

# THE KNOX MORROW ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION

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## ARTICLES

### I. CONFERENCE NAME

- (1) The name of the Conference shall be The Knox Morrow Athletic Conference

### II. PURPOSE OF THE CONSTITUTION

- (1) The purpose of this Non-Profit Conference shall be to regulate, supervise and administer interscholastic athletic competition by and among its membership by establishing a common set of rules and regulations that provide for and develop activities to meet the common interest of the member schools.
- (2) In order to fulfill the purposes of The Knox Morrow Athletic Conference, the KMAC shall encourage the development of programs within the member schools that promote the goals of good sportsmanship, assist in the development of good citizenship and seek to achieve the goals of educationally-based interscholastic competitions among member schools.

### III. MEMBERSHIP

- (1) The KMAC was formed in 2017 with the following charter members: Danville, Cardington, Fredericktown, Highland, Mt. Gilead, Northmor, East Knox, Centerburg.
- (2) Membership in the KMAC requires that member schools agree to be a member of and comply with the constitution, bylaws, and sports regulations of the OHSAA and the constitution, bylaws, rules, regulations and playing rules of the KMAC, as amended from time to time, as a condition for membership and participation in KMAC meetings and sponsored events.
- (3) New schools may be admitted within the framework of the constitution by 75% votes of the total member schools.
- (4) New members may be added to the conference under the following procedures: application must be made in writing to the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall present the application to the members at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the conference.
- (5) A member may withdraw from the conference by notifying all members and Commissioner no later than the first day of September of any given year. Withdrawal may become effective two (2) years later pending executive committee vote.
- (6) An existing member can be removed from the conference by a 75% vote of the total member schools.
- (7) The conference Commissioner shall propose a budget, including uniform membership fee, at the June meeting. Membership fees will be due at the September meeting.
- (8) Affiliate Membership into the KMAC will be based on sports that do not field 8 conference teams. Before the Fall, Winter and Spring seasons each school will determine if it has enough student athletes to field a team. If any school does not, the ADs can direct the Commissioner to search for affiliate members to take part in the league for that year only. Affiliate members will be charged \$400.00 per sport per year to join. For wrestling only, consideration must be given to not only the number of schools but the number of wrestlers. Affiliate members may win the League title and their student athletes may place on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Honorable Mention teams.

### IV. ORGANIZATION

- (1) The officers of the conference shall be: President (Principal), Vice-President, and Commissioner Secretary/Treasurer
- (2) The terms of office of each officer shall be one (1) year.
- (3) The Presidency of the conference will rotate alphabetically on an annual basis the President-elect shall be from the school next in the rotation.

- (4) The President's duties shall include acting as the Chairperson of Executive Committee, conducting the evaluation of the Commissioner, and keeping in contact with the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall preside over Executive Committee meetings, and set the agenda as outlined by the Athletic Director's recommendations, with the assistance of the President. In the absence of the Commissioner, the President will be in charge of conducting all Executive Committee business.
- (5) The duties and salary of the Commissioner shall be established annually at the June meeting.

#### **V. MEETINGS**

- (1) Executive Committee meetings shall be held as follows:
  - a) Within the first two weeks of June with all Athletic Directors
  - b) Will meet quarterly in September, December, March and June.
  - c) The Athletic Directors' shall meet prior to the Executive Committee's meeting for the purpose of setting the agenda and recommending courses of action.
- (2) Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Commissioner or a majority of the conference members the meeting shall be called under the following guidelines:
  - a) All members shall be notified in writing.
  - b) At least 75% of the member schools must be present before business can be conducted.
- (3) Any business requiring voting by the membership at regular or special meetings must pass by a 75% vote of the total member schools.
- (4) At the conference sponsored meetings requiring the membership to vote those voters must be the building principal of the member school or his/her designee.

#### **VI. RATIFICATION & AMENDING OF THE CONSTITUTION**

- (1) The constitution may be amended by a 75% vote of the total member schools.
- (2) Amendments must be initiated at least 30 days prior to being acted upon and shall be acted upon only at an Executive Committee meeting.

#### **VII. ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS**

- (1) The eligibility of the participants of any activity of the conference shall be determined by the rules of eligibility of the OHSAA and the individual member schools
- (2) If a suspended athlete from one school transfers to a member school the suspension will follow the student. After the student has fulfilled suspension requirements, he/she will then become eligible at the new school.
- (3) Incoming students will follow new school GPA requirements.

#### **VIII. DETERMINATION OF CHAMPIONSHIPS & AWARDS**

- (1) Each school shall play all scheduled conference schools who participate in a sport to be eligible for the championship of that sport, unless weather and/or time prohibits playing the scheduled games unless those games have an outcome on the championship. In that case they will be played. For sports with a League Tournament, such as Wrestling, Cross Country and Track, the results of the Tournament serve as the team standings.
- (2) In case of a tie for the conference championship there will be no playoff to determine the undisputed champion.
- (3) The KMAC will recognize all OHSAA sports as conference sports provided at least 5 of the member schools field a team in that sport. Unless otherwise stated, a team is defined by the OHSAA by-laws.
  - a) At the Executive Committee meeting a tentative list of sports will be recognized as conference sports for the upcoming school year.
  - b) If less than 5 of the schools field a team, that sport will not be recognized and there will be no conference awards presented.

- c) If applicable, a varsity level conference tournament/match/meet will determine the KMAC Champion in the following sports: cross-country, swimming, track and wrestling.
- d) In the sport of wrestling, seeding and scheduling of individual matches will be done as one tournament. There will be one all-conference team.
- e) These guidelines are to be used in the determination of the minimum number of teams, and seeding of any specified freshman level tournaments.

#### **IX. CONTRACTS**

- (1) The home team in all contests involving finances shall retain all receipts.
- (2) The conference shall adopt a uniform admissions fee for each activity annually.
- (3) Conference blanket contracts are binding.

#### **X. ABEYANCE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE**

- (1) Each school holding membership in the conference agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the conference and if, for any reason, a school is suspected of violation of the rules or regulations, a written charge may be made to the Commissioner of the conference whose duties in such a case are as follows:
  - a) Send a written copy of the charges to the school principal of all the member schools;
  - b) Set a time and place for the hearing of the case and notify the high school principals of each of the member schools;
  - c) Conduct a strictly impartial hearing. In case the school of the presiding officer is a direct part of the hearing, the President shall preside. In case the schools of the President and the Vice President are direct parties the remaining members will elect a presiding officer for the hearing;
  - d) Findings of the hearing shall be determined by 75% vote of the members not party to the charges.

#### **XI. COMMISSIONER**

- (1) The Knox Morrow Athletic Conference shall employ a Commissioner to administer the conference in accordance with the rules and regulations of the OHSAA and the policies of the KMAC.
- (2) The Commissioner's duties will be outlined in the by-laws of the KMAC.
- (3) The Commissioner will be issued a contract at the June organizational meeting of the Executive Committee
- (4) If a commissioner and/or assigner is employed, their performance{s} will be reviewed at the December and June executive meetings. All Athletic Directors and Principals will be responsible for reviewing the Commissioner's performance.

#### **XII. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- (1) The controlling body of the conference shall be the principals. Each school shall be entitled to one vote. If the principal is not present, the school's vote may be cast by the principal's designee.
- (2) The time of the meetings shall be 11:00 AM unless otherwise notified.
- (3) Place of the meetings will be at Fredericktown unless otherwise stated.
- (4) Duties: to act upon general business of the conference. All business acted upon by this body shall be final.
- (5) The membership shall include the principals and the Athletic Directors of the member schools or their designated representative.

#### **XIII. SCHOLARSHIP**

- (1) Any varsity letter winner who has maintained a 3.5 GPA at the end of the third nine-weeks or the fifth six-weeks grading period, for the current school year, will be recognized by the Conference for their accomplishment as a Scholar-Athlete and receive a certificate honoring this accomplishment. This includes all participants in any

OHSAA or KMAC sponsored athletics. The certificate shall be signed by the Commissioner and a representative of the athlete's school.

#### **XIV. IRS**

- (1) The Knox Morrow Athletic Conference will be an entity that will be beneficial to the area high school athletes by providing a structure for the scheduling, governing, rulings and regulations for coaches, officials and student behavior by the expanding of the educational knowledge of sports in a student's life we want to help them grow as students and individuals. This organization with its detailed structure of the high schools that are members will work with the sports of their school to promote healthy, fair reasonable events.
- (2) Upon the dissolution of The Knox Morrow Athletic Conference, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(C) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code, or shall be distributed to The Federal Government, or to a State or Local Government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court Of Competent Jurisdiction in the country in which the Principal office of the organization, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.
- (3) The Knox Morrow Athletic Conference is organized for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(C) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code.

#### **X. Directors and Officers Insurance**

- (1) The Commissioner will arrange for the President and Commissioner Insurance for the conference. The Executive Committee will approve this expense each year as part of the annual budget.

#### **XI. Oversight and Correction**

- (1) Should a situation arise through administrative oversight or error, where extenuating circumstances exist, the Executive Committee may through a 75% vote of the membership resolve said issue without a permanent change to the constitution.

## BY-LAWS

### I. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER

- (1) The Commissioner is directly responsible to the executive committee.
- (2) The Commissioner's contractual year begins August 1st.
- (3) The Commissioner's salary is set at the June Executive Committee organizational meeting.
- (4) Salary and expenses shall be commensurate with the duties performed, based on the following scale:
  - a) Step 1 - \$5,000 Step 2 - \$6,000 Step 3 - \$7,000 Step 4 - \$8,000 Step 5 - \$9,000 Step 6 - \$10,000 Step 7 - \$10,500
  - b) The Athletic Directors will recommend to the Executive Committee the placement into a Step. The Executive Committee may accept the recommendation or approve another Step.
- (5) Salary shall be paid, by the President, in two equal installments: the 15th of December and the 15th of June
- (6) At the end of the calendar year and at the end of the school year, the Commissioner will request the President approve any reimbursement expenses. The request will coincide with the approved budget and include any applicable documentation. When approved the President will issue this payment.
- (7) The Commissioner will:
  - a) Serve as the secretary and treasurer of the conference.
  - b) Secure and issue all conference passes at the August AD meeting.
  - c) Organize and administer All-Conference tournaments in cooperation with personnel from the host school.
  - d) Investigate grievances as outlined in the constitution.
  - e) Investigate written complaints from the schools regarding the officiating of contest.
  - f) Draft all KMAC schedules with assistance from the Athletic Directors of the member schools.
- (8) The Commissioner will coordinate and promote the interest of the KMAC by:
  - a) Attending the executive committee meetings.
  - b) Presenting recommendations to the executive committee for their consideration.
  - c) Attending as many conference events as possible including one home football or basketball game at each member school.
  - d) Act as a spokesman for the conference as deemed necessary and as authorized by the executive committee.
  - e) Prepare and distribute congratulatory notes and other necessary or desirable acts of courtesy.
  - f) Maintain the dignity of the conference by performing the task of the commissioner in as upright, forthright, and honest manner. Expecting the same responses from each of the member schools.
  - g) Maintain membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association's certified assigners' program.

- h) Respond to the tasks requested by the executive committee and maintain open lines of communication with each member school and their staff and personnel.

(9) Awards

- a) The Commissioner shall be responsible for the administration and selection of All-Conference teams according to the Constitution and By-Laws. Commissioner will inform the KMAC web master (if there is one) and will release the All-Conference selections to the media in the local areas.
- b) The Commissioner shall purchase all awards approved by the Executive Committee for the use in the awards program of the conference.

(10) Officials

- a) Develop an approved list of officials for KMAC sports.
  - 1. Officials currently being assigned in the conference will be subject to annual evaluations and approval.
  - 2. Observe and evaluate the performance of young officials being utilized for the JV contest for the possible use at the varsity level in the future.
- b) Use the OHSAA contract for all officials, or equivalent. Whenever possible, contract officials at least one (1) year in advance for both conference and non-conference games keeping in mind the implications involved by the use of an approved list.
- c) Assign officials to contest or Commissioner Designee to assign officials in all varsity, JV and freshman sports. Taking in to account:
  - 1. School attitudes toward the official being assigned.
  - 2. Time and travel considerations.
  - 3. Official's affiliation with the conference schools.
  - 4. Number of times an official works at a given school. The goal should be not more than twice in varsity football and varsity basketball per school year.
- d) Communicate to the assigned officials their game assignments well in advance of the game day, conference rules appropriate to their assignment. In addition, the Names, titles, addresses, telephone numbers of school officials, and an explanation of evaluation forms and procedures.
- e) Be responsible for payment of officials for all conference sponsored tournaments.
- f) The Commissioner may officiate any contest except a varsity contest (JV or Freshman are permitted).

(11) News releases and publicity

- a) Prepare and release appropriate publicity regarding conference matters and status to state wide media.
- b) Prepare and release news regarding the conference at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- c) Be prepared to speak at school and civic events for the promotion of the KMAC and its activities.
- d) Promote the KMAC by maintaining contact with the news media to provide coverage for the conference activities.

- e) Be prepared to present or assist in the presentation of awards that promote the KMAC.
- f) KMAC web master may assist in any of these duties
- (12) Records
  - a) Maintain win-loss league records and All-Conference selections.
  - b) KMAC web master may assist in tracking league records.
- (13) Financial
  - a) Prepare an annual budget by projecting all revenues and expenses for the upcoming year.
  - b) Prepare and submit a financial statement after the completion of the fall, winter, and spring sports. Additionally, prepare an annual financial report detailed by month for the presentation at the June meeting of the Executive Committee.
  - c) Prepare statements and collect conference fees and fines from member schools as well as revenues generated by league events.
  - d) All monies from events sponsored by the KMAC will be given to the commissioner by school issued check and will include a ticket reconciliation sheet.
  - e) Pay all bills incurred by and approved for payment by the conference.

## **II. DUTIES OF THE WEBMASTER**

- (1) Create and update the KMAC website
  - a) Discuss how the KMAC started including an explanation of the separation from the MOAC Blue Division.
  - b) Continually update the KMAC rivalries and history
- (2) Track the KMAC history through keeping of statistics and records
- (3) Link to the MOAC website and/or obtain records from the last 10 years
- (4) List all team scores, league championships and all-league performers
- (5) Become a back-up to the Commissioner for assigning purposes

## **III. CONFERENCE PASS POLICY**

- (1) Distribution and use of passes
  - a) Each school will receive 44 conference, 6 Administrator (allowing card holder and 1 guest) and 5 band passes. (Band passes are for regular season football games only)
  - b) All passes will be numbered and incased in plastic. The Commissioner will determine the method of numbering and report this method to all the member schools.
  - c) The number on the pass will only be honored once per contest at the site.
  - d) The conference and band passes are only good for one person's admittance, not family or relatives.
  - e) Lifetime passes are good for two (2) people.
  - f) Anyone entering a contest must pay or have a pass with a number that has not been used for the contest.

- g) Coaches, managers, statisticians, filmmakers and cheerleaders coming later than the team must present a pass or pay. They may not get a coach or AD to verify them. They must enter with the team, present a pass or pay.
- h) If a school has double on passes or breaks any of the above rules, that school will be accountable to the home school for the amount of admission for the number of people entering improperly.
- i) Lifetime passes will be issued to those deserving such recognition by a vote of the Executive Committee.

The following are guidelines to determine eligibility for being nominated for a Lifetime Pass:

- 1 Athletic Directors, Principals and Coaches must spend at least 5 years at a KMAC school before they can be nominated
- 2 For people not employed by a school, the Athletic Director and Principal must discuss the individual and agree to nominate them before bringing the nomination to the Executive Committee.
- j) All OHSAA District passes issued to administration will be accepted at all KMAC contests.

#### IV. REPORTING

(1) How to report scores, inclement weather and cancellations

- a) Scores shall be reported immediately by the home school after every conference recognized sporting contest. The web master will post these scores as soon as possible following the receipt of the score.
- b) In case of bad weather, no contest will be played. If both schools mutually agree to play the game, the contest can take place.
- c) KMAC web master and assigner shall be notified of cancellations and changes as soon as possible of sports listed in part "a".

#### V. CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

##### ***(1) All-Conference Selections and Awards***

- a) The Commissioner will be in charge of the team selection meetings. The Athletic Directors and Commissioner will determine the meeting location, date and time of the all-conference voting.
- b) In all sports individual awards will be as follows: First Team Certificates Second Team Certificates Honorable Mention Certificates. The certificate shall be signed by the Commissioner and a representative of the athlete's school.
- c) Conference champion schools will be presented with a trophy.
- d) In sports where individual performance can advance the athlete in the OHSAA post season tournament, without his/her team, the all-conference team will be selected by regular season, league and non-league contest performance results. The calculation method for each sport is listed below. Events where the scoring differs from the tradition conference events shall not be included in this calculation and will not be considered when determining all-conference honors.
  - i. *Bowling, highest average of tenpin scored games, minimum of 70% of the maximum games bowled by the team*
  - ii. *Golf, will be determined as outlined in the Appendix*

- iii. *Swimming – Results of KMAC Swim Meet*
- iv. *Track, Cross Country - order of finish at the KMAC Conference Meet*
- v. *Wrestling - order of finish in each weight class at the KMAC Conference Tournament*
- vi. *If two or more athlete's year end calculation are equal, all athletes involved will be included in the all-conference team at the higher applicable level*
- e) In sports where only the team may advance in post season, OHSAA, play, the majority of coach's votes will determine the all-conference team members.
  - i. *Each school may have only one voting member/representative, but other members of the host school may be present to assist in the voting process (All sports)*
  - ii. *Voting will be as stipulated in the Appendix unless approved prior to the start of the respective season by the Athletic Directors*
  - iii. *If at all possible, the head coach shall attend and cast votes*
  - iv. *If an initial vote ends with two or more athletes in a tie for the final position on an all-conference team, a second vote to break that tie will be conducted. If the tie breaker vote ends in a tie all athletes involved in this tie will be included in the all-conference team at that level (See Appendix i for football)*
  - v. *First and Second team members are selected via the guidelines above, but Honorable Mention team members will be made by the coach selecting one member of his/her team.*
- f) *The standard maximum number of members of each all-conference team (unless there is a tie) will be determined by whether an individual athlete may advance or whether a team may advance in post season play. The number of team members for sports where an individual may advance is identified in the Appendix No additional members will be added. If the sport requires the team advance the number of members on each all-conference team shall be the maximum number of players listed on a starting lineup, plus one. Appendix "i" is a table with the current information and shall be reviewed and updated at the Athletic Director's meeting each August.*
- g) The conference rate for admission for varsity events is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. The conference rate for middle school and stand-alone sub-varsity events is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

**(2) Baseball And Softball**

- a) Each school will play (Home and Home).
- b) Games will start at 5:15 PM unless the schools mutually agree to alternate time.
- c) The home team will furnish high quality baseball/softballs.
- d) All teams must complete the schedule of conference games (Exception) if the conference schedule is not complete before both teams have been eliminated from the OHSAA tournament and the conference game would not affect a divisional championship, the game(s) need not to be made up. Games will be played on consecutive days with the same opponent.
- e) Conference games will take precedence over non-conference games. In the event of make-up state tournament, they will take precedence over all games.

- f) If a game can't be played at the scheduled site due to inclement weather, the game will be moved to the visiting site, if it is playable. If it is the first game of the two-game set, the site of the second game will switch sites accordingly so each team has a home game. (Each School will be responsible for paying the umpires for one game of the two-game set.
- g) In case of postponement due to inclement weather or wet grounds, the home team will notify the visiting team and the officials no later than 2:00 PM the day of the game, so other arrangements can be made.
- h) For all doubleheaders, the home team is responsible for paying the officials for both games. For the first game the home team will be the team at which the game is being played. For the second game the away team will become the home team and bat last.
- i) Schedule/travel arrangements will be as follows:
  - i. Varsity baseball and softball at one site.
  - ii. JV baseball and JV softball at the opposite site.
- j) Baseball & Softball coaches are to submit the previous week's game stats to the KMAC website by the Sunday of the next week.
- k) Baseball & Softball coaches are to evaluate game officials each week.
- l) Official evaluations must be completed as required for OHSAA only.

**(3) Basketball (Boys & Girls)**

- a) Each school will play (Home and Home).
- b) 15 minutes will be allowed between the JV and Varsity games.
- c) 10 minutes will be allowed between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade games.
- d) The timer will start the clock when the 1<sup>st</sup> Varsity team has entered the floor.
- e) Teams will restrict their warm-up activities to their end of the floor.
- f) All evening JV games will start at 6:00 PM and afternoon JV games will start at 1:00pm
- g) Boys and girls JV quarters will be 7 minutes in length.
- h) Based on the requirements previously listed, the KMAC will sponsor a freshman boys' and/or girls' tournament at the conclusion of their regular season. Athletic Directors will be determined the sites for the tournament prior to the season. Net proceeds from the tournament will go to the KMAC treasury.
- i) There will be no tunnels other than by the team and cheerleaders permitted.
- j) Basketball coaches are to submit the previous week's game stats to the KMAC by Sunday of the next week.
- k) All HS league games will be played on the annually adopted schedule. Changes must be agreed upon by both schools.
- l) Middle School games will be played on Thursday and Saturday. Weekday games will begin at 5:00pm. Saturday games will begin at 9:00am.

**(4) Bowling (Boys & Girls)**

- a) Each school will play (Home & Home) Conference matches.
- b) A regular season conference match will consist of two 10-pin games, minimum of 5 bowlers and 2 Baker Games. League won/loss record will be the head to head result of each conference match.

- c) The KMAC will sponsor a conference tournament annually on the weekend prior to the Sectional or District tournament.
- d) Net proceeds of the conference tournament will go to the conference treasury.
- e) The league will hire a meet manager to run the tournament.
- f) The conference tournament will follow OHSAA bowling tournament format. The conference will recognize one overall team winner of the tournament with a rotating plaque and also recognize one "All Tournament Team" with the highest total pins with a certificate. The number of members of the "All Tournament Team" will be based on the information in Appendix i, first team members.
- g) All other OHSAA rules apply.

**(5) Cross-Country (Boys & Girls)**

- a) The KMAC will sponsor a conference meet annually on the Saturday prior to the District meet. Each race will determine the champions and All-Conference Teams. The meet will start at 10:00 AM unless changed by the Executive Committee. There will be 4 total races (HS boys and girls / MS boys and girls). Each team is limited to 10 runners per race.

**(6) Football**

- a) A 7 game conference schedule will be played to determine conference champion.
- b) Game time: All games on Friday night will begin 7:00 PM.
- c) Pre-game activities: Both teams shall leave the field by 6:45 PM to allow for the pre-game activities that shall conclude by 6:55 PM.
- d) Half-time activities: 20 minutes will be allowed for the bands half-time show. The visiting team shall be notified in advance of any special pre-game or half-time activities.
- e) Program listings and other information should be forwarded to the home school no later than two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled contest between the 2 schools.
- f) Each school should have a qualified timer and spotter available for each game.
- g) JV football games will be played on the Saturday morning following the varsity game at the opposing site unless agreed upon by the 2 participating schools (10:00 AM).
- h) Freshman football games will be played on the Monday following the varsity game at the opposing site unless agreed upon by the 2 participating schools (5:00 PM).
- i) No signs or derogatory pictures or dummies shall be paraded or shown in front of the stands.
- j) Football coaches are to submit game stats to the KMAC website by Sunday following the varsity game.
- k) Middle School games will be played on Thursdays beginning at 5:00pm.

**(7) Golf (BOYS & GIRLS)**

- a) Each school will play (Home & Home) Conference matches.
- b) All KMAC matches will be played starting at 4:00 PM. All conference matches will be 9-hole events and all conference matches must be completed.
- c) Every school has the option to schedule tri-matches and quad matches to free up days to be eligible to compete in more 18-hole invitational matches. All KMAC matches will still be played, but do not have to be played as dual matches.

- d) If any of the matches have not been completed then they must be completed by the Saturday following the Sectional Tournament.
- e) The KMAC will sponsor a conference tournament annually prior to the sectional tournament.

**(8) SWIMMING**

- a) The KMAC will sponsor a conference meet annually on a date designated by the Athletic Directors.
- b) The location will be also be determined by the Athletic Directors.
- c) Gate proceeds from the conference match will go to the conference treasury.
- d) First, second and honorable mention all-conference winners will be determined by the order of finish in this meet that will take place prior to the sectional tournament.

**(9) SOCCER**

- a) All-Conference will be determined according to Appendix I.
- b) All schools will play a home and home conference schedule.

**(10) TRACK (BOYS & GIRLS)**

- a) The KMAC will sponsor a conference meet, annually, prior to the District meet. The specific start times for each event and location will be set by the Meet Manager, in concert with the host school's Athletic Director.
- b) Only schools with eight lane all weather tracks may host the conference meets. The host site will be determined by the Athletic Directors prior to the season.
- c) Each school will furnish the needed representatives to help with the administration of the event.
- d) Net proceeds from the conference meets will go to the conference treasury.
- e) Schools will be allowed to enter one relay team per school for each conference meet.
- f) Admission fees for the conference meets will be the published conference schedule for major events per day or the conference may set a two (2) day fee.
- g) Champions will be awarded annually.

**(11) VOLLEYBALL**

- a) Each school will play (Home and Home).
- b) High School Conference games will be scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday nights with Saturday mornings to be used as needed to complete the schedule. Starting times will be 4:30 PM for freshman games during the week with the JV game to start 20 minutes after the conclusion of the freshman game. If there is no freshman game, JV games will start at 5:30 PM.
- c) Based on the requirements listed in 8-3, the KMAC will sponsor a freshman volleyball tournament at the conclusion of their regular season. The Athletic Directors will determine the site of the tournament prior to the season. Net proceeds from the tournament will go to the KMAC treasury.
- d) Volleyball coaches are to submit the previous week's game stats to the KMAC website by Sunday of the following week.
- e)
- f) Middle School Conference games will be scheduled on Monday and Wednesday nights beginning at 5:00pm unless agreed to by Athletic Directors, with Saturday mornings to be used as needed to complete the schedule.

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### **WRESTLING**

- a) Champions will be awarded determined by Article 8, Section 3d.
- b) The KMAC will sponsor a conference tournament annually on a date designated by the Athletic Directors.
- c) The conference matches will start no earlier than 10 AM with weigh in starting no earlier than 8 AM. If weather threatens the event a decision will be made by the Commissioner/President (VII – Inclement weather) by 6 AM the day of the event. No school shall leave for the event site prior to 6 AM. If reasonable the event start time will be pushed to later in that day. If that is not a reasonable option the event will be rescheduled on an agreeable date
- d) Hosting responsibilities for the conference tournament will be determined by the Athletic Directors prior to the start of the season.
- e) Net proceeds from the conference match will go to the conference treasury.
- f) The league will hire a meet manager to run the tournament.
- g) During this Conference Tournament, a "team" is defined as one or more wrestler from any KMAC school. Team points will be credited to each team based on the result of wrestler's match or matches.

## **VI. CONFERENCE SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY**

(1) The member schools of the KMAC believe that interscholastic competition involving member schools should be governed by the basic principles of good sportsmanship. This document has been prepared to ensure that all members have a common understanding of those basic principles. We believe that participation is more important than winning. We believe that students should be coached to play to the best of their ability and to understand that to play well is to play honorably. The promotion of sportsmanship is the obligation of all school personnel, (Principals, AD's and Coaches) and is directed to the behavior of the spectators, coaches and players. An additional component to consider is in the area of coach's ethics. We believe the development of good sportsmanship through the practice of ethical behavior and moral reasoning is one of the acknowledged objectives of interscholastic athletics. We, therefore, expect member school administrators, coaches, athletes, cheerleaders and spectators to know and embrace the following fundamentals of sportsmanship:

- a) Respect should be demonstrated for an athletic opponent and the school at all times. Host schools should treat the visiting team and their supporters as guests and accord the considerations that all human beings deserve. Visiting schools should respect the property and dignity of their host school and their athletes.
- b) Respect should be shown to the officials at all times. Officials must be assumed to be accepted as impartial arbitrators who are trained to do their job and can be expected to do it to the best of their ability.
- c) Knowledge of and respect for the current rules of the contest should guide the behavior of the participants. Rules essential for a fair contest and good sportsmanship suggest the importance of conforming to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules.
- d) All participants should strive to maintain self-control at all times during the contest. The desire to win should not be accepted as an excuse for abandoning rational behavior. A proper perspective must be maintained by all if the potential educational values of athletic competition are to be realized.

- e) All participants should learn to recognize and appreciate skill in performance regardless of the affiliation. Recognition of a good performance by an opponent is the demonstration of generosity and good will that is encouraged in all member schools. In order for good sportsmanship to prevail it is essential that all participants understand their individual responsibilities and expected modes of behavior, during and after contest.

## **(2) COACHES**

- a) The coaches bear the greatest responsibility for the development of sportsmanship as they have the greatest influence on attitudes and behaviors of the participants, the student body and the community. Coaches must value sportsmanship and teach it through their words and through their example. Therefore, coaches should embrace the following appropriate behaviors:
  - i. Instruct their players in the fundamentals of good sportsmanship.
  - ii. Teach the values of conforming to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules.
  - iii. Make sportsmanship a matter of team discipline with appropriate consequences or the team members that display behaviors contrary to that of good sportsmanship.
  - iv. Remind the student body at every opportunity that the visiting teams are the guests of the school and as their host they should be polite and courteous.
  - v. Respect the official's judgment and interpretation of the rules.
  - vi. Demonstrate publicly the ideals of good sportsmanship by such acts as shaking hands with officials and opposing coaches before and after the contest
- b) Coaches should avoid inappropriate behaviors as follows:
  - i. Use of profanity
  - ii. Ejection from contest
  - iii. Berating officials or players
  - iv. Inciting spectators or players to do inappropriate behavior
- c) Disciplinary action should include:
  - i. Ejection must follow OHSAA By-laws
  - ii. Discussion with school administration
  - iii. Possible growth plan for improvement
  - iv. Possible suspension/termination

## **(3) PARTICIPANTS PLAYERS**

- a) Because players are respected, admired and exert a great deal of influence over the actions and behavior of the spectators, it is important players:
  - i. Treat opponents with respect that is due them as guests and fellow human beings.
  - ii. Shake hands with their opponent and wish them a good contest, when appropriate.
  - iii. Exercise self-control at all times, accept the judgment of the officials as just, the best judgment they could have made given what they know and see. Never argue or make gestures indicating lack of respect for the official's judgment.

- iv. Accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion. Congratulate your opponent in a sincere manner after victory or defeat.
- v. Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing your school and community.

**(4) CHEERLEADERS**

- a) Cheerleaders are representatives of their student body. By setting a good example, the cheerleaders can influence and control the actions of the student spectators by:
  - i. Establishing standards of behavior in keeping with the fundamentals of good sportsmanship for the cheerleaders and pep club.
  - ii. Using positive cheers that encourage their own team without demeaning their opponent.
  - iii. Using discretion deciding when to cheer and what cheers to use.
  - iv. Trying never to distract your opponents or in any way to interfere with their performance.
  - v. Serving as host to the opposing cheerleaders.
  - vi. Cheerleaders cannot interfere with pre-game warm-ups.
  - vii. Cheerleaders will follow OHSAA tournament rules and recommendations in regards to stunting, mounting and pyramids.

**(5) PARTICIPANTS: (PLAYERS AND CHEERLEADERS)**

- a) Should avoid the following inappropriate behaviors:
  - i. Taunting officials, opponents, or spectators.
  - ii. Violations of bench rule
  - iii. Ejections from contest
  - iv. Use of profanity
  - v. Damage/destruction of property SHOULD THERE BE A SECTION ON OFFICIALS??
  - vi. Theft of school or personal property
- b) Disciplinary action should include:
  - i. Ejection must follow OHSAA By-laws.
  - ii. Benching of the participant
  - iii. Suspension for a portion of the season
  - iv. Restitution

**(6) INDOOR CONTEST REGULATIONS FOR KMAC CONTEST**

- a) SIGNS AND BANNERS
  - i. Allowable: Positive signs or banners supporting your school, team or players that are fixed.
  - ii. Prohibited: Signs or banners against opponents, balloons, confetti, laser pointers, flashlights, and hand-held signs, items that may block the view of other spectators or be harmful to others. Any object that would not be needed to sit and watch a game, etc.

**(7) NOISEMAKERS**

- a) Allowable: Pep Bands (Can only play during a dead ball, between games or intermission.
- b) Prohibited: Horns, air horns, bells, sirens, drums, sticks, kazoos, whistles, megaphones, etc.

**(8) CLOTHING**

- a) Clothing worn to events hosted by a KMAC school shall be in good taste. Any item of clothing that expresses a negative connotation towards any of the participating teams, players, coaches or officials is prohibited. The administration of the host school shall have the final say on all clothing matter as per OHSAA guidelines. Shirts must be worn (No body paint to replace shirt)

**(9) TUNNELS**

- a) Allowable: Teams and cheerleaders
- b) Prohibited: Student and spectator tunnel

**(10) STUDENT SECTIONS**

- a) Should be in a designated area determined by each facility

**(11) SPECTATORS**

- a) Partisan spectators by their behavior and reactions determine to a large extent the reputation for sportsmanship of their school. Spectators should be reminded and should keep in mind that the athletes are friendly rivals as members of opposing amateur teams. They are to be treated as such. Spectators should be reminded also, that the contest should be decided by the athletes and not their supporters. It is important that all spectators:
  - i. Know and demonstrate the fundamentals of good sportsmanship.
  - ii. Respect, cooperate and respond enthusiastically to the cheerleaders, coaches and athletes at all times.
  - iii. Censor other spectators whose behavior has become unsportsmanlike.
  - iv. Be positive towards coaches and players regardless of the outcome of the contest.
  - v. Respect the professionalism of the officials and coaches.

**(12) SPECTATORS INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR**

- a) Verbal/physical abuse of officials
- b) Berating the opposing players, coaches or spectators
- c) Chants, signs, or cheers berating participants and their supporters
- d) Interruption of the contest by:
  - i. Throwing objects on to the floor/field
  - ii. Entering the playing area
  - iii. Displaying disruptive behavior
- e) Disciplinary action should include:
  - i. Removal from contest area
  - ii. Discussion with school administration

We believe that each member school of the KMAC is committed to upholding the ideals of good sportsmanship as set forth in this document. It is in this spirit that the suggested disciplinary actions are proposed. We also recognize the importance of communication and cooperation between member schools when incidents of inappropriate behavior arise. The quality of the KMAC

depends upon this mutual respect. We also believe that being proactive is vital to the education of our students and spectators and therefore offer the following suggested activities:

- a) Public address announcements and contest
- b) Letter to the community
- c) Insert in the program
- d) Team night promotion of sportsmanship
- e) Coaches' in-service (Ethics and Sportsmanship)
- f) Beginning year assemblies

### **(13) SPORTSMANSHIP**

The KMAC, in order to provide a friendly, family environment at our games, is implementing an ejection policy similar to the one adopted by OHSAA. Anyone ejected from an event in which a KMAC school is participating, home or away, league or non-league will be suspended from all contests as follows:

- a) FIRST EJECTION: 2-WEEK SUSPENSION FROM ANY KMAC SCHOOL GAME AT ANY LEVEL AND ANY LOCATION
- b) SECOND AND ANY SUBSEQUENT EJECTION: 365 DAY SUSPENSION FROM ANY KMAC SCHOOL GAME AT ANY LEVEL AND ANY LOCATION
- c) ANY PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH AN OFFICIAL, PLAYER, COACH OR ANOTHER FAN: LIFETIME BAN FROM ANY KMAC SCHOOL GAME AT ANY LEVEL AND ANY LOCATION.

NOTE: ATHLETES FOLLOW THE OHSAA RULES, ATHLETES EJECTED AS A FAN CAN STILL PLAY IN THEIR GAMES BUT MUST FOLLOW THE EJECTION PROTOCOL AS A FAN.

## **VII. Inclement Weather Procedure**

(1) The KMAC does not wish to place participants or spectators at unreasonable risk, nor does it wish to lessen the ability of a school to make a decision to hold or cancel a contest based on current or predicted weather/road conditions. For these reasons they have adopted the below procedure to guide the decision making process should weather and/or road conditions be a concern for the day of a scheduled sporting event.

- a) For all KMAC meets/tournament/championship events, the host school will make the determination to hold or cancel the event and report that decision to the Commissioner. The Commissioner will notify each of the other school Athletic Directors of this decision and if they do not agree the Commissioner will make the decision. If the Commissioner and host school administration disagree, the Conference President will be notified and he/she will make the final decision.
- b) Games can only be cancelled by the School Superintendent, Principal or Athletic Director. Consideration must be given to the fans, players and officials safe travel and health. Mutual agreement between competing schools is the best solution. Any game cancelled should be made up at the next available date for both schools. Games should not be cancelled due to one school's advantage such as resting a starting pitcher. For Winter sports, the visiting school has the onus on cancelling a game. During spring the home school has the onus due to field

conditions. If the Athletic Directors of the schools involved cannot come to a mutual agreement as to cancel or not, the Commissioner will make the final decision.

- c) Games started at one site and that are unable to be completed may be completed at the visiting team's site. The original home team is still the home team and is responsible for paying the officials.

### VIII. All Sports Trophy

- (1) Sports with at least 5 schools competing will qualify for league sports for purposes of determining an All-Sports Trophy winner. Points will be awarded for finishing position within the league. Points will be determined as follows:
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 8 pts
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 7 pts
  - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 6 pts
  - iv. 4<sup>th</sup> Place – 5 pts
  - v. 5<sup>th</sup> Place – 4 pts
  - vi. 6<sup>th</sup> Place – 3 pts
  - vii. 7<sup>th</sup> Place – 2 pts
  - viii. 8<sup>th</sup> Place – 1 pt
  - ix. Total points accumulated in league sports at the end of the school year will be divided by the number of sports that school participated in to give an average finish. The school with the highest average will determine the All-Sports Trophy winner.

### Appendix i

Individual Sports	"Starters" @ OHSAA Post Season Contests	Maximum Qualifying for "Team" Score	KMAC 1st Team Members	KMAC 2nd Team Members	Honorable Mentions
Bowling	8	5	8	8	8
Cross Country	7	5	10	10	None
Golf	6	4	6	6	6
Swimming	22 (12 events plus relay members)	6	22	22	22
Track & Field	29 (12 races, events plus relay runners, plus 7 field events*)	19	29	29	29
Wrestling	14 Weight Classes	14 Weight Classes	14 (1 per Weight Class)	14 (1 per Weight Class)	14 (1 per Weight Class)

Team Sports	Maximum Number of Team "Starters" @ OHSAA Post Season Contests	Team Sport Adjustment	KMAC 1st Team Members	KMAC 2nd Team Members	Honorable Mentions
Baseball	10	Plus 1	11	11	One per School
Basketball	5	Plus 1	6	6	One per School

Football	22 (11 offense/ 11 Defense)	Plus 1 Specialist for offense and defense	25	25	8
Soccer	11	Plus 1	12	12	One per School
Softball	10	Plus 1	11	11	One per School
Volleyball	7	Plus 1	8	8	One per School

Football All-Conference Positions:

OFFENSE	
QB	1
Receivers	2
RB	1
Skill positions (Wings, Slots, TE, H backs)	3
Lineman (TE can be included)	5

DEFENSE	
DL (can include DE)	4
LB (can include DE)	4
DB	4
Kicker	1

First Team member nominations for each football position shall be submitted to the beginning the Sunday prior to the last football weekend (first day of week 10) and will close at noon on Wednesday of that same week. A player may be nominated for and receive honors for more than one position. Voting will commence following the playing of the last regular season game and end 48 hours later. If any ties exist, the Commissioner will notify the coaches via email and open the voting for a 24 hour period. Second team nominations will be opened at the conclusion of the First team voting and close 24 hours later. At that time voting for second team members shall begin and end 48 hours later. If any ties exist the Commissioner will notify the coaches and open tie breaker voting for a period of 24 hours. At the conclusion of the tie breaker voting the Commissioner will post the first and second team members, then request honorable mention player names from each coach. The Honorable Mention player names will be posted as they are supplied.

All voting will be completed on-line thru a poll provided by the Commissioner unless prior to the season the coaches recommend an alternative method of voting and it is approved by the Athletic Directors. Your name must appear on the voting to have it count.

An All-Academic team consisting of one student athlete from each school will be given in each sport. To qualify, the student athlete must have at least a 3.5 GPA for the school year involved and must be a Senior.

Golf All-League Determination

Each contest has points awarded from 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> place. The points are awarded in reverse order so that 1<sup>st</sup> place gets 12 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place gets 11 points, etc. Contests that qualify for the All-League selection are any recognized KMAC tournaments and each of the head-to-head matches (16 possible events). The points earned will be multiplied by the following percentages:

- Points from any League Tournaments will be multiplied by .4

- Points from the head-to-head matches will be multiplied by .6

These two items will be added and the top 6-point getters will be 1<sup>st</sup> team, next 6 will be 2<sup>nd</sup> team

Awards/Trophies:

High School League Champion – trophy or plaque

Middle School League Champion – trophy

1<sup>st</sup> team All-League – certificate and medal

2<sup>nd</sup> team All-League, Honorable Mention and Coach of the Year – certificate

Player of the Year – certificate, plaque and medal

Bowling Tournament Team winner – rotating trophy

Bowling Tournament team members – certificate

Bowling Tournament All-Tournament team - see V, 4, f

Bowling Tournament High Score – certificate and medal

Middle School Cross Country and Track & Field Champions – certificate and medal

## Junior High KMAC Rules

### FALL SPORTS:

#### Cheerleading:

- Uniformed Cheerleaders may form a spirit tunnel.
- No signs/banners or run throughs.
- No noise makers.
- No dance routines at tournaments
- **PYRAMIDS and MOUNTS are PROHIBITED.**

#### Football:

- Tie games and Tie games (NO OVERTIMES)(This is an OHSAA rule)
- Trophies to all League Champion Teams (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>)
- As attempt will be made to have the trophies available at the last game.
- In the event that school cannot field a team for competition, they will at the earliest moment (normally the August meeting) notify any and all schools that may be affected.
- If a team consists of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders they will play an 8<sup>th</sup> grade contest. If a school has two teams and wants to play a couple of 8<sup>th</sup> grade players down, it must be mutually agreed upon by the coaches. We need to remember this level is for athlete development.

#### Volleyball

- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Tournament Champion Team Trophies will be awarded.
- Tournament Costs paid from the game day admission in cash is \$10 per game or hour for the ticket takers and \$10 per game for the clock/score board operator.
- Officials will be paid by the Commissioner at the Central District rate
- Each team is responsible for a line judge for games they participate in.
- Home team (Higher seed) provides the official score book.
- 20 minutes for the first game – 10 minutes from then on.
- Profit made is turned over to the Commissioner as soon as possible.
- Tournament Director if needed will be paid \$100.00

#### Cross Country

- A KMAC Championship will be scheduled in conjunction with the High School Championship at a spring Athletic Director's meetings
- Team Trophies will be awarded to the Girls and Boys Champions.

### WINTER SPORTS:

#### Cheerleading:

- Cheerleaders may cheer for home and away games and may travel to tournament games.
- Uniformed Cheerleaders may form a spirit tunnel.
- No signs/banners or run throughs.
- No noise makers.
- No dance routines at tournaments
- **PYRAMIDS and MOUNTs are PROHIBITED.**

### **Wrestling:**

- A KMAC Championship site and date will be scheduled at our June meeting.
- Coaches and/or Ads will discuss and develop the format of the tournament.
- If possible, an open mat will be available for additional wrestlers.
- A Team Trophy will be award to the Team Champion.
- Wrestling schedules will be made at the June meeting.
- Enter by Wednesday/Change by Friday
- The Champion in each weight class will be acknowledged with a Champion certificate.
- Tournament Director if needed will be paid \$100.00
- Payment for ticket takers and any table personnel such as scorer are to be taken out of the gate.

### **Basketball:**

- Boys and girls team will play Home and Away.
- B games will be scheduled between those interested.
- A Team Trophy will be awarded to the tournament champion.
- No half-time dance or performances will be allowed during the tournament.
- Tournament Director if needed will be paid \$100.00
- Payment for ticket takers and any table personnel such as scorer are to be taken out of the gate.
- Home Team will be the official book for the tournament.
- The top 2 seeds will host first round games. The highest remaining seed hosts the second round games.

## **SPRING SPORTS**

### **Track:**

- To be scheduled at our June meeting
- A Team Trophy will be awarded to the tournament champions
- The 1<sup>st</sup> place in each event both Boys and Girls will be acknowledged with a Champion certificate.
- Tournament Director if needed will be paid \$100.00
- Payment for ticket takers and any table personnel such as scorer are to be taken out of the gate.

### **TIE BREAKERS (for all sports)**

- Head to Head record
- Point Differential in head to head match-ups
- Start with the first place team and compare record against each team in tie. If one team has a better record they are the higher placed team. If the first place comparison is tied move to 2<sup>nd</sup> place, then 3<sup>rd</sup> place, etc.

- Point Differential as described above by the previous bullet (start with 1<sup>st</sup> place team, then move to 2<sup>nd</sup> place, etc.)
- Coin Toss