniformity in the arrangement and control of contests.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

1. Any high school in good standing in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association is eligible for membership.

2. All applications for membership must have annexed thereto (a) recommendations from five (5) member schools and (b) have five (5) conference games scheduled for the year in which the school is applying for membership.

3. The application for membership of a school in the conference shall be voted upon by a simple majority affirmative vote of the member schools present at the Spring meeting.

ARTICLE IV - DUES

1. Each member school in the conference shall be assessed annual dues. The Steering Committee will recommend the amount of annual dues. The membership will vote on any due changes. A simple majority will determine any dues change. From these dues, each school will be entitled to two (2) tickets (upon request) to the annual championship banquet to honor all winners.

The Steering Committee of the conference shall have the power to assess each member \$5.00 more if necessary. The Secretary/Treasurer shall notify annually each member that dues are payable. Any member that does not pay dues shall not be eligible for championship honors.

ARTICLE V - ORGANIZATION

1. The officers of the organization shall be the President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. The President and the Vice-President shall be active professional employees of member schools. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be selected by the Steering Committee.

2. The President and Vice-President shall be elected for a three (3) year term. These two officers shall not be from the same Section. The Vice-President shall become the President elect with a new Vice-President elected every three years.

3. Within Fifteen (15) days of the election, the President shall appoint a Steering Committee of Representatives from the member schools and each division.

4. The duties of the committee shall be as follows:

- a. Act jointly in the interpretation of provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws.
- b. Act jointly in conducting meetings on matters of dispute between members of different Divisions and the conference.
- c. Conduct hearings on matters of dispute between members of the Conference.
- d. Fix and enforce penalties for any violation as prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws.
- e. Review amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws referred to the committee by a member school. Changes would be decided by a majority vote of the committee.
- f. Meet jointly and regularly on the same day as the regular Spring meeting of the conference.
- g. The committee shall appoint the Secretary-Treasurer for a period of a maximum of three (3) years based upon the recommendation of the President.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

1. The annual Fall meeting of the Steering Committee shall be held the Monday following the PIAA Week 9 regular season contests.

2. The Spring business meeting of the conference shall be held during the months of March and April.

3. The annual Spring meeting of the conference shall be followed by a dinner.
4. Member schools shall be responsible for the payment of reservations made for meetings of schools.
5. Special meetings may be held at the request of the President or at the request of any five (5) member schools.
6. Each school is entitled to one (1) vote.
7. Representatives from a majority of the member schools of the conference shall constitute a quorum.
8. The site of the conference meetings shall be announced by the Secretary under the advisement of the President.
9. The Steering Committee shall meet prior to the Spring meeting or at the call of the President.
10. At each business meeting of the conference, each member school shall be entitled to one designated spokesman. That spokesman shall be the Principal or his designee. The spokesman shall be the voting member.

ARTICLE VII - CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS

1. All member schools shall be classified according to the P.I.A.A. enrollments. Therefore, some schools may change Divisions after any two (2) year period.
2. Member schools will be classified in Six (6) Divisions.

For Fall 2016 and Fall 2017, the Divisions will be:

DIVISION 1A
DIVISION 2A
DIVISION 3A
DIVISION 4A
DIVISION 5A/6A
SOUTH DIVISION**

**All PIAA District 3 member schools will be assigned to the South Division regardless of PIAA Football Classification due to PIAA District 3 playoff qualifiers not being determined until after PIAA Week #10.

Ratings and standings will be kept with separate standings for all Divisions. The conference statistician will do this.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be made by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the schools of the conference present at the annual or Spring meeting provided that a previous notice in writing is submitted to the Secretary one (1) month prior to the meeting.

BY-LAWS

1. All scheduled regular season games will count towards power rankings.

2. Any member school that qualified for the playoffs and chooses not to compete must notify the President of the Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of their last game.

a. Any member school who will not compete in the Eastern Football Conference with a record below .500 must notify the Secretary when submitting their regular season schedule.

3. Games scheduled by member schools on or after the first playing date of a season shall not be considered for championship honors for that season. The Steering Committee could approve schedule adjustments if school jointures or reorganizations, would cause member schools scheduling difficulties.

4. A member school must attend one of the two annual meetings, if a school cannot attend either meeting, written notification should be sent to the Secretary. Failure to meet this requirement could result in forfeiture of membership in the conference.

5. Cancellation of a bonafide contract shall not jeopardize the championship eligibility of the offended team provided, the member school(s) have submitted a request for relief to the President and Secretary of the Eastern Football Conference for approval by the Steering Committee.

6. When a conference game is postponed, the home school will notify the secretary and statistician of the makeup date. If the game is cancelled and it would have an impact on teams in contention for a playoff berth, the schools will be notified and a hearing will be held before the Steering Committee. Any decision made by the Steering Committee will be final.

7. When a member school(s) cancels a scheduled football game without the approval of the Steering Committee, such member school(s) shall forfeit its membership in the conference for a period of two (2) years.

8. Application of re-admittance of a school who forfeits its membership will not be accepted for two (2) years from the date of its forfeiture of membership and then readmitted only by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the membership schools present at a regularly scheduled meeting.

9. The Financial Report of the Treasurer shall be audited prior to the Spring meeting by an independent auditor. (A committee consisting of one representative of each division selected by the Steering Committee).

10. The two highest ranked representative teams from each Division will be chosen for the conference championship final in Division 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5/6A, and South Division. The highest ranked team in each Division will be the home team for the Championship Final.

11. All games to be considered for power rankings championship rating must be concluded by PIAA Week 9 for Division 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5/6A and by PIAA Week 10 for the South Division.

12. The Championship will be held PIAA Week 10 in Divisions 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5/6A and PIAA Week 11 in the South Division.

13. The Eastern Conference Rating system is as follows:

All regular season contests played will be counted, with all losses and ties applied first. The final Ranking (rating) will be determined by dividing the TOTAL POINTS by THE NUMBER OF CONTESTS PLAYED.

a) 150 points for defeating an opponent five (5) enrollment classifications above the enrollment classification of the winning school.

b) 75 points for tying an opponent five (5) enrollment classifications above the enrollment classification of the tying school.

c) 140 points for defeating an opponent four (4) enrollment classifications above the enrollment classification of the winning school.

d) 70 points for tying an opponent four (4) enrollment classifications above the enrollment classification of the tying school.

e) 130 points for defeating an opponent three (3) enrollment classification above the enrollment classification of the winning school.

f) 65 points for tying an opponent three (3) enrollment classification above the enrollment classification of the tying school.

g) 120 points for defeating an opponent two (2) enrollment classification above the enrollment classification of the winning school.

h) 60 points for tying an opponent two (2) enrollment classification above the enrollment classification of the tying school.

i) 110 points for defeating an opponent one (1) enrollment classification above the enrollment classification of the winning school.

- j) 55 points for tying an opponent one (1) enrollment classification above the enrollment classification of the winning school.
- k) 100 points for defeating an opponent of the same enrollment classification as the winning school.
- l) 50 points for tying an opponent of the same enrollment classification as the tying school.
- m) 90 points for defeating an opponent one (1) enrollment classification below the enrollment classification of the winning school.
- n) 45 points for tying an opponent one (1) enrollment classification below the enrollment classification of the tying school.
- o) 80 points for defeating an opponent two (2) enrollment classifications below the enrollment classification of the winning school.
- p) 40 points for tying an opponent two (2) enrollment classifications below the enrollment classification of the tying school.
- q) 70 points for defeating an opponent three (3) enrollment classifications below the enrollment classification of the winning school.
- r) 35 points for tying an opponent three (3) enrollment classifications below the enrollment classification of the tying school.
- s) 60 points for defeating an opponent four (4) enrollment classification below the enrollment classification of the winning school. 71
- t) 30 points for tying an opponent four (4) enrollment classifications below the enrollment classification of the tying school.
- u) 50 points for defeating an opponent five (5) enrollment classifications below the enrollment classification of the tying school.
- v) 25 points for tying an opponent five (5) enrollment classifications below the enrollment classification of the tying school.

* In addition, the won-loss-tie record of defeated regular season opponents used in determining the ranking (rating an eligible member school team shall be applied to the eligible member school team's ranking (rating) as follows: ten (10) points for each win, five (5) points for each tie, and zero (0) points for each loss.

16. Ties in the rankings (ratings) shall be resolved as follows:

- a. If the member school teams played each other during the regular, the winner of the majority of those contests shall be ranked (rated) higher.

b. If (a) does not resolve the tie in the rankings (ratings) the won-loss-tie records of the tied member schools teams against common regular seasons opponents shall be used in breaking the tie in the rankings (ratings) with (10) points awarded for each win, (5) points awarded for each tie, and (0) points awarded for each loss.

c. If (b) does not resolve the tie in the rankings (ratings), the won-loss-tie records for the tied member school teams for the regular season contests used in determining the rankings (ratings) shall be used in breaking the tie in the rankings (ratings) with ten (10) points for each win, five (5) points awarded for each tie, zero (0) points awarded for each loss.

d. If (c) does not resolve the tie in the rankings (ratings), the winning percentage (divide number of contests won by number of contests won and lost) of the tied member school teams regular season opponents used in breaking the tie in the rankings (ratings).

e. If (d) does not resolve the tie in the rankings (ratings), the winning percentage (divide number of contest won by number of contests won and lost) of the tied member school teams regular season opponents used in determining the rankings (ratings) shall be used in breaking the tie in the rankings (ratings).

f. If (e) does not resolve the tie in the rankings (ratings), the team that yielded the fewest points when the member school teams played each other during the regular season shall be used in breaking the tie in the rankings (ratings).

g. If (f) does not resolve the tie in the rankings (ratings), the fewest points yielded against the tied member school teams common regular season opponents shall be used in breaking the tie in the rankings (ratings).

h. If (g) does not resolve the tie in the rankings (ratings), the fewest points yielded against the tied member school teams regular season opponents used in determining the rankings (ratings) shall be used in breaking the tie in the rankings (ratings).

i. if (h) does not resolve the tie in the rankings (ratings), a coin toss shall be used in breaking the tie in the rankings (ratings).

17. Trophies will be awarded to the Divisional Championship Game winners.

18. The host school in all Divisional playoff games shall send a check for \$500.00 to the Secretary-Treasurer to be used for the cost of trophies, medals, plaques, tickets, and Conference Treasury. This amount is deducted from the gate receipts.

19. The fee for radio broadcasting the Championship Games shall be \$100.00 per station. The check is payable to the home school. Payment is due before the game and will be part of the gate receipts.

20. The fee for televising the Championship Games shall be determined by the competing schools and the Television Company. The participating schools must agree to live television. The check is payable to the home school and is due before the game. The check is included in the gate receipts.

21. The competing schools shall determine the fee for taping Conference Championship Games. Tape replays are not to be shown before twenty-four (24) hours of game completion. The fee is included in the gate receipts.