

# *Badgerland Lutheran Athletic Conference*

## League Bylaws

### I. **Purpose of the Conference**

A. To glorify Jesus and develop Christian character through athletics

B. General Purposes

1. To promote Christian sportsmanship through extra-curricular athletic competition.
2. To develop moral, ethical, spiritual, physical and team characteristics of the grade school student athlete.
3. To unite area Lutheran school under one league
4. To consolidate the scheduling of games, tournaments, and meets between the conference schools.
5. To improve the development of coaches and athletic directors through continuing educational opportunities.

### II. Membership

A. The conference shall consist of current members and any additions that are accepted by the BLAC.

B. Prospective members

1. Should be Lutheran
2. Shall apply to the league 15 months before formal entry into league play.
3. Shall be non-league for two years, playing single games against league teams in their eventual division
4. After the two-year trial, the prospective member will be voted on as to membership.

5. Two-thirds of their divisional schools and 51% of all schools must cast an affirmative vote for membership at a regularly scheduled meeting

C. Charter members

Trinity-St. Luke's – Watertown	St. Paul's – Janesville
St. Stephen's – Beaver Dam	St. Paul's – Fort Atkinson
St. Mark's – Watertown	St. Paul's – Lake Mills
St. John's – Juneau	Holy Cross – Madison
St. Matthew's – Oconomowoc	St. John – Waterloo
St. John's – Watertown	Eastside – Madison
St. John's – Jefferson	St. Peter's – Helenville
St. Paul's – Ixonia	Bethany – Hustisford
Zion – Columbus	Our Redeemer – Madison
Lebanon Lutheran	Peace – Sun Prairie
St. John's - Pardeeville	

III. Officers

A. Conference President

1. The President shall preside at all league meetings
  - a. The BLAC will have three Official meetings
  - b. Times of meetings
    - 1.) Fall season (August)
    - 2.) Winter season (November)
    - 3.) Spring season (March)

2. The President shall arrange meeting facilities
3. The President shall be the contact man for the league, but not for specific sports
4. The President shall prepare a general agenda for each meeting.
5. The President shall work appropriately with season commissioners.
6. The President shall arrange or oversee all league functions (clinics, outings, special meetings, etc
7. The President will become vacancy commissioner until election at next meeting.
8. The President will appoint other offices until elections can be held.

B. Conference Secretary

1. Shall record minutes from each Conference meeting
2. Shall send out copies of minutes to all Conference schools
3. Shall keep on file copies of all Conference minutes

C. Conference Treasurer

1. Shall keep a record of all incoming and outgoing BLAC funds
2. Shall pay all appropriate bills
3. Shall present a written account of all funds and actions at Conference meetings

D. Terms of Offices

1. All offices 3 year terms (Alternating the three commissioner/statistician elections
2. There is no restriction on number of terms to serve
3. Elections are held at the end of the spring meeting or as needed

## E. Three Conference Season Commissioners

### 1. Fall Season Commissioner

- a. Shall be responsible for Conference schedules for all fall sports (presented at fall meeting one season prior)
- b. Shall be the contact man for all fall season conference situations
- c. Shall report to the league meetings pertaining to anything involving the fall sports
- d. Shall be responsible for all necessary fall sports statistics
- e. Shall be responsible to keep all participating schools up-to-date on rules
- f. Shall appoint committees as needed
- g. Shall preside over fall BLAC meeting if President is unavailable

### 2. Winter Season Commissioner

- a. Shall be responsible for conference schedules for all winter sports (presented at winter meeting one season prior)
- b. Shall be the contact man for all winter season conference situations
- c. Shall report to the league meetings pertaining to anything involving the winter sports
- d. Shall be responsible for all necessary winter sports statistics
- e. Shall be responsible to keep all participating schools up-to-date on rules
- f. Shall appoint committees as needed
- g. Shall preside over winter BLAC meeting if President is unavailable

### 3. Spring Season Commissioner

- a. Shall be responsible for Conference schedules for all spring sports (presented at spring meeting one season prior)
- b. Shall be the contact man for all spring season Conference situations
- c. Shall report to the league meetings pertaining to anything involving the spring sports
- d. Shall be responsible for all necessary spring sports statistics
- e. Shall be responsible to keep all participating schools up-to-date on rules
- f. Shall appoint committees as needed
- g. Shall preside over winter BLAC meeting if President is unavailable

### F. Three Statisticians

1. There shall be an elected statistician for each of the three seasons
2. The Statistician shall set up a score-reporting system and compile all league statistics (scores/standings/records)
3. The Statistician shall be responsible for all awards needed for a given season
4. The statisticians of the fall and winter seasons will appoint three divisional statisticians to aid in keeping scores/standings current.

## IV. Conference Sports

### A. FALL

1. Girls Volleyball (Beginning of school – 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in Oct)
2. Cross Country (Beginning of school – 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in Oct)
3. Flag football (Beginning of school – 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in Sept/ coed)

4. WINDOW (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in Oct. – 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in Nov)

## B. WINTER

- 1 Boys volleyball (1<sup>st</sup> weekend in Nov – 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in Nov)
- 2 Pre-season/Pre-Divisional basketball (3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in Nov – Dec 23)
- 3 Divisional basketball (Jan 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in March)
- 4 WINDOW (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in March – 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in April)

## C. SPRING

1. Track (3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in April – 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in May)
2. Softball 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in April – 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May

## V. Dues

1. Initial: \$50 per school
2. Fees may remain the same/increase
3. Adjusted to a sliding scale as determined by divisional placement. This will be decided by a future meeting

## VI. Eligibility

A. Each school is sovereign in establishing academic eligibility standards.

B. Each participant is to be a member of the school he/she represents unless a member of the team in coordination with a school in partnership

1. All schools who partner with other schools should announce this situation at the fall meeting.

2. Such a partner school arrangement can be made with smaller Lutheran schools once to guarantee team size or offer a school an opportunity to promote athletics in a school that is too small to run its own program.

## VII. AWARDS/TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

- A. The BLAC will sponsor a traveling trophy for all A-team sports.
- B. The BLAC will sponsor a tournament for the following sports:
  - 1. Volleyball
  - 2. Basketball
  - 3. Track
  - 4. Softball
  - 5. Cross-Country (meet)
- C. The BLAC will award track ribbons to fifth place.
- D. The BLAC will award cross-country ribbons to fifth place in each event.
- E. The BLAC will award first and second place ribbons in divisional volleyball, basketball, and softball.

## VIII. DIVISIONAL STRUCTURE (A, B, C TEAMS)

- A. The BLAC will run a three-level divisional structure for A-B-C team sports
  - 1. Division One: (Large schools)
  - 2. Division Two: (Medium schools)
  - 3. Division Three: (Small schools)
- B. The BLAC will reallocate the three divisions by school size every two years.