

## **GENERAL BY-LAWS – BIG RIVER CONFERENCE**

1. WIAA Regulations will be followed at all levels for all sports unless specified in individual sport by-laws.
2. No conference activities before 4:30 unless mutually agreed. (ie...Tennis, Baseball)  
Starting time of all conference sports to be in by-laws.
3. School that hosts conference meet should have an administrator or designee in charge not to include the head coach.
4. Home team wears WHITE unless specified in individual sport by-laws.
5. Coaches' meetings minutes must be approved by Athletic Directors. Athletic Directors should communicate all decisions with their High School Principal.
6. Only conference approved awards will be issued as conference awards.
7. Pre-game Procedure
  - A. Introductions by team or individual per school request. Starting lineups will be furnished by the visiting school to the announcer prior to the game. (Exception – in football, the introduction may be team or individual at coach's request. Starter names to be furnished to the press box prior to the game.)
  - B. Visiting schools should be made aware of any pre-game or half-time performances. Such performances should not interfere with visiting team pre-game warm-up time or space.
8. The PA announcer shall not be directly involved with the cheering section or leading fan response.
9. Athletic results should be reported to the Statistician.
10. Conference Courtesy Passes:
  - A. 100 passes to be sent to the Athletic Director.
  - B. Passes shall be non-transferable (printed across pass).
  - C. Change color each year.
  - D. Players and managers shall go through the gate with coaches.
  - E. Cheerleaders admitted with uniform.

- F. Players attending games, in which they are not participating, shall pay unless previous arrangements for their admittance have been made. This does not include JV or other lower level players from games played before the varsity game.
11. Laser pointers or confetti will be prohibited in any gym or playing area. Banners, Signs, Pom Poms, Pennants, etc.; which are hazardous, block the spectator's view, pose a problem in terms of facility clean up or are derogatory, obscene or profane; as well as recorded music-lyrics that may be offensive or profane will also be prohibited. (Cheerleader "breakthroughs" are allowed, banners must be stationary.) Recorded music is acceptable before and after contests, during warm-up, between periods or during time outs. Use of noisemakers will follow the most recent WIAA Handbook. The game manager will have the final authority in determining allow ability. Refer to Appendix I.
12. Once conference schedules have been set, changes cannot be made without conference approval. Make-up of postponed games will follow these guidelines:
- A. In case of inclement weather or emergencies, the participating schools must contact each other to determine postponements.
- B. Make-up date of a game will be mutually agreed upon within the next two (2) working days. Played at earliest possible date.
- C. Conference games take precedence over non-conference games.
13. All approved conference schedules will serve as game contracts.
14. Any sport with a conference dual schedule and conference tournament – the champion will be determined by a combination of points accumulated in dual wins and a conference meet.
15. In sports where there is not an automatic individual conference finish (such as football, baseball, basketball, etc.), the all-conference team selection will be determined by criteria outlined in the specific sport by-law the following definitions apply.
- A. BRC all conference honoree
- One of the best (if not the best) athlete at his/her position in the conference
  - An athlete who displayed good sportsmanship all season
- B. BRC Player of the Year (optional)

- The best player the conference has in that sport as determined by player's performance and is an All Conference Honoree
- C. BRC Coach of the Year (optional)
- The coach that achieved the most with what they had for talent
- D. BRC All Conference honors will not be given based on:
- Where a team finishes in the conference standings
  - How many other teammates were on the all conference team
  - A prescribed ratio of all conference honors given to a team for any reason
16. These general procedures will apply to all All-Conference Selection voting:
- A. Voting will be face-to-face. Virtual Meetings would qualify as face to face.
- B. Voting may be done by secret ballot or raise of hands. Athletics Director in charge will tabulate and give results at the meeting.
- C. Release of All-Conference teams will be released by the Secretary/Treasurer on date agreed upon by coaches.
17. In the sports where a conference tournament is held, the following terms shall apply:
- A. Conference Scheduler shall hire all officials. (Except Cross Country and Track).
- B. A completed expenses sheet (Appendix E) will be submitted to the conference treasurer by the host school.
- C. The athletic directors will set up a suitable conference tournament rotation.
18. Schedule Rotation:
- A. New numbers will be drawn for team schedule rotations every four (4) years. (Not Football and Boys and Girls Tennis) will be drawn in: 2023-24, 2027-28, and 2031-32
19. Each home school will have a plan of action to handle any medical emergency that may arise.
20. Open filming is allowed and no particular accommodations will be made. There will be no exchange or giving of BRC tapes to tournament or non-conference opponents.

21. During all indoor Big River Conference contests, any body paint on any part other than the face is prohibited. If a body part has body paint on it, the body paint must be covered with clothing at all times. Spectators who do not conform to these regulations will be removed from the contest.
22. The Big Rivers Conference will recognize a conference champion and all-conference performers if at least five members of the conference have competitive varsity teams. If an existing BRC sport below five teams for more than one consecutive year, recognition will be discontinued. Conference Champions will be based on record only. If there is a tie for the best record, schools will be declared co-, tri-, etc.... –champions.

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