***COMPETITIVE CHEER BY-LAWS***

* + - 1. Flint Metro League competition (MHSAA sanctioned) will be held when at least half of the league schools sponsor competitive cheer.

2. Three varsity competitions will take place at three different host schools. A Flint Metro League trophy will be awarded to the first place team. The League Champion will be determined by adding together placement points totals awarded at the three league sponsored events, with the placement points for the third competition doubled.

League Meet #1 League Meet #2 League Meet #3

1st place 8 points 1st place 8 points 1st place 16 points

2nd place 7 points 2nd place 7 points 2nd place 14 points

3rd place 6 points 3rd place 6 points 3rd place 12 points

4th place 5 points 4th place 5 points 4th place 10 points

5th place 4 points 5th place 4 points 5th place 8 points

6th place 3 points 6th place 3 points 6th place 6 points

7th place 2 points 7th place 2 points 7th place 4 points

8th place 1 points 8th place 1 points 8th place 2 points

a. In the event there is a tie in the first two meets, points will be shared (e.g. If two teams tie for 6th place, both teams will receive 2.5 points and 7th place points will not be awarded.).

b. In the event there is a tie in the final meet, we will use round one and three for a tie breaker.

1. Round draws for all three league competitions will occur at the Flint Metro League coaches meeting during the fall season or in the beginning of the sideline/fall season at a cheer coaches’ meeting to which all varsity Competitive Cheer Coaches will be invited. Results will be given to coaches at that time.

4. All-League Honors will be given according to the number of teams sponsoring Competitive Cheer, as follows:

 First team Second team Hon Men

 First place team = 5 4 3

 Second place team= 4 3 2

 Third place team= 3 2 2

 Fourth place team = 2 1 2

 Fifth place team= 1 1 2

 Sixth place team= 0 1 1

 Seventh place team= 0 1 1

 Eighth place team = 0 1 1

All League selections will be turned in to the athletic director in charge of Competitive Cheer within one week of the third competition and will be posted on the FML website at that time.

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

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.

13. In case of inclement weather, the following criteria shall be met:

B. When one or more schools cannot attend a multi-team League event (four or more schools) due to a weather related or act of God event, the event is to be postponed and rescheduled for the next available date, with the League picking up any costs for officials who show up to work the originally scheduled event.

14. Marching bands or pep bands will not be allowed from visiting schools unless invited by the host school. Also, no individual instruments are allowed without prior knowledge and approval.

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.

21. The conference will recognize a champion in any varsity sport regulated by the MHSAA that is participated in by more than half (5) the membership of the League.

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.

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.