***VOLLEYBALL BY-LAWS***

1. Varsity volleyball will follow MHSAA format: 3 out of 5 game matches with rally scoring to 25, 15 points in fifth game.

2. Freshman and Junior Varsity games will consist of three (3) 25-point rally scoring games regardless of one team winning the first two games.

3. Four officials will be used per night at all 3 levels. All four officials will then work the Varsity game.

4. The warm-up time should be MHSAA tournament recommended 4-4-4-4-4 for each match, commencing when the officials sign the book.

5. In tri and quad matches, if at least one is a Metro League scheduled game, the Metro League scheduled game(s) will be played first.

6. The All-League Awards shall be based on statistics in accordance with MIVCA (click [here](../../MIVCA-_STATS%20%281%29.pdf) for form). All-League Awards shall be based on Flint Metro League games only.

 A. At the end of regular season play each coach shall submit a composite of nominees (maximum of six) from his/her team. This nomination ballot is to be mailed, emailed, or faxed to the athletic director who is the volleyball chairman. In turn the athletic director in charge will submit a composite of all nominees and stats to each coach prior to the All-League meeting.

 B. A mandatory All-League meeting will be held prior to the District Tournament. The site of this meeting is to be determined by the athletic director in charge of volleyball. Each coach should make an effort to bring a picture (team or individual) to the meeting of all his/her candidates. All nominees shall be reviewed by other coaches. Any coach who fails to mail, email, or fax his/her ballot to the athletic director in charge shall have no nominees for All-Conference or vote on the All-Conference Team.

 C. The volleyball chairman shall distribute a ballot for voting. The ballot shall contain each player’s name, position, school and number. Each coach shall then vote for the nominees he/she feels deserves such recognition. Coaches are not allowed to vote for those he/she placed in nomination.

 D. Voting shall be on a scale of 10 points for first team and 5 points for second team. All girls that receive a vote are honorable mention. All coaches will have one additional wild card for honorable mention if they choose to use it.

 E. The top eight (8) girls receiving points shall be appointed to the All-League First Team and receive gold medals. The second eight (8) girls receiving points shall be appointed to the All-Conference Second Team and receive silver medals. In case of a tie, a vote will be taken on the individuals that are tied.

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

7. If a volleyball match is not played because of weather, the two schools should mutually agree to reschedule on the next available date.

8. The host school will supply all the volleyballs used during warm-ups and line judges for all matches. All varsity matches will include two additional registered officials to be used as line judges.

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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.