

Constitution of the Commonwealth Middle School Athletic Conference

(Any particular rule or by-law not covered within this constitution shall be covered under the governing body of the KHSAA. All member schools shall comply with the by-laws of this constitution in an orderly manner. It is the responsibility of each school to develop a high degree of sportsmanship among schools, athletes, officials, and the general public.)

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Commonwealth Middle School Athletic Conference.

Article II: Objective

The objective shall be the development, regulation, and purification of athletics in junior highs and middle schools.

Article III: Membership

The membership shall not exceed nine (9) schools, with the exception of a school that splits to form a new middle school in that county. Any school withdrawing from the conference is required to present written notice to the conference commissioner of their desire to withdraw.

Article IV: Administration

Section 1 Conference Commissioner

The Chief Officer of the conference will be the Conference Commissioner. The Conference Commissioner shall be elected by the participating school's representatives. His or her stipend will be \$1500 per year. He/She shall be a facilitator for all conference activities and business. Duties of the Commissioner include but are not limited to: Organize and Facilitate the Fall and Spring meetings; Organizing and facilitate meetings to schedule football, baseball, softball, track, and Cheer and Dance competition, as well as any special meetings; Set a master schedule for Girls' and Boys' Basketball; liaison between schools concerning rules, by-laws, and the constitution; liaison between specific sport official assignors and schools; track and monitor season results through coaches, Athletic Directors and the Web Master; Set up brackets for post season tournaments and coordinate the tournaments with individual schools, coaches, officials, and web master; along with conference treasurer monitor and distribute Conference monies as appropriate.

Section 2 Representation

Each participating school will have 1 representative. The representative will generally be the Athletic Director. However, it may be the Principal. The responsibility of the operation of the conference will be shared by the participating school's representative and the Conference Commissioner.

Section 3 Host Schools (Tournaments and Competitions)

All post season tournaments and competitions will be decided during the spring meeting. This responsibility will be shared by each participating school in the conference. The championships will be hosted by the school decided in the spring meeting. Some sports have preliminary rounds hosted by the lower seeded teams. If you host a tournament game you get total concession. The gate is taken up by the host school. After referee expenses, the remaining gate money is sent to Clark Moores in care of Ruth Fox (our conference treasurer). Tournament and competition trophies expenses will be deducted from the gate receipts by the conference treasurer. At the end of the academic year (Last Spring Sport) the gate receipts are divided between all the schools (teams) that participated in the tournaments and competitions.

Article V: Representation at Annual Meeting(s)

The conference will conduct two (2) official meetings each year. All schools will be notified by the conference commissioner of conference meetings. All official meetings will begin at 4:00 pm and any special meeting will start at 10:30 am. A fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) will be levied against any school that is not properly represented at a conference meeting. The fine is to be paid within ten (10) days of received notification. Any school in violation of the attendance requirement must be notified by certified mail. The school that is being fined has the option to either pay the fine or be dropped from the conference.

Section 1 Fall Meeting

The fall meeting shall be held the last Monday in August. Football, Girls' and Boys' Basketball, and Girls' and Boys' Tournament seeding, spring schedules, and by-law changes will be discussed.

Section 2 Spring Meeting

The spring meeting shall be held the second Monday in March. Track scheduling, fall sports scheduling, constitution and by-law changes.

Section 3 Cheerleading/Dance Meeting

There will be an annual meeting on the first Tuesday in December for cheerleading and dance coaches to organize the conference competition. Rules and regulations will be discussed and distributed.

Section 4 Baseball/Softball Meeting

There will be an annual meeting on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving for baseball and softball coaches to organize game schedules.

Article VI: Application for Membership

Any school desiring membership in the conference shall declare their intent in a letter to the conference commissioner. In return, the commissioner will add the request to the agenda sent out prior to an official conference meeting. After examination of the application, each member school will vote for admittance or denial. If the application is approved, an initial membership fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) must be paid to the conference treasurer. This fee does not cover the yearly dues. Any new school admitted to the conference will not be eligible for participation in championship events until one year probationary period has been fulfilled; however, the conference shall admit in full standing any school that is created when a county splits and creates a new middle school. The new school will automatically be accepted into full conference membership, and will not have to serve a one year probationary period.

Article VII: Conference Revenues

Section 1 Annual Dues

All member schools of the conference will be assessed an annual fee of Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$450) to help cover any expenses that are incurred by the conference such as: Conference Commissioner Stipend (\$1500), Conference Treasurer Stipend (\$500), and Subscription to conference website (\$100), stipend for conference webmaster (\$1000), and trophies for regular season champions and runner-ups (\$748), and other expenses not covered by tournament and competitions gate receipts.

Section 2 Postseason Revenue

All post season gate money will be used to pay for officials and any other expenses to operate the tournaments and competitions. The remainder shall be sent to the Commonwealth Athletics account at Clark Moores Middle School. After the cost of the trophies is subtracted each school participating in tournament games will be awarded one (1) share from the remaining gate. The school hosting the tourney game or competition will keep all monies collected from concessions. All postseason revenue will be divided to participating schools (teams) after the final competition of the academic year (final spring sport).

Article VIII: Contests

Section 1 With Non-Member Schools

If a school participates in a non-conference game or tournament, the conference game or tournament takes precedence. If a make-up conference game is required it must take precedent over any non-conference games.

Section 2 With Member Schools

The starting times for all basketball games will be 5:00 p.m. unless the two individual schools involved agree to the changed time. Football games will begin at 6:00 pm. Baseball and Softball games will begin at 5:30 p.m. during the week. Soccer games will be Girl/Boy double headers with game times being 5:30 and 7:00. Boys and Girls teams will rotate each year which team plays first.

Article IX: Responsibility of the Principal

The principal of a school shall be held ultimately responsible in all matters in his/her particular school, concerning eligibility and interscholastic contests. The principal of the school shall be responsible for giving a copy of the conference by-laws and constitution to all coaches. The principal will be responsible for insuring all CMSAC By-laws and the CMSAC Constitution is followed. The Principal is responsible for promoting Sportsmanship in all aspects of the contest.

Article X: Participating Sports

Fall	Winter	Spring
Girls' Basketball	Boys' Basketball	Track and Field
Football	Cheerleading	Baseball
Boys' Soccer	Dance	Softball
Girls' Soccer	Volleyball	
Cheerleading		
Dance		