

## **NORTH SUBURBAN CONFERENCE GUIDELINES**

### **BOYS' FOOTBALL**

#### **I. SEASON LIMITATIONS**

Practice may begin Wednesday of week 6 of the I.H.S.A. standardized calendar. The first contest may be no earlier than Friday of week 8 and the season shall end no later than Saturday of week 21. [I.H.S.A. By-Law 5.061]

#### **II. CONTEST LIMITATIONS**

Varsity - 9 games plus IHSA series  
Other levels - 9 games

#### **III. LEVELS OF COMPETITION**

A. There will be three (3) levels of competition

1. Varsity
2. Sophomore
3. Freshman

B. Other levels that may be played

1. Junior Varsity
2. Sophomore "B"
3. Freshman "B"

C. Participation

Refer to Article IX of the N.S.C. Constitution regarding eligibility.

#### **IV. COACHES' MEETING**

Conference coaches will meet the Monday following the last league scheduled week for the purpose of selecting an All-Conference team and reviewing the guidelines. Time 7:00 p.m.

#### **V. CHAMPIONSHIP**

A. Determined by single round-robin schedule within each Division.

B. The following procedure shall be used in selecting Division representatives for the State Football Playoffs:

1. Division Champion
2. If two teams tie for the Championship, the winner of the meeting between the two teams will be selected as the representative.
3. If there are three or more teams tied, if A beats B and C (and all other teams which are tied) A would be selected as the conference representative. If A beats B, B beats C, and C beats A, the representative will be the school accumulating the most points in head-to-head competition of those three schools against each other. Points are accumulated from a minus ten to a plus ten on the difference in scores between these top three teams. No other Division school will be considered in this step. If a tie still results between two of the three schools, refer to Section B-2.
4. If a three-way or more tie results in Section B-3, all Division competition will be considered on the minus ten to plus ten scale. If a tie still results between two of the three or more schools, refer to Section B-2.

5. If a three-way or more tie still results, non-conference and crossover opponents will be considered on the above mentioned point scale. If a tie still results between two of the three schools, refer to Section B-2.
6. If a three-way or more tie still exists, the team that has allowed the least number of points scored against all Division opponents will be considered. If a tie still results between two of the three or more schools, refer to Section B-2.

C. Criteria for Scheduling Division Crossover Games

Crossover games will be scheduled on a seven-year rotation Weeks 3-9, allowing each team to play all schools in the opposite Division once during the rotation. The Division hosting the crossover contests will alternate each year. Once the scheduling numbers have been established at the beginning of the rotation, Lake Division schools will move down from 1 to 7 each year and Prairie Division schools will move up from 7 to 1.

VI. CONDUCT OF CONTESTS

- A. The opening games shall be scheduled for the first opening weekend prescribed by the I.H.S.A.
- B. Sophomore preliminaries shall be played starting at 5:00 p.m. on Friday evening or 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays. If the visiting team arrives late and the start of the preliminary game is postponed, the halftime will be adjusted to five (5) minutes plus the mandatory three (3) minute warm-up.
- C. The Varsity game shall not start before 7:30 p.m. Friday, or 1:00 p.m. Saturday. The Varsity game shall start 20 minutes after the end of the sophomore game. Should this game continue beyond 7:10 p.m. or 12:40 p.m., a full 20 minutes warm-up period shall be provided immediately before the Varsity game starts. Band pregame activities shall be limited to five minutes.
- D. Junior Varsity and Sophomore "B" games shall be played on the following Monday at same site of Varsity game with the approximate starting time of 4:30 p.m. (9:00 a.m. on holidays by mutual consent).
- E. The home team shall wear colored jerseys and the visiting team shall wear white jerseys.
- F. It is mandatory that all schools number offensive Varsity and Sophomore "A" football players as follows:  
Centers, Guards, Tackles: 50-79  
Ends: 1-49, 80-99  
Backs: 1-49
- G. The Junior Varsity and Sophomore "B" football teams shall wear the same color jerseys as worn by the Varsity in their game, unless other arrangements have been agreed upon.
- H. Schools shall list squads in numerical order for program information sheets.
- I. Squad rosters shall be mailed to each Conference school not later than one week before the first Conference game. Notification of changes will be submitted the Monday prior to games to schools involved.
- J. Freshman football games shall be scheduled to be played on Thursday or Friday at 4:30 p.m. or on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. (9:30 a.m. if Varsity game is played Friday night) of the weekend of the Varsity game and at the same site. Frosh A and B home teams will wear colored jerseys, and the visiting team will wear the opposite unless other arrangements have been agreed upon. Dates and times may be changed by mutual consent.
- K. Varsity games shall be 12 minute quarters. All other games shall be 10 minute quarters, unless other arrangements have been agreed upon.
- L. The home team shall warm up on the end of the field closest to their locker room; the visiting team shall warm up at the opposite end of the field. Both teams shall keep linemen warm-up in the end zone or off the playing field completely if space permits. Kicking warm-up shall be on your half and your side of the field.
- M. Defensive or offensive regulars are allowed to play in Junior Varsity football games on the other platoon, provided they are not Seniors [i.e. if a boy is defensive regular but does not play offense in a

Varsity game, he could play his offensive position only in the Junior Varsity game)]. Any violation of this rule is to be reported to the Athletic Director.

- N. When an electronic clock (scoreboard) is used for Varsity and Sophomore games, it shall be the official time and shall be kept by an adult, preferably a trained faculty member.
- O. The down markers and the chain crew should be trained adult personnel provided for Varsity and Sophomore games by the home school. They will operate the entire game from that side of the field opposite the press box.
- P. Scouting of all football games will be conducted without the use of outside, professional services.
- Q. No photographic equipment may be used for the purpose of scouting in any game involving NSC opponents, exclusive of the IHSA State series (filming is allowed in the State Playoffs). Films will be exchanged for the purpose of scouting only. Schools will exchange a minimum of two (2) films with their opponent for each round. The films exchanged will be selected by the opposing coach. There shall be no exchange of conference football game films with any non-conference school.
- R. The host school shall provide adequate space for one visiting team game photographer.
- S. Each visiting team Sophomore coach is responsible for admitting the team through the gate for the Varsity game.
- T. Tie games (Varsity contests only) shall be resolved according to the I.H.S.A. Terms and Conditions for the Boys' Football State Play-offs.

#### VII. CANCELED GAMES - VARSITY

- A. If a football contest is postponed by mutual consent, the game shall be rescheduled. If rescheduling is impossible, the game shall not count in the league standings.
- B. If the contest is canceled by the home team, the contest will be forfeited to the visiting team. If the visiting team causes cancellation of a contest, the contest will be forfeited to the home team. In either case, the team causing the cancellation may be held responsible for breach of contract (I.H.S.A. By-Law 6.040).
- C. If any member of the North Suburban Conference is involved in a strike or job action resulting in fewer than 51% student attendance, the following procedure will be followed.
  - 1. No football games will be rescheduled; a forfeit will be awarded.
  - 2. No member school will ask for financial reimbursement from a striking school (for revenue lost due to gate receipts).

**In any case, a canceled or forfeited contest will not be rescheduled.**

#### D. Postponement and Termination of Football games.

(Weather conditions or playing conditions are such that the advisability of playing a game is questionable)

##### Condition 1

When, in the opinion of one or both administrators of the two schools concerned, adverse conditions exist, the host administrators shall decide on postponement, change of location, or cancellation.

In the event of a postponement of the game, it should be played the next day (in case of Friday games) or on the following Monday.

If cancellation of the game affects the Conference standing of schools other than the two involved, it is recommended that cancellation be avoided.

## Condition 2

(When conditions arise during the course of the game necessitating its suspension/termination)

The game officials should be instructed that when, in their opinion, conditions become such that there is danger to players and spectators, the officials should call time and arrive at a decision concerning termination/suspension of the game.

In the event of an incomplete game, the game should be resumed at a later date from the point of suspension, with all prevailing game conditions (i.e. down, point of play, time).

Suspended games should be resumed, if conditions allow, within one-half hour on the same day; otherwise, play should resume the following day or the following Monday.

If the game is in the second half and the outcome of the game is not in doubt, the losing team has the right to declare the game a complete contest.

## VIII. OFFICIALS

Officials will be assigned by the Conference Assignment Chairman. Officials are to be rated and ratings submitted to the Conference Assignment Chairman. Separate crews shall be assigned for all Conference Varsity and Sophomore games.

## IX. AWARDS

A trophy is to be awarded to each Division Champion or Champions. An All-conference team will be selected at the annual coaches' meeting. Each Conference team is entitled to one All-Conference member for each Division and Crossover win. The total shall not exceed 62. Each school may nominate a maximum of three at-large candidates. Those at-large candidates not selected for the All-Conference team will be named Honorable Mention. At-large candidates will be voted by Division; the Division with the best record in crossover games will receive the additional All-Conference selection in the event there is an odd number of candidates. By agreement of all schools, these lists should not be submitted to the media until all N.S.C teams have finished their seasons.

## X. MISCELLANEOUS

All scores should be reported to the Resource Athletic Director. Schools must also follow the I.H.S.A. procedure for reporting 9th Week scores as prescribed by the Football Master Schedule/Manual.

### **Selected Highlights from the NSC Constitution**

**From Article VIII:** The Resource Athletic Director for each respective Varsity sport shall be responsible for compiling and distributing Conference Varsity standings and scores on a weekly basis. Each school shall be responsible for reporting Varsity scores to the Resource Athletic Director each week. The North Suburban Conference only recognizes championships at the Varsity level.

**From Article IX:** A player may participate at only one recognized level of competition on any given playing date or round of play against a Conference opponent, except where noted in individual sport Guidelines. In sports where there is a Conference tournament at the Varsity level, if a Conference school also hosts a Prairie-Lake (under-level) Invitational in that sport, an athlete is prohibited from competing at more than one level. Only freshmen may compete at the freshman level in any sport or contest. Member schools are required to field teams in recognized levels from the top down.

**From Article X:** It is agreed by all member schools that the use of video equipment for the purpose of scouting is allowed unless prohibited by individual NSC sport Guidelines or NFHS rules. For football, see section VI. Q.

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