

POCKET ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION

Revised September, 2016 by Board of Directors

ARTICLE I (NAME)

The name of this conference shall be the POCKET ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II (PURPOSE)

The purpose of this conference shall be to foster and promote a broader program of interscholastic athletics among all schools who are members of the Conference.

ARTICLE III (MEMBERSHIP)

SECTION 1. In order to be eligible for membership, a school must: (a) be a member of the Indiana High School Athletic Association; and, (b) ~~participate in a minimum of five interscholastic boy's and girl's sports as recognized by the Conference.~~ **participate in all the sports the member school offers in boy's and girl's sports as recognized by the Conference, unless approved by the board of directors (ie... Tecumseh-Football in 2008) Changed 09/2016 minutes.**

SECTION 2. Recognized Conference Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track, Volleyball, and Wrestling.

SECTION 3. The maximum membership of the Conference shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. Schools desirous of membership shall make a written application to the Board of Directors through its Secretary-Treasurer. This notice shall be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer at least 30 days prior to the meeting, at which time the application is to be considered. The Secretary-Treasurer shall notify pending applications at least two weeks before said meeting. If accepted, a required \$500 non-refundable conference entry fee is required prior to August 1 and payable to the Conference Treasurer.

SECTION 5. A two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors is necessary for the election of a school to membership.

SECTION 6. The annual membership dues of the Conference shall be \$200.00 payable to the Secretary-Treasurer on or before October 1 of the current year.

SECTION 7. Special assessments may be levied by the Board of Directors upon the member schools by a two-thirds majority vote of the Conference membership. Charter members are: Boonville, Cannelton, Dale, Mt. Vernon, Owensville, Rockport, Tell City and Winslow.

**ARTICLE IV (SUSPENSION)
AND REINSTATEMENT**

SECTION 1. Members of the Conference may be suspended or dropped for reasons and by methods set forth below:

Any school failing to pay dues on or before October 1 automatically becomes delinquent and is considered on probation until December 1. If such delinquency is not removed by the payment of dues on or before December 1 of the same year, the school automatically becomes a suspended member. Member schools shall be suspended automatically for failure to abide by the participation rules set forth in Article III, Section 1, above. Flagrant violations of sportsmanlike conduct by a member school shall be the basis for consideration of its suspension from the Conference, subject to a two-thirds vote by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Reinstatement: Suspended schools may be reinstated by the following procedure:

Upon written request to the Board of Directors.

Upon satisfactory removal of cause of suspension.

Upon a two-thirds favorable vote of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to notify the member schools by October 10 of the delinquent members, and by October 10 of the suspended members.

SECTION 4. Suspended schools may be dropped from the Conference by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors provided the cause of suspension is not corrected within a period of one year from the effective date of the suspension.

SECTION 5. A member school may fulfill and negotiate contracts with a school that has been suspended or dropped, with the understanding that such contests have no bearing on the Conference championship.

ARTICLE V (ADMINISTRATION)

SECTION 1. Conference administration shall be vested in a Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the principals of the member schools.

SECTION 3. The office of President will be a 2-year term rotated in alphabetical order by name of member school. The office of Vice-President will also be a 2-year term held by the member from the school behind that of the President in alphabetical order.

SECTION 4. Officers shall take office in June, and serve the ensuing year.

SECTION 5. The Board of Directors shall meet at least four times annually.

SECTION 6. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President, or upon the request of the majority of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of official representatives from at least two-thirds of the members, provided due notice has been given of such meeting.

SECTION 8. A majority of those present shall be sufficient for the approval of any measure, except as otherwise stated in the constitution.

SECTION 9. Each member school has one vote which is vested in the principal and/or the assistant principal. Absentee votes must be directed to the Conference President in writing prior to a meeting.

SECTION 10. The Secretary-Treasurer of the conference will receive an annual stipend of \$500.00. His/Her school secretary will receive an annual stipend determined by the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI (CONTESTS)

SECTION 1. This Conference shall conduct such contests as hereinafter provided for in the By-Laws.

SECTION 2. The school hosting a conference meet will send a financial report to each school, receipts, after expenses, going to the Conference treasury. The host school will have any deficit reimbursed by the Conference for hosting a conference meet.

SECTION 3. All regularly scheduled games between Conference teams shall be considered Conference games except in case a team plays another conference team two or more times during a season. The first contest will be the determining contest (except tournament contests).

ARTICLE VII (AMENDMENTS)

SECTION 1. This Constitution of the Organization may be amended by a two-thirds majority by the Board of Directors at any meeting according to the following steps:

The proposed amendment must be presented to the Secretary-Treasurer at least two weeks before the meeting at which it is to be discussed.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall send copies of the proposed amendment to principals of member schools at least one week prior to said meeting.

Final action on such proposal(s) must be taken at a subsequent meeting within a year.

BY-LAWS

The By-laws of this constitution may be amended at any official meeting by a simple majority of the Board of Directors.

A. FOOTBALL (changed 2012)

SECTION 1. The Football Championship and the order of place finished will be decided on a percentage basis of games won and lost, with each team playing the other one time in an official game.

SECTION 2. The Conference shall play eleven-man football according to the rules and by-laws of the National Education of State High School Athletic Associations and the Indiana High School Athletic Association.

SECTION 3. An All-Conference offensive team and an All-Conference defensive team will be selected each year in football. Each coach can nominate players he honestly feels should be All-Conference.

Each player nominated and receiving one vote will be honorable mention. The highest number of votes will be the All-Conference Team (by position). Captains and MVP will also be nominated and voted on by the coaches. A kicker and punter shall also be named by vote. One coach from each school can speak briefly about his nomination. Vote will be by head coach or his designee (coaches may not vote for their own player). Each coach is responsible to his local news media and radio the next day. The Secretary-Treasurer should notify major news media: Evansville Courier, TV, Louisville papers.

Section 4. : If a tie exists, the player with the more first-place points, then second place, etc., would be named. If there continues to be a tie for any positions, a vote will be taken by the coaches to determine the tie-breaker. The coaches of the tied players will not vote. (added June 2015)

B. BASKETBALL (Boys & Girls)

SECTION 1. The Basketball Championship and order of place finished will be decided on a percentage basis of games won and lost, with each team playing the other one time in an official game.

SECTION 2. An All-Conference basketball team will be selected each year with 12 players selected.

The selection procedure for All-Conference team in boys' and girls' basketball shall be the same. All head coaches shall meet on the first Monday after the sectional tournament for the selection of an All-

Conference team. One assistant coach may attend. Each coach will nominate his own players at the end of regular season play. The coach can nominate a maximum of three players from his squad. The

Secretary-Treasurer will receive the nominations from each head coach and prepare a ballot. The ballot will be sent immediately to each head coach for him or her to study prior to the selection meeting. At the

selection meeting, the coaches will rate the players on the All-Conference ballot in the following manner: The top player will be number 1 and will receive 10 points, 2nd - 9 points, 3rd - 8 points, etc. with

number 10 worth 1 point. No coach may vote for his own players. The top ten players are the all conference team (no 1st or 2nd team). All players receiving a point will receive honorable mention status.

If a tie still exists, the player with the more first-place points, then second place, etc., would be named.

If there continues to be a tie for any positions, a vote will be taken by the coaches to determine the tie-breaker. The coaches of the tied players will not vote.

C. TRACK

SECTION 1. The Conference track champion and the order of place finishes will be determined by an official conference track meet. The 1st place finisher in each event shall be named All-Conference.

SECTION 2. The date for the Spring Conference track meets will be in the seven day week preceding the IHSAA track sectional.

SECTION 3. The time and place of the Conference track meet will be determined at the (winter or spring) meeting.

SECTION 4. There will be a \$25.00 entry fee for each team (boys and/or girls) in each PAC track meet payable to host school.

SECTION 5. P.A.C. track meets shall be scored in a like manner as the IHSAA Sectional.

D. BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

SECTION 1. A round robin baseball/softball schedule involving all P.A.C. teams will be played each year.

SECTION 2. The championship and places of finishes will be determined on a percentage of the games won and lost.

SECTION 3. All-Conference athletes will be selected for the following positions: **(2) catcher**, (2) pitchers, (3) outfielders, (4) infielders and (3) utility players for a total of 14 All-Conference players. If a tie exists, the player with the more first-place points, then second place, etc., would be named. If there continues to be a tie for any positions, a vote will be taken by the coaches to determine the tie-breaker. The coaches of the tied players will not vote.

SECTION 4. Any conference game that is interrupted with teams having played less than the required number of innings to be considered a regulation game according to NFHS rules will be continued from the point of suspension. The line-up and batting order shall be exactly the same as the line-up and batting order at the moment of suspension subject to the rules governing the game.

At the selection meeting, the coaches will rate the players on the All-Conference ballot in the following manner: The top player will be number 1 and will receive 10 points, 2nd - 9 points, 3rd - 8 points, etc. with number 10 worth 1 point. No coach may vote for his own players. The top ten players are the all-conference team (no 1st or 2nd team). All players receiving a point will receive honorable mention status. (added June 2015)

E. CROSS COUNTRY

SECTION 1. The P.A.C. will annually have a Cross Country meet and the winner of the cross country championship and the order of the finishes will be determined by this meet.

SECTION 2. The cross country meet date and time will be determined by the host school.

Postponement due to weather will be determined by the host school. (changed Nov. 14)

SECTION 3. A team must have participated in five meets in order to be eligible to enter the meet.

SECTION 4. Each school may enter a team of seven members and score five. The meet shall be governed in accordance with IHSAA rules.

SECTION 5. All-Conference Medals will be presented to the first 10 individuals and ribbons will be presented to the 11th through 20th place individuals.

F. TENNIS (Revised in Nov. 2011)

SECTION 1. A round robin tennis schedule involving all P.A.C. teams will be played each year.

SECTION 2. The championship and places of finishes will be determined on a percentage of the games won and lost.

SECTION 3. All-Conference teams will be selected at a coaches meeting. Nine players will be named to an all-conference team (5 Singles and 2 Doubles Teams for a total of 9 (nine) players). The doubles team MUST play at least 5 conference matches together in order to be selected. These athletes will receive the All Conference Medal. **At the selection meeting, the coaches will rate the players on the All-Conference ballot in the following manner: The top player will be number 1 and will receive 9 points, 2nd - 8 points, 3rd - 7 points, etc. with number 9 worth 1 point. No coach may vote for his own players. The top ten players are the all-conference team (no 1st or 2nd team). All players receiving a point will receive honorable mention status. If a tie exists, the player with the more first-place points, then second place, etc., would be named. If there continues to be a tie for any positions, a vote will be taken by the coaches to determine the tie-breaker. The coaches of the tied players will not vote.** (added June 2015)

SECTION 4. U.S. Tennis Association rules shall govern. (Revised in Nov. 2011, June 2015)

G. WRESTLING

SECTION 1. The P.A.C. wrestling tourney will be held the week prior to the IHSAA sectional. The tournament format will be the same as the sectional round of the IHSAA tournament.

SECTION 2. Tournament will be a one-day affair held the Saturday before the IHSAA sectional.

SECTION 3. A medal will be awarded to the individual champion in each weight class. Ribbons will be awarded to the second, third, and fourth, fifth, and sixth place winners.

SECTION 4. Participants shall be seeded according to IHSAA guidelines. The tournament chairman shall call a meeting the Wednesday prior to P.A.C. tournament, with all participating coaches to seed participants. Coaches not in attendance shall have their participants placed at the discretion of the other coaches. (changed Nov. 2014)

SECTION 5. Scoring — in accordance with IHSAA regulations.

SECTION 6. Participants must have wrestled in four meets, or have weighed in four meets (in respective weight class) to be eligible to participate in the P.A.C. tournament, unless the IHSAA drops the eligible requirements prior to the tournament. Eligibility within a weight class will follow the IHSAA guidelines.

H. GOLF (Boys & Girls)

SECTION 1. The P.A.C. golf meet will be held in May. The meet will be conducted as Medal Play and 18 holes will be played.

SECTION 2. Suitable medals will be awarded to the 8 individual low scores. Ribbons will be awarded to the three teams with the lowest score.

SECTION 3. The current USGA rules, as modified by the IHSAA, shall govern the tournament.

SECTION 4. Each threesome or foursome will be made up of players from different schools. The players will count and keep score for each other.

SECTION 5. Five players may participate but only the four low scores will be counted.

SECTION 6. A team must have played in five matches before being eligible for the P.A.C. tourney.

SECTION 7. Refer to IHSAA bulletin for ties.

SECTION 8. The host school designee shall select two coaches of participating teams to serve with host pro or course official in making necessary decisions.

I. SWIMMING

SECTION 1. Participants must compete in a minimum of three regular season meets to be eligible for conference participation.

SECTION 2. The Conference swim champion and the order of place finishes will be determined by an official Conference swim meet.

SECTION 3. The date of the Conference swim meet will be the Thursday two weeks prior to the IHSAA swim sectional.

SECTION 4. The time and place of the swim meets will be determined at the fall P.A.C. meeting.

SECTION 5. Each school that participates in the Conference swim meet is to provide three adults to perform the timing duties. The host school is responsible for the remainder of the timers.

SECTION 6. The championship and multiple team scoring system will be used. In individual events, each participant will receive points. Check current handbook for details. Points in relays will be doubled. The modified ballot system will be used for finishes, unless touch pads are available.

SECTION 7. Each participant will be permitted eight dives. Five dives will be required and three will be optional. Participants will draw for their diving order. The coach or a representative from each school will judge the diving. The diving judges will not score the participants from their school.

SECTION 8. Each school will be permitted a maximum of three (3) participants in each individual event. One relay will be permitted in each relay.

SECTION 9. Lane assignments will be made by seeding.

SECTION 10. First place winners will be awarded a medal. The second through sixth places will be presented ribbons in the individual events and second through fourth in the relays.

J. VOLLEYBALL

SECTION 1. The volleyball championship and order of place finished will be decided on a percentage basis of games won and lost, with each team playing the other one time in an official game.

SECTION 2. An All-Conference volleyball team will be selected according to the by-laws.

All head coaches and one assistant coach will meet on the first Monday following the IHSAA Sectional final to select an All-Conference volleyball team.

The All-PAC Volleyball Team will be 12 players consisting of 2 setters, 2 defensive specialists, and 8 all-around players. The setters will be voted for first, and then the defensive specialists will be chosen. If a setter or defensive specialist is not selected, they may be resubmitted as an all-around player. Coaches will be allowed to submit three players only for the All-PAC Volleyball Team. If a player receives a vote but doesn't make the team, they will be an Honorable Mention selection.

The setter and defensive specialist positions will be determined by coaches voting for one player in each position. The 2 top vote-getters in each position will be named to the team.

SECTION 3. **At the selection meeting, the coaches will rate the players on the All-Conference ballot in the following manner: The top player will be number 1 and will receive 10 points, 2nd - 9 points, 3rd - 8 points, etc. with number 10 worth 1 point. No coach may vote for his own players.**

K. SOCCER (Boys and Girls)

SECTION 1. The Boys/Girls Soccer championship and order of finish will be determined by the established point system (win=3 pts., tie=1 pt., and loss = 0 pts.) The team with the most points will be the champion, 2nd most points will finish 2nd, 3rd most points will finish 3rd, and so forth. In the event of a tie, the teams will share the order of finish.

- SECTION 2. Ten field players and 1 goalie will make up the All-Conference Team.
- SECTION 3. Each coach may nominate a list of players (no limit) for the selection process.
- SECTION 4. **At the selection meeting, the coaches will rate the players on the All-Conference ballot in the following manner: The top player will be number 1 and will receive 10 points, 2nd - 9 points, 3rd - 8 points, etc. with number 10 worth 1 point. No coach may vote for his own players. The top ten players are the all conference team (no 1st or 2nd team).** All players receiving a point will receive honorable mention status. The top Goalie in total votes will be named All-Conference.
- SECTION 5. Other players received at least 1 vote will receive Honorable Mention.
- SECTION 6. Games that are tied at the end of regulation SHALL follow the IHSAA rules for ties with overtime play then penalty kicks. (changed Nov. 2013)

L. AWARDS

- SECTION 1. Conference plaques will be awarded in all Academics and Athletic conference events.
- SECTION 2. Medals will be awarded to all P.A.C. conference basketball, football, baseball, softball, and volleyball teams. Medals will be awarded to the first place individual conference champions through competition at a conference tournament in: cross country, golf, swimming, track, and wrestling. The medals shall be awarded according to the by-laws for each sport.
- SECTION 3. Ribbons will be awarded as prescribed under individual sports according to the by-laws.
- SECTION 4. An All-Sports trophy will be purchased by the Conference and will be presented to the member school having the highest total number of points based on the final finishing positions in each of the sports in the following table. **In case of a tie, the points for the places involved will be totaled and then divided equally among the schools that are involved in the tie.** Each school must claim one exemption for a boys sport and a girls sport toward total points.

ALL-SPORTS POINTS

1st Place - 100 Points	2nd Place- 85 Points	3rd Place - 70 Points
4th Place - 60 Points	5th Place - 50 Points	6th Place - 40 Points
7th Place - 30 Points	8th Place - 20 Points	9th Place - 10 Points

TOURNAMENT BY-LAWS

The Vice-President shall be responsible for coordinating conference tournaments.

ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM SELECTION RULES

1. The meeting for the selection of All-Conference teams by the conference coaches shall be at a place designated by the Conference secretary-treasurer.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the secretary-treasurer to notify all the conference representatives about the meeting date, place, and time in advance.
3. The secretary-treasurer or his designee shall act as chairperson of each meeting.
4. The official meeting time shall be at 6:00 p.m. CST/CDT
5. The following conference sports shall select an All-Conference team according to by-law: Football, Volleyball, Soccer (B&G), Basketball (B&G), Softball, Baseball, and Tennis (B&G).
6. The selection meeting shall be held according to the following schedule:
FOOTBALL: Monday following the SECOND round of the IHSAA Sectional
VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL (B & G), SOCCER (B & G), BASEBALL, SOFTBALL,
TENNIS (B & G): The first Monday following the IHSAA Sectional final.
In the event the IHSAA Sectional is delayed or postponed, the selection meeting shall be held on an agreeable date set by the Athletic Directors and Secretary-Treasurer.
7. Before each All-Conference meeting, coaches will send the secretary-treasurer his or her nominations **(except football, changed 2012)**. The secretary-treasurer will set a deadline for nominations, and then prepare a ballot. Only athletes whose names appear on the ballot will be eligible for selection to all-conference teams.
8. Member schools not present for a selection meeting will pay a \$50 fine to the PAC. **(added 2011)**
9. The conference Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for an official news release to the Evansville Courier. The official news release shall include All-Conference teams accordingly:
FALL SPORTS: Football, Volleyball, Cross Country (B&G), Soccer (B&G), Golf (G), & Tennis (B)
WINTER SPORTS: Basketball (B & G), Wrestling, and Swimming (B&G)
SPRING SPORTS: Track (B & G), Golf (B), Tennis (G), Softball, and Baseball
The official news release shall be filed as soon as each team has been selected.
10. Each member school is responsible for all news releases to their local media.
11. The selection procedure by the coaches for each individual sport is outlined in the bylaws by sport.
12. An appeal from a member school per the omission of a student/athlete from an All-Conference team shall only be considered by the President, Vice President, and immediate Past-President of the conference if the selection process established in the Conference rules and/or by-laws was not properly followed. If the member school bringing the appeal includes the president, vice president, or immediate past president of the conference, then the next alphabetical school's principal will be asked to serve. Said appeal must be filed in writing by the principal to the Conference president within ten (10) calendar days of the All-Conference selection date. (added 2012)

13. Schools should make every attempt to play conference schools. However, when two member schools cannot play each other and both agree not to play, then no conference action will be taken. When a member school wants to play and the other school does not, then the school not wanting to play will forfeit and have the loss recorded on their season and conference record. **(Adopted: June, 2013)**

CONFERENCE SCHOLAR ATHLETES BY-LAWS

1. Criteria for achieving academic recognition in the PAC shall be as follows:
 - a. The athlete must be a senior
 - b. The athlete must have received a varsity letter in their sport.
 - c. The athlete must have achieved a 3.5 GPA out of a possible 4.0 during one of the grading periods of athletic participation.

2. Depending upon the grading structure of the PAC school:
 - a. Fall sport awards will be based upon the first nine-week grading period or on the first or second six-week grading period.
 - b. Winter sport awards will be based upon the second or third nine-week grading period or on the third or fourth six-week grading period.
 - c. Spring sport awards will be based upon the fourth nine-week grading period or on the fifth or sixth six-week grading period.

3. Responsibilities
 - a. The head coach of each sport is responsible for submitting the name of his/her scholar athletes to the athletic director.
 - b. The athletic director will confirm the total list of scholar athletes for each sport season and report the students to be recognized to the conference Secretary-Treasurer. Fall sport award winners will be announced at the November PAC meeting. Winter sport winners will be announced at the June meeting. Athletes that win more than one academic recognition in the school year will be recognized for each sport and season.
 - c. The conference will announce the lists of PAC scholar athletes for each season and prepare a certificate for each student recognized. The certificates will be presented at an appropriate time and place to be determined by the "home" school.

RETIREMENT OR RELOCATION / PAC LIFETIME PASSES

Each member school who in good conscience, and feels a recipient deserves recognition may nominate to the Secretary-Treasurer a coach for lifetime achievement award.

A plaque and lifetime pass to any conference (PAC) event will be presented to the recipient. In order to qualify for this recognition the coach must have a cumulative of ten years of service to a member school.

Code of Sportsmanship

The Pocket Athletic Conference is committed to creating and promoting sportsmanship and ensuring healthy environments for competition. The PAC upholds the values of character building and ethics in sports.

Principles of Sportsmanship:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Good citizenship
- Fairness

Standards of Conduct - Administrators, coaches, and student-athletes shall conduct themselves in a manner that portrays positive role modeling, and also represent their institutions with the values of sportsmanship. The following standards are set forth for all to abide by before, during, and after an event:

- Exhibit respect and courtesy towards all participants (coaches, student-athletes, and officials) and fans.
- Exercise restraint in both physical and verbal actions toward others.
- Make only positive public comments about other institutions, coaches, and student-athletes.
- Refrain from making public comments critical of officials or the quality of their performance.

Administrators - Pocket Athletic Conference institution administrators must develop and model the attitude that the treatment of a visiting team and its fans will be consistent with how they would want their teams to be treated. It is their responsibility to effectively communicate the principles of sportsmanship and standards of conduct to all staff, coaches, student-athletes, cheerleaders, and bands. The Director of Athletics or designated representative should be available to assist in controlling the crowd. He or she should also inform any security personnel of potential problems and help them to understand the importance of protecting the visiting team. If an administrator, or other person in charge, becomes aware of an incident in violation of any of these standards, he or she has the obligation to take appropriate action.

- Each host institution should arrange seating to emphasize sportsmanship and lessen the potential for harassment or abuse of the visiting team and its fans.
- Each host institution shall assume responsibility for all fans regardless of where they are seated or standing during competition.
- The host institution shall provide and identify an administrator or game manager at all home contests who shall be responsible for security of the field and bench areas, and on and around, the playing areas. This individual shall be made known to the appropriate members of the visiting team travel party.
- Public address announcers should announce the contest with respect for the visiting team.
- Provide announcements before and during the contest, reminding fans to adhere to good sportsmanship and ethical conduct

Coaches - Coaches have the greatest influence on their teams and must set the tone for sportsmanship and responsible behavior. This includes disciplining student-athletes who have demonstrated any type of disrespect for their opponents, fans, or officials. Coaches shall advocate positive behavior and sportsmanship, and take every opportunity to do so when addressing their team, the media, booster groups and other public forums, or in recruiting.

Student-Athletes - Student-athletes in the Pocket Athletic Conference are expected to treat each other, opponents, fans, and officials with respect. There should be no tolerance of taunting of opponents, displaying physical or verbal disrespect, or arguing with officials.

Student-athletes must understand, and take great pride in the fact, that they are often the most visible representatives of their institutions. Their behavior is witnessed and often emulated by those younger. PAC student-athletes should honor the responsibilities that go along with the privilege of representing their school in sport. Their actions, on and off the court, shall be of respect, dignity, and class.

Cheerleaders, Bands, Mascots - Their focus must be toward encouragement and support of their team and of respect for the opponents.

Fans - Fans are also expected to act in a manner consistent with the Code of Sportsmanship. Fans should be encouraged to applaud the efforts of both teams. Consistent with the Code of Sportsmanship, fans should also respect the officials and opposing fans, and not demean, taunt, or harass them in any way.

Specific Guidelines:

1. Threatening comments to officials, players, coaches or any person at the event are not permitted and are grounds for removal from the facility. A warning may be issued before removal, but not necessary.
2. NO profanity, insulting or personally degrading comments are to be made towards coaches, players, officials, or any person at the event. Continuation of this action, after being warned, is grounds for removal from the facility.
3. Home fans are not permitted directly behind visiting team benches. This section is to be set aside for visiting team fans. Home fans behind visiting team benches are to be removed if comments are directed toward the visiting team and/or its fans.

Implementation of the Code of Sportsmanship - The Conference office and each Pocket Athletic Conference institution will be responsible for the following:

1. Sportsmanship is addressed during each coaches meeting prior to conference tournaments.
2. Discussion of sportsmanship guidelines at each conference meeting and reviewed on an annual basis with member institutions.
3. Include the following PAC statement reflecting the Code of Sportsmanship in game publications (programs).

“(Name of institution) and the members of the Pocket Athletic Conference are committed to principles of good sportsmanship. We believe that all student-athletes, coaches, administrators, and spectators should strive to represent the very best spirit and tradition of high school athletics. We ask you to support the participants and officials in a positive manner.”

4. Review the PAC Code of Sportsmanship with the coaches and student-athletes prior to each sport's season of competition.

CHEERLEADERS. The cheerleaders should be encouraged by the Game Manager/Crowd Control Officer to help maintain good sportsmanship among the students and others in attendance.

- a. The head cheerleader or cheerleading coach should be alert to any unpleasant situation that might develop. Leading the most popular cheer in such a case may help avoid an embarrassing incident.
- b. Megaphones must never be turned toward the playing area. If the privilege of using megaphones is abused, the Game Manager/Crowd Control Officer should remove all megaphones.
- c. Cheerleaders should never use amplified microphones.
- d. A positive approach should be used by cheerleaders if any game official's decision goes against their team. A show of acceptance by the cheerleaders, a quick popular cheer, and a sportsmanlike attitude can have a remarkable calming effect on the crowd. This is of utmost importance.

BANDS. The only artificial noisemakers allowed in the facility should be the musical instruments used by members of the official band. The band is permitted to play only during the pre-game period, official time-outs and intermission. Under no circumstances should the band play while the game/match is in play.

COACHES. The coaches and their assistant coaches have a tremendous responsibility. Their responsibility is twofold: 1) to prepare their team for the game and 2) to conduct themselves in such a manner during the game to insure good crowd control. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, assistant coaches and all other persons on the bench. Coaches should be aware that athletics contributes to the total educational program. A well-disciplined bench has an impact on students, faculty members and spectators.