***HOCKEY BY-LAWS***

1. Each team in the league will play a home and away game with each league opponent. The administrator in charge of hockey will distribute the league schedule.
2. The home team secures the ice and contracts with the visiting team for time and place of each home game. The ice bill will be the responsibility of the home team.
3. Each school is responsible for providing to the official’s assignor their home schedule, including date, time, arena, and opponent. Any changes or cancellations from that schedule are the responsibility of the home team.
4. Officials fees will be paid by the home team (check or voucher).
5. Off ice officials including announcer, scorer, clock operator, and goal judges are the responsibility of the home team.
6. The home team is responsible for providing a trainer or emergency responder.

1. The home team will provide the ticket taker and manages the gate receipts. Ticket prices will reflect the set price of the league for home varsity contests.
2. The home team will provide a minimum of twenty pucks for each team.
3. At the conclusion of a tie game, the teams will play one eight-minute sudden victory overtime period. If the game remains tied, both teams will receive a tie in the standings.

1. The League Hockey All-League Selection Meeting will be held at a time and place to be determined by the athletic director in charge.

11. ALL-LEAGUE SELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Each head coach shall be provided with a nomination ballot prior to the last game of the season.
2. The nomination ballot shall show and provide an indicated space for each specified position for which the players are to be selected. Space shall further be provided to accommodate the nominee’s jersey number, position information and grade.
3. Each head coach shall place in nomination, by means of said ballot, only players from his own squad. Each coach shall place in nomination only those members who deserve such an honor.
4. A meeting shall be held following the last scheduled game of the season. The League shall specify the time and the location of this meeting. All proceedings of these meetings shall be under the supervision of the athletic director assigned by the League. The purpose of this meeting is:
5. Each head coach is to have his own copy of the composite listing of nominees showing position nominated by jersey number, position information, grade, and school represented.
6. Each head coach will have the opportunity to talk about his nominations, if he so chooses.
7. Each head coach will be furnished with a voting ballot for All-League positions of 6 forwards, 4 defense and 2 goalies.
8. The voting ballot shall show and provide an indicated space for each specified position.
9. Each voting coach must vote for a player at every position shown on the ballot unless there are not enough opponents nominated to fill the spaces. He must then indicate this.
10. A coach is entitled to vote for only opposing players. Coaches will rank order their selection of players according to the following positions:

#### 6 Forward Positions

#### 6 points to 1 point – forwards

#### 4 Defense Positions

#### 4 points to 1 point – defensemen

#### 2 Goalies

#### 2 points to 1 point - goalies

## The highest point number referring to first choice players shall be placed according to total points accumulations in voting. The player(s) receiving the highest point totals at their respective position(s) on the ballot shall receive All-League recognition. In case of ties in point totals which would determine All-League selection for the last position available, all players tied for that position would be included in a vote off by coaches not involved in the tie. Players receiving votes but not making All-League will receive honorable mention. Coaches will be given one wild card pick.

1. The voting ballots are to be completed according to specifications, and turned into the League Athletic Director at the conclusion of the meeting.
2. Once ballots are turned in, they cannot be altered unless the League commissioner determines an error in procedures.
3. Flint Metro League will follow all the MHSAA Rules.

**PERTINENT GENERAL BYLAWS FOR ALL F.M.L. SPORTS**

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.