**BASKETBALL BY-LAWS**

1. All League games shall be played according to the League schedule unless agreed upon by both schools. The league basketball schedule will be a double round robin format.

2. The home team is to wear light jerseys and the visiting team dark jerseys. Home team will furnish six National Federation approved basketballs per League game for the visiting team’s warm-up (boys and girls season/all levels). The home team will provide water and cups for visiting teams and a National Federation approved game ball in all League games.

3. There shall be a 10 minute warm-up time for subvarsity and 15 minutes for varsity games.

4. The All-League Team shall be determined as follows:

A. Points earned:

 1. Field goal attempts (2 point and 3 point), and percentage made

 2. Free throw attempts and percentage made

 3. Total points in conference play

 4. Number of conference games played

 5. Average points per game in conference

 6. Total rebounds

 7. Year in school

 8. Block shots

 9. Steals

10. Assists

B. The All-League Team will consist of seven first team and seven second team members, selected as follows:

 The week of the final league game, the athletic director in charge of basketball will send an all-conference packet containing the basketball by-laws, blank stat sheet, and stat deadline to each Metro League head coach. On Monday the week following league play, the coaches will send their player statistics (league games only), listed in order of preference, to the athletic director in charge of basketball. The athletic director will then send each coach the stats from the opposing schools. The Coaches will have one week to discuss the nominees with their athletes. Approximately one week following the deadline for player statistics, the coaches will attend a mandatory meeting at a site determined by the athletic director in charge of basketball. At this meeting, the coaches will discuss the nominees and then vote for the All League selections.

 Voting – The best player will receive 14 points, second – 13 points, etc., down to one. All ties for placement on a team will remain so.

All first team selections will receive gold medals; all second team selections will receive silver medals.

C. Any athlete receiving a vote and not making the first or second team will receive honorable mention if his coach wishes. Each coach will be allowed to nominate one player to the honorable mention list.

D. All recognized players put into nomination for All-League must have completed the basketball season in good standing.

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9. Each school may regulate its own pre-game ticket sales to its own students for home games.

10. Team rosters and uniform numbers are to be sent to League member schools in football, basketball, hockey, volleyball, and soccer.

12. In case of a school being closed due to inclement weather, all non-varsity events may be postponed or canceled. The playing of all varsity or combined varsity and JV matches will be determined by the athletic director and administration of the schools involved.

15. Noise making devices, including the human voice, will not be allowed to be used in an unsportsmanlike manner. The home team management will have the right to remove any such object, or person, from the sporting activity.

16. The Flint Metro League takes the position that the practice of good sportsmanship is essential and that all members should adopt a common policy. Member schools are expected to implement a plan to promote responsible behavior by fans and all persons associated with athletics. It is suggested that schools use contest programs, the media, bulletins, and meetings as a means for promoting good sportsmanship. Member schools should also have plans for the monitoring of home and away contests and for dealing with those persons who violate the principles of responsible behavior.

17. During league competitions and tournaments, the host school administration, the sport administrator, and/or designee of either, is charged with the authority to act on any situation that might arise that is not covered herein.

18. Home school will contact league-approved media to report contest results.

20. Grievance and Protest Procedure:

A. All protests must use the following procedure:

 1. The principal/designee of the protesting school will notify the League president and its opponent(s) by phone the following school day of the intent to protest.

2. All violations and protests will be directed to the League president in writing. This protest must be done in writing by a school administrator within 72 hours of the event.

3. The League president will appoint a three member committee of non-involved schools to determine whether the protest is valid and make a recommendation for a course of action to be voted on by the conference membership not involved in the protest.

B. Courses of action possible when a violation is determined and a protest is upheld include:

1. Letter of censure (duplicate will be sent to each member school and any game official who may have been involved)

2. Forfeiture of League contest(s)

3. Probation for one year in the sport involved

4. Ineligibility for championships (such ineligibility to be in the sport involved only, for one year only, and the year involved to be determined by the membership); no all-sports points awarded that year

5. Other courses of action as deemed appropriate to the violation

C. All contests in which an ineligible player or players are used shall be forfeited and the score be that of a forfeited contest. This includes League championship tournaments.

1. If use of an ineligible player or players by a League champion is determined, and forfeitures under section C above prevent a team from maintaining its championship, the championship for that sport for that year will be awarded to the second-place team and All Sports Award points adjusted accordingly. In the event of co-championships, the remaining championship team would maintain its championship.

22. The only League awards to be made in any sport are the ones sanctioned by the League.

23. The FML will NOT recognize an MVP athlete for each sport.

24. Each varsity sport will be allowed a Coach of the Year selection. That coach will be presented a certificate.

25. If a coach or designated representative is not present at an All-League voting meeting, athletes from that school are not eligible for All-League recognition beyond honorable mention.

26. To receive FML honors, an athlete has to finish the season in good standing. The definition of “good standing” is to finish the season on the team and meet minimum requirements for that sport’s awards.