

Vermilion Valley Conference

Constitution and By-Laws

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this association shall be the Vermilion Valley Conference.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

Section 1.

It is the purpose of the conference to sponsor and encourage participation in interscholastic activities among the member schools and to develop good sportsmanship among the fans, teams and participating schools.

Section 2.

In seeking to achieve these objectives, the Conference recognizes all worthy interscholastic activities as integral parts of the whole educational program of the schools.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

The membership shall consist of the following schools:

Member Schools – March 2003

Armstrong-Potomac High School

Bismarck-Henning High School

Catlin High School

Chrisman High School

Georgetown-Ridgefarm High School

Hoopeston Area High School

Jamaica High School

Oakwood High School

Rossville-Alvin High School (left in 2005-2006)*

Schlarman High School

Westville High School

Milford High School (joined in 2006-2007)*

And such other schools as may be elected to membership as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. Admission

Any school not a member of this conference may be admitted by a 2/3 vote of the members in good standing after submitting a letter of petition for admission which shall be presented by some member at a regular meeting. Any school requesting admission to the conference shall be voted on only once per school year.

Section 3. Withdrawal

A school which desires to withdraw from the conference must give one year's notice before withdrawing (school year begins July 1).

Section 4.

The conference can discharge any member school from the conference upon a 2/3 vote of the membership. A written notification will be issued to the school from the conference effective July 1st of the following school year.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1.

The officers shall be president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer. The offices of president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer will be filled on a rotating basis according to an alphabetical order of the original member schools with the vice-president moving up to president and the secretary-treasurer moving up to vice-president the following year. New members will be placed at the bottom of the rotation according to date of entering the conference.

- A. Each office in this conference shall be filled with an administrator with at least one-year tenure in his/her school as a high school principal.
- B. Any school whose new principal is slated to assume an office that year will be by-passed in the rotation.

Section 2.

The duties of the president shall be:

- A. Preside at all meetings
- B. Select the location and time of meetings
- C. Be the conference representative to the IHSA (football contact)
- D. Be the official spokesman for the conference to the media
- E. The president shall name his athletic director as chairman of the athletic directors.
- F. Appoint moderators(s) for each athletic/activity
- G. Responsible for creating and up-dating a host schedule for athletics and activities.

Section 3.

The duties of the vice-president shall be:

- A. Preside at meetings not attended by president
- B. Coordinate all non-athletic conference activities
- C. Chairman of all non-athletic activities
- D. Determine location, times and secure the site of the all-conference selection meetings

Section 4.

The duties of the secretary-treasurer:

- A. Compile a conference directory each year and distribute to conference members
- B. Keep and distribute minutes and records of all conference meetings
- C. Keep a record and make reports of all receipts and expenditures of funds
- D. Maintain and up-date record sheets for all conference activities
- E. Order and distribute all awards or appoint a person to do so
- F. Distribute "A" and "D" to all schools annually by Labor Day
- G. Responsible for compiling the All Conference school results and up-date the conference Principals periodically through the year.

ARTICLE V – LEGISLATIVE BODY

Section 1.

The legislative body of the conference shall consist of the high school principal of all schools belonging to the conference.

The principal may name any member of his school's certified staff as his/her proxy, provided that no school shall have more than one vote.

Section 2.

A simple majority of the member schools shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3.

A 2/3 majority of member schools present at any session shall be necessary to carry any proposition, unless otherwise specified.

Section 4.

A partial member may be admitted to the conference as a non-legislative voting body, but may vote only on issues which pertain to the specific activities for which they have been approved for participation.

Section 5.

Chain-of-command for solving problems or conflicts will be:

- A. The issue is brought before the athletic directors who will determine if the issue should appear before the principals. At that time the athletic director chairman will bring the matter in front of the principals with their recommendation.

- B. The principals shall have the final decisions on all matters concerning this conference.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1.

There shall be a monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of the following months: September, November, March and May, unless altered by the president.

Section 2.

Special meetings may be called by the president or upon the request of 2/3 of the conference members.

Section 3.

The athletic directors shall have at least three meetings per year with dates and locations determined by the athletic director chairman.

- A. A special meeting of the athletic directors may be called by the president or athletic director chairman.
- B. The athletic director chairman will attend all principals' meetings in an advisory capacity.
- C. The athletic directors may make recommendations for the master schedule and changes in the articles or by-laws of the constitution.

ARTICLE VII – FINANCES

Section 1.

A fee, to be determined annually, shall be assessed each conference school not to exceed \$400.00. (9/12/2012).

Section 2.

Dues shall be paid annually at the first conference meeting, beginning September 2003.

ARTICLE VIII – SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

Section 1.

This conference shall recognize and lend its name to any activity in which six of its member schools participate. Other activities may be recognized upon approval of 2/3 of the conference membership.

Section 2.

All non-athletic and athletic activities for a given year will be determined at the previous May meeting.

Section 3.

If a school has a conference sport or activity, they must participate in that activity.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

The articles of this Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of all schools in the Conference Legislative Body at any annual or special meeting, except as otherwise provided.

Section 2.

All changes and additions must be in written form and presented at a meeting for a first reading and then voted upon at the second meeting.

ARTICLE X – BY-LAWS

Section 1.

The By-laws of this Constitution may be changed by a 2/3 vote of the conference participating schools in each respective athletic or non-athletic activity at any annual or special meeting, except as otherwise provided.

Section 2.

All changes or additions must be in written form and presented at a meeting for a first reading and then voted upon at the second meeting.

ARTICLE XI – SCHOOL COOPERATIVES

Section 1.

All current cooperative agreements will be grandfathered into the conference.

Section 2.

A new cooperative agreement must petition the conference and requires a 2/3 majority vote from the Conference Legislative Body.

Section 3.

Each cooperative will be allowed one vote on By-laws that pertain to cooperative issues.

SPECIAL NOTE *(adopted May 2013)*

No team shall exchange a game film of another VVC school with a non-conference school in any sport. The only exception is the football game film from the previous two games shall be shared with the upcoming opponent, and in accordance with IHSA playoff by-laws.

BY-LAW – FALL ACTIVITIES

Section 1. Football

I. Scheduling

- A. Levels of competition will consist of teams at the following levels.
 - 1. Freshmen – Played 6:00 p.m. on Thursday following the Varsity game at the same home site. Each school will develop their own respective freshmen schedule.
 - a. Quarters will be 10 minutes.
 - b. The last Freshmen game will be scheduled by schools involved to avoid conflict with the varsity schedule.
 - 2. Junior Varsity – Played at 6:00 p.m. on Mondays following the Varsity game at the opposing home site.
 - a. Quarters will be 10 minutes.
 - b. Monday night games shall be labeled Junior Varsity games with the stipulation that any junior who started on defense or offense or played the majority of the varsity game will be ineligible. Athletic Directors would oversee what juniors would play.
 - 3. Varsity – Played at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays as established by the master schedule.
 - 4. Teams playing on the 9th date will play a Junior Varsity game during the 3rd week of the football season.
- B. Conflicts may be resolved by the schools involved with at least one week's notice.
- C. Host schools are responsible for hiring all personnel for football games.

II. Awards

- A. The conference champion will receive a trophy. In case of ties duplicate awards will be given.
- B. Individual All-Conference selection shall be determined by the following method:
 - 1. Team Positions
 - a. We will select an All-Conference Defensive Team using the following positions: End (2), Linemen (Guards and Tackles) (2), Linebackers (4), Backs (Safety and Corners) (3).
 - b. We will select an All-Conference Offensive Team using the following positions: Receivers (tight end, flanker and split end) (2), Linemen (CGT) (5), Backs (Fullback, Halfback, Tailback) (3) and Quarterback (1).
 - c. We will select one (1) punter and one (1) place kicker.
 - d. We will select an All-Conference Offensive Team, All-Conference Defensive Team and Special Mention awards.
 - 2. Selection Process

- a. A maximum of fifteen (15) players will be selected for the first team offense and fifteen (15) for the first team defense plus a maximum of two (2) special team (punter and kicker).
 - i. Eleven – by position first
 - ii. Four – These players must have a minimum of 35 points or be in the top four (4) point receivers over 35 points regardless of position.
 - iii. Voting (example)(1) one position – QB 10, 9 (Rank 2) (Select 1). (2)Two positions – End 10, 9, 8, 7 (Rank 4) (Select 2). (3) Three positions – Defensive Backs 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5 (Rank 6) (Select 3).
 - b. Any players receiving twenty (20) or more points will be named special mention unless the individual makes the first team.
 - c. After voting is completed, each coach may name one player from his team to Honorable Mention.
 - d. A coach may not vote for his own player.
3. Procedure (Nomination through Selection)
- a. Coaches will nominate only those players on the team who they feel deserve All-Conference recognition (first team or special mention).
 - b. Secret ballots will be prepared for each coach when he arrives at the meeting.
 - c. Voting will take place, by position, after each coach has had the opportunity to speak about his nomination at that position.
 - d. After all the balloting is completed the final results will be announced to the coaches. After all the balloting is completed each school's votes will be read aloud by school by the moderator.
4. The following will determine the conference champion to represent the conference in the playoffs.
- a. Champion representative
 - b. Co-champs – Team that won the game.
 - c. Three-way tie – best team record of the three teams involved among themselves. If not resolved by record then the team with the most points based on IHSA point system. If this narrows it down to two teams then the team that won their game will be the representative. If a tie cannot be resolved by the above, then we will draw from the hat.
 - d. Four-way tie – the best record of the four teams involved among themselves. If this is narrowed to 2 teams then the team that won their game will be the representative. If team records above narrows it to 3 teams then procedure in 4c will apply. If team records do not eliminate any team then the team with the most points based on the IHSA point system will be representative. If the point system narrows it down to 3 teams

the procedure in 4c will apply. If a tie cannot be resolved by the above, then we will draw from the hat.

III. Officials

- A. Varsity will have five (5) IHSA approved officials contracted under IHSA guidelines.
- B. The Scheduling Secretary will assign varsity football officiating crews for all conference games. The Athletic Director of the host school is responsible for sending contracts to their assigned crew.
- C. Each conference school Principal may refuse one (1) officiating crew for the next year, by notifying the Scheduling Secretary, in writing by December 1st of the preceding year.
- D. Each conference Principal must re-register, in writing by December 1st, its refusal of one (1) officiating crew for the next year.
- E. The Scheduling Secretary shall make recommendations for the Varsity crew pay rate to the Conference.
- F. Officials for Junior Varsity games will be the responsibility of the host school.

IV. Miscellaneous

- A. Game films shall not be exchanged outside the conference: game films from the previous two weeks shall be shared with upcoming conference opponents only.
- B. Two positions for the opposing team will be provided in the press box area for football games.
- C. A moderator will be assigned by the VVC president to notify conference schools of the All-Conference meetings. The moderator will also attend the selection meetings, distribute ballots, count and compile results. Each school will be asked to assist in providing a moderator(s). The All-Conference teams are then duplicated and sent to the major area papers and the coaches. The papers receiving the All-Conference lists are the Champaign News-Gazette and the Danville Commercial News.

Section 2. Cross-Country

I. Conference competition shall consist of one Conference meet at which both Girls' and the Boys' champion will be determined.

- A. The Conference meet will be Tuesday of the IHSA week 15 at 4:30 p.m. The host school will choose the site for the meet.
- B. Race 1 and Race 2 will be the Varsity Girls' and Varsity Boys' in that order. Teams may enter up to seven runners, with the top five finishers counting toward the team score. If fewer than five competitors of a team finish, the places of all members of that team shall be disregarded and the team scores re-ranked.
- C. Race 3 will be Open Boys' and Open Girls' who will run at the same time. Open races are for any runner that was not an entry in the varsity races. The school may enter as many runners as they wish, and they may be freshmen,

sophomores, juniors or seniors. No team score will be kept. No school may have open entries unless they entered a varsity team, made up of no less than five, nor more than seven members consisting of the school's top runners.

- D. No runner shall be entered in more than one race.
- E. The rules of the IHSA shall govern the participation of athletes and the conduct of the meet.
- F. \$50.00 stipend will be given to the meet manager.
- G. The host school is responsible for hiring all personnel for the respective meets.

II. Awards

- A. Team
 - a. The Conference Champion Award will be presented to both Girls' and Boys' team winner.
- B. Individuals
 - a. Patches shall be awarded to the top ten finishers in both Girls' and Boys' varsity division.
- C. The Meet Manager shall be responsible for providing the All-Conference list to the major area papers and the coaches. The papers receiving the All-Conference lists are the Champaign News-Gazette and the Danville Commercial News.

Sections 3. Volleyball

I. Schedule

- A. All conference volleyball games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday as per the master schedule.
- B. Schools shall declare competition at the beginning of the season for all conference games.
- C. Freshmen games shall start at 5:00 p.m. and conclude by 5:45 p.m. JV games shall start at 6:00 p.m. Warm-ups for freshmen and JV matches will be 3-3-3-1. The 3rd game in the JV match will use rally scoring to 15 points. Freshmen shall play on each conference date. The state adopted scoring method will be used for conference games.
- D. The host school is responsible for hiring all personnel for each respective contest.

II. Awards

- A. The conference champion shall receive a trophy.
- B. Duplicate awards will be given for ties.
- C. All-Conference selection will be determined by the following method:
 - a. Nominating Procedure
 - i. Each coach nominates his/her own players for all-conference. Coaches may not vote for his/her own players during the ranking process. The nominations should be sent to a moderator at least one week in advance of the all-conference

- meeting. The moderator will compile a list of nominees and distribute them to coaches to be voted upon at the meeting.
- ii. At the meeting coaches may have time to speak about his/her nominations, (eg. Statistics, other honors, etc.).
- b. Voting Procedure
- i. Each coach shall rank 12 players excluding his/her own players. 12 points will be given to the first place player and so on down to one (1) point for the 12th player listed. After all balloting is completed each school's votes will be read aloud by school by the moderator.
 - ii. The top 12 point-getters would receive all-conference. Anyone who receives at least on (1) point will receive Special Mention.
 - iii. After the voting is completed, each coach may name one player from his/her team to Honorable Mention.
 - iv. A coach may not vote for his/her own player.
- D. Moderator – A moderator will be assigned by the VVC president to notify conference schools of the All-Conference meeting. The moderator will also attend the selection meeting, distribute ballots, count and compile results. Each school will be asked to assist in providing a moderator(s). The All-Conference teams are then duplicated and sent to the major area papers and the coaches. The papers receiving the All-Conference lists are the Champaign News-Gazette and the Danville Commercial News.

Section 4. Golf (Boys' and Girls')

I. Schedule

- A. Conference competition shall consist of one (1) conference meet in which a champion will be determined.
- B. Conference golf meet will be held on the Thursday before the regional meet. Site and time will be determined by the host school.

II. Awards

- A. Teams will consist of six (6) golfers. The lowest four scores will be used to Determine the team champion. The conference meet will be an 18-hole match. Boys and Girls will play together until there are six (6) girls' schools. At this time awards will be equal to the Boys' awards.
- B. The conference champion will receive a trophy and duplicate awards will be given for ties.
- C. For Boys' Golf, All-Conference will be the top ten (10) low scores. They will Receive one all-conference patch.. For Girls' Golf, (1) patch will be awarded to the top three finishers who will also be all-conference.
- D. Meet managers will organize the meets. Schools will pay the green fees for their athletes. The meet manager will receive a \$100.00 stipend for organizing the meet. Each school must have one helper to score the meet.
- E. IHSA rules will govern the conduct of the meet.
- F. Scoring shall be per the National Federation of Golf Rulebook.

- G. The Meet Manager will be responsible for providing a list of All-Conference teams and individuals to the major area papers and the coaches. The papers receiving the All-Conference lists are the Champaign News-Gazette and the Danville Commercial News.
- H. The host school is responsible for hiring all personnel for the respective match.

Section 5. Soccer

I. Guidelines

- A. All conference schools participating in soccer shall follow IHSA rules for fall soccer.
- B. The host school is responsible for hiring all personnel for each respective game.
- C. Any game stopped shall be finished from the point of stoppage unless it is an official game.

II. Scheduling

- A. Conference soccer games' official starting time will be 4:30 p.m.
- B. Conflicts or rain-outs will be solved by mutual consent of the schools involved.

III. Awards

- A. Team
 - a. The conference champion shall receive a trophy.
 - b. The best in the conference won/loss record determines the champion.
 - c. Duplicate awards will be given for ties.
- B. Individual
 - a. All-Conference shall be determined by the following method:
 - i. Each coach will nominate his/her own players for All-Conference.
 - ii. Nomination sheets will be sent to the moderator at least five (5) days in advance of the selection meetings.
 - iii. The moderator will prepare a ballot with all nominated players listed by school.
 - iv. Each coach will rank twelve (12) players, excluding his/her own players. A player ranked first will receive twelve (12) points, a player ranked second will receive eleven (11) points, on down to the twelfth player occurs, those tied will stay on the team. The remaining player who received votes will then be re-ranked for the remaining of the position on the All-Conference team up to 15. All ties will stay on the team.
 - v. Any player who receives a vote and is not selected to the All-Conference team will receive Special Mention distinction.
 - vi. Each coach may put up one player for Honorable Mention.
- C. All-Conference Meeting

- a. The selection meeting will be conducted by the moderator.
 - b. Each school will have one voting representative. If the school does not have a representative at the meeting, their vote will be forfeited.
 - c. The meeting will be held with the other fall sports.
 - d. The site, time and place will be determined by the Vice-President of the Conference.
- D. Moderator – a moderator will be assigned by the VVC president to notify conference schools of the All-Conference meeting. The moderator will also attend the selection meetings, distribute ballots, count and compile results. Each school will be asked to assist in providing a moderator(s). The All-Conference teams are then duplicated and sent to the major area papers and coaches. The papers receiving the All-Conference lists are the Champaign News-Gazette and the Danville Commercial News.

IV. Officials

- A. Each host school must provide at least two (2) IHSA approved officials.

V. Resolution of Tie Games

- A. The overtime used in the Illinois High School Association tournament series shall be followed.

BY-LAW – WINTER ACTIVITIES

Section 1. Girls' Basketball

I. Scheduling

- A. Varsity games will be played on Monday and Thursday.
 - 1. The home and away schedule will be established by the master schedule.
 - 2. Two groups of North and South Conference will be created (South – Chrisman, Georgetown Ridgefarm, Oakwood, Westville and Salt Fork and the North – Armstrong-Potomac, Bismarck-Henning, Schlarman, Milford and Hoopston Area.
 - 3. Start time for JV games will 6:00 p.m.
 - a. Games will be seven (7) minute quarters for JV.
 - b. No seniors will be allowed to play in JV games.
 - c. Half-time will be ten (10) minutes in length unless mutually agreed upon by both schools.
 - 4. Basketballs shall be provided by the home school for opposing teams
 - 5. The host school is responsible for hiring all personnel for each respective game.

II. Awards

- A. The conference champion shall be determined by the overall record in conference games. There will be duplicate awards given for ties.
- B. Moderator – A moderator will be assigned by the VVC president to notify

Conference schools of the All-Conference meeting. The moderator will also attend the selection meeting, distribute ballots, count and compile results. Each school will be asked to assist in providing a moderator(s). The All-Conference teams are then duplicated and sent to the major area papers and the coaches. The papers receiving the All-Conference lists are the Champaign News-Gazette and the Danville Commercial News.

Section 2. Boys' Basketball

I. Scheduling

- A. Varsity games will be scheduled for Tuesday and Friday nights.
 - 1. JV games will begin at 6:00 p.m.
 - a. JV quarters will be seven (7) minutes in length.
 - b. Varsity starters will not be allowed to play in JV games.
 - 2. Two groups of North and South Conference will be created (South – Chrisman, Georgetown Ridgefarm, Oakwood, Westville and Salt Fork and the North – Armstrong-Potomac, Bismarck-Henning, Schlarman, Milford and Hoopeston Area).
 - 3. No seniors are allowed to play in JV games.
 - 4. Half-time shall be ten (10) minutes in length unless mutually agreed otherwise.
 - 5. Basketballs shall be provided by the home school.
 - 6. The host school is responsible for hiring all personnel for each respective game.

II. Awards

- A. The conference champion will receive a trophy and duplicate awards will be given for ties.
- B. All-Conference selection will be determined by the following method:
 - a. Nominating Procedure
 - i. Each coach nominates his own players for all-conference. Coaches may not vote for their own players. The nominations should be sent to a moderator at least one week in advance of the all-conference meeting. The moderator will compile a list of nominees and distribute this list to the coaches to be voted upon at the meeting.
 - ii. At the all-conference meeting each coach will be provided the opportunity to speak on behalf of his nominations (eg. Statistics, other honors, etc.).
 - iii. The all-conference meeting will be held the Thursday before the sectional final.
 - b. Voting Procedure
 - i. Each coach will rank ten (10) players. Ten points will be given to the first place player and so on down to one (1) point for the 10th player listed. After all the balloting is completed each school's votes will be read aloud by school by the moderator.

- ii. The top ten (10) players and/or ties for the 10th player will be all-conference.
 - iii. Any player who receives a vote will be Special Mention. Each coach may nominate one (1) player from their respective team for honorable mention.
 - iv. This list will be released after all teams have been eliminated from state competition.
 - v. Home schools shall be responsible for reporting scores to TV, newspaper and other necessary sources of media (IHSA).
- C. Moderator – A moderator will be assigned by the VVC president to notify conference schools of the All-Conference meeting. The moderator will also attend the selection meeting, distribute ballots, count and compile results. Each school will be asked to assist in providing a moderator(s). The All-Conference teams are then duplicated and sent to the major area papers and the coaches. The papers receiving the All-Conference lists are the Champaign News-Gazette and the Danville Commercial News.

III. Officials.

- A. At least two (2) IHSA approved officials shall be contracted under conference guidelines.

Section 3. Wrestling

I. Scheduling

- A. To qualify for Conference Champion, a member school must wrestle every Conference team. If schools wrestle more than once, the first regularly scheduled dual meet after January 1st counts in the standings.
- B. Meets will be scheduled with all conference participating schools with home and away alternating annually.
- C. The host school is responsible for hiring all personnel for each respective match.

II. Awards

- A. A team trophy will be awarded to the team with the best won-lost record in Conference meets. Duplicate awards will be given in case of a tie.
- B. All-Conference selection will be determined by the following method:
 - a. Individual All-Conference selections will be determined by the matches during the season between conference members.
- C. Moderator – A moderator will be assigned by the VVC president to notify conference schools of the All-Conference meeting. The moderator will also attend the selection meeting, distribute ballots, count and compile results. Each school will be asked to assist in providing a moderator(s). The All-Conference teams are then duplicated and sent to the major area papers and the coaches. The papers receiving the All-Conference lists are the Champaign News-Gazette and the Danville Commercial News.

BY-LAW III – SPRING ACTIVITIES

Secton 1. Boys' and Girls' Track

I. Scheduling

- A. The conference competition shall consist of an annual conference track meet.
 - 1. The boys' meet will be the Tuesday prior to their sectional date.
 - 2. The girls' meet will be the Tuesday prior to their sectional date.
 - 3. The starting times for both meets will be 4:00 p.m.(Sept. 2010)
 - 4. The site selected shall be an all-weather track surface if available selected annually by the principals.
 - 5. Events and order of events shall be in accordance with the IHSA terms And conditions.
- B. The host school will rotate the responsibilities of the meet. The meet manager will receive a \$100 stipend for being the host. The track clerk and stager will receive a \$50 stipend. (September 2010)
- C. The meet starter and backup starter shall be determined and paid by the VVC.
- D. Rain Dates – The boys' and girls' date will be the Wednesday prior to their sectional date.
- E. Each host school is responsible for hiring all personnel for each respective meet.
- F. The games committee may rule on the decision of whether or not to have the prelims at the conference track meet, and that this decision would be on an as needed per event, and year to year basis.(September 2009)

II. Awards

- A. The conference champion in both Boys' and Girls' Track shall receive a conference patch.
 - 1. Duplicate awards will be given for ties.
 - 2. Scoring of the conference track meet shall be on the basis of 10-8-6-4-2-1 points. The meet will follow the scoring method established by the IHSA.
- B. Individual Awards – Varsity
 - 1. Conference patches will be awarded for 1st place in every event. No athlete shall receive more than one patch. For multiple event winners, athletes will receive one patch and then ribbons for each event won after winning the first event.
 - 2. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st-6th places in every event.
- C. The Meet Manager is responsible for sending a list of All-Conference teams and individuals to the major area papers and the coaches. The papers receiving the All-Conference lists are the Champaign News-Gazette and the Danville Commercial News.

III. Officials.

- A. The meet starter and backup starter shall be determined and paid by the Conference. (5/16/2012)

- B. The meet starter shall be IHSA approved and contracted by the host school.

Section 2. Baseball and Softball

I. Guidelines

- A. All conference schools participating in Baseball/Softball shall follow IHSA rules for spring Baseball/Softball.
- B. The host school is responsible for hiring all personnel for each respective game.
- C. Any game stopped shall be finished from the point of stoppage unless it is an official game.

II. Scheduling

- A. For Baseball, there will be two (2) geographical groups (North and South). Each team will play its group twice and the other group once.
- B. For Softball, there will a home and away schedule.
- C. Varsity level shall consist of one 7-inning game played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
 - a. Conference baseball and softball games' official starting time will be 4:30 p.m.
 - b. Conflicts or rain-outs will be solved by mutual consent of the schools involved.
- D. To be a conference championship contender a school must have played all games on the conference schedule, unless the make-up game(s) have no bearing on determining the winner.
- E. JV Baseball games are to be scheduled independently. JV Softball games will be five (5) inning games following the varsity contest.

III. Awards

- A. Team
 - a. The conference champion shall receive a trophy.
 - b. The best conference won/loss record determines the champion.
 - c. Duplicate awards will be given for ties.
- B. Individual
 - a. All-Conference
 - i. Each coach will nominate his/her own players for All-Conference
 - ii. Nomination sheets will be sent to the moderator at least five (5) days in advance of the selection meeting.
 - iii. The moderator will prepare a ballot with all nominated players listed by school.
 - iv. Each coach will rank twelve (12) players, excluding his/her own players. A player ranked first will receive twelve (12) points, a player ranked second will receive eleven (11) points, on down to the twelfth player ranked who will receive one (1) point. If a tie for the twelfth player occurs, those tied will stay

on the team. The remaining players who received votes will then be re-ranked for the remaining position on the All-Conference team up to 15. All ties will stay on the team.

- v. Any player who receives a vote and is not selected to the All-Conference team will receive Special Mention distinction.
- vi. Each coach may add one player for Honorable Mention.

C. All-Conference Meeting

- a. The selection meeting will be conducted by the moderator.
- b. Each school will have one voting representative. If a school does not have a representative at the meeting, their vote will be forfeited.
- c. The meeting will be held on the Monday of the Regional Tournament.
- d. The site, time and place will be determined by the Vice-President of the conference.

D. Moderator – A moderator will be assigned by the VVC president to notify conference schools of the All-Conference meeting. The moderator will also attend the selection meeting, distribute ballot, count and compile results. Each school will be asked to assist in providing a moderator(s). The All-Conference teams are then duplicated and sent to the major area papers and the coaches. The papers receiving the All-Conference lists are the Champaign News-Gazette and the Danville Commercial News.

IV. Officials – Each host school must provide a least two (2) IHSA approved officials.

BY-LAW IV – NON-ATHLETIC EVENTS

Section 1. Student Council

I. Schedule

- A. An annual Student Council meeting shall be established.
- B. The format, date and site of the meeting shall be established by advisors with Approval of the Principals.

Section 2. Scholastic Bowl

I. Levels of Competition

- A. Varsity level consists of:
 - 1. Competition between each member school is encouraged.
 - 2. The conference champion will be determined by the total wins in both regular meets and the round robin tournament.
- B. Junior Varsity – Competition between conference schools is strongly Encouraged.

II. Tournament

- A. The Conference tournament shall be a pooling/team seeding tournament and shall be the Tuesday of IHSA week #35 at 4:00 p.m.(May 2009)
 - 1. The pooling/team seeding process will be determined by the regular

season as follows:

Pool A: 1st, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th

Pool B: 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 10th Each pool will play a round robin

2. If a tie occurs from the regular season, the following steps will be followed to break ties: (1) head to head (2) total points from head to head competitions (3) total toss-up from head to head competitions.
 3. Pool winners will be determined by the most wins in tournament play. If ties occur, the procedure described later will apply for tournament play only.
 4. The All-tournament team will be determined by the total toss-ups during the regular conference season play and pools for conference.
 5. The host school is responsible for keeping all records to determine seeding for the conference tournament.
- B. The Vice-President shall determine the site of the 1st annual meeting.
- C. A stipend of \$100 will be paid to the VVC Scholastic Bowl coordinator, \$50 each to the VVC moderators, \$25 each to the VVC timers and tabulators.(March 2010)

III. Rules and regulations as established by the conference principals.

- A. Team and membership
- a. A maximum of five (5) members, one member being designated captain may play at any one time.
 - b. Each team will be accompanied by one faculty member designated as coach.
 - c. Team members may be from any class in school and may play in the Scholastic Bowl more than one year.
 - d. The eligibility of each team member will be governed by the IHSA eligibility rules as well as any additional rule(s) defined by each individual school and/or coach.
- B. The Game
- a. Each match will consist of two twelve-minute halves with a two-minute break between halves. A bell will signal the end of each play. The toss-up questions being asked at the sound of the bell will be completed if the topic has been announced. If the questions are toss-up questions and are answered correctly, that team will be given the bonus question.
 - b. Each team is allowed to call one "time out" during each half. "Time out" must be called prior to the beginning of the toss-up question: "beginning" being defined as before the category of the toss-up question is read. Only the team captain or the coach may call the "time out". A "time out" will last one minute during which substitutions may be made.
 - c. A game set will consist of 42 questions. These questions will be made up of 25 toss-up questions, 15 bonus questions, 1 replacement toss-up and one replacement bonus question. The replacement questions will

be used in the event of a tie or if there is an error by the moderator. The replacement bonus should have three or five parts, but not four. If there are situations where a coach wishes to address a concern regarding a question, the judge may not rule on the concern without conferring with the opposing coach.

- d. The game will end after the two 12-minute halves or a depletion of toss-up questions or a depletion of bonus questions. In the event of a tie, the replacement toss-up and bonus question will be used.
- e. The toss-up questions and bonus questions should be made to conform to the following categories and distributions:

SCIENCE	TOSS-UP	BONUS
General Science	5 (3 different)	3 (2 different)
Earth Science		
Biology/physiology		
Chemistry		
Physics		
MATHEMATICS		
General Math	3 (2 different)	2 (2 different)
Geometry		
Algebra		
Trigonometry		
Analytic Geometry		
SOCIAL SCIENCE		
Current events	5 (3 different)	3 (2 different)
Government		
Geography		
History		
Economics/Consumer Education		
HUMANITIES		
Art	3 (2 different)	2 (2 different)
Music		
Philosophy		
Dance		
Architecture		
COMMUNICATIONS/ENGLISH		
Literature	5 (3 different)	3 (2 different)
Speech/performing arts		
Grammar/usage		
Spelling		
MISCELLANEOUS		
Home economics	5 (3 different)	3 (2 different)
Industrial Arts		
Agriculture business		
Sports		
Driver's Education		

Psychology
Health

One replacement toss-up marked as such. One replacement bonus of three or five parts.

- f. The scoring of the game appears on the following chart for the bonus questions. Each toss-up question is worth ten (10) points.

# POSSIBLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	#CORRECT
2.		10	20					
3.		6	13	20				
4.		5	10	15	20			
5.		4	8	12	16	20		
6.		3	7	10	13	17	20	
7.		3	7	9	12	15	18	26

C. The Toss-up Question

- a. The time will start at the completion of the reading of a toss-up question. The clock will continue to run for fifteen (15) seconds or until both teams have responded, whichever occurs first.
- b. Toss-up questions may be answered by individual only, no conferring is allowed. The first individual to light his/her light is eligible to answer the question for his/her team after he/she has been recognized. The answer must be given within three seconds after being recognized. The moderator will call the three second time period. If the answer is correct, the team receives 10 points and the opportunity to answer bonus questions.
- c. If the first team answers a toss-up question incorrectly and the moderator gives the correct answer before the second team has a chance to answer the toss-up, this question will be disregarded. The second team will then have a chance to answer a new toss-up question. This question will be offered only to the second team. Each set of game questions should include a toss-up question for this purpose.
- d. If an individual answers a toss-up question incorrectly, an individual of the other team may light, and give an answer. If time expires during the first attempt, the other team may answer the question, but must do so with three (3) seconds.
- e. The characteristics of the toss-up question are as follows:
 - i. It generally requires a short, quick response. It should not require a definition or explanation.
 - ii. It only has one answer.
 - iii. The wording should be carefully judged by the writer to avoid an incorrect anticipation of the answer. For example, "The point in a satellite's orbit nearest the earth is called the perigee. Then what do we call the point in a satellite's orbit which is farthest from the sun?" This question could cause a player to anticipate "perigee" as the answer. To avoid this, the

question would be better worded: “What is the satellite’s farthest orbit from the sun?”

- iv. The toss-up question should not end with the word “who”, “what”, “where”, or “when”.
 - v. The toss-up question should not have a blank in it.
 - vi. The idea is not to trick the participants; the question should be clear and specific, telling the player what kind of answer is called for.
 - vii. Every effort should be made to have every possible answer to the question on the sheets. For example, if the question does not specifically ask for inches, the answer should be given in both inches and meter on the sheet.
 - viii. The exact category of the question should be used, for example, “Physics” not “Science”.
 - ix. Additional directions should be noted if necessary. For example, should computation be necessary for most players, the expression “pencils ready” should be noted before the question is read. For another example, if a person’s full name is necessary to distinguish him from another with a same last name, the question should ask for the full name of the man who.....”
 - x. True-false questions will not be permitted. Any question that has a possible of two alternative answers will not be permitted. Example: Is HCL an acid or a base?
 - xi. Multiple choice questions will be permitted: all multiple choice questions will be four-part questions. Team competitors may “jump-in” and respond “D” to all four-option questions if he knows A, B, and C are incorrect. Whether the actual answer, letter, example: Which of these organisms reproduces asexually? A. Cats, B. Bacteria, C. Man, or D. Amoeba. Acceptable answers could be: amoeba, D or the forth one.
 - xii. Foreign language questions that are considered general knowledge will be permitted.
- f. Answering the toss-up
- i. Surnames will be sufficient in all answers unless necessary for identification or clarification. The moderator may ask for more specific answer; however, if a competitor attempts the first name, the attempt must be accurate, or it will be considered a miss. If in any questions the competitor uses the incorrect first name, the answer is considered incorrect.
 - ii. When spelling a word, the competitor may not change the spelling at any time.
 - iii. When a competitor begins to answer a question; the first syllable spoken is considered part of the answer, and as such may render the answer incorrect.

- iv. The moderator may ask the competitor for a more specific answer. However, many of these problems may be avoided if the questions are worded properly. Example. Where is the Louvre? The competitor may answer France, while the answer on the card reads Paris. The question could be worded: In what city is the Louvre located?
- v. The competitors need to be cautioned by their coaches to speak clearly and in a voice loud enough to be heard easily by the moderator and/or judges.
- g. The Bonus Question
 - i. The bonus question is worth 20 points and consists of 2 or more (generally no more than 7) parts. The team will be given 30 seconds to confer after the question has been totally read. The captain of the team will answer the question completely or designate one other person to answer the question completely.
 - ii. If the team receiving the bonus question fails to answer all parts of the question correctly, the second team may try to answer any incorrect parts of this bonus. The moderator will inform the second team which parts of the questions were correct, but he does not repeat the answer given by the first team. The second team will then receive appropriate points for any correct answer. Each team may confer with their team members until time is called or until the first team begins to answer. The second team must answer immediately after the first team has been awarded their points.
 - iii. If the first team answers before the 30 seconds are up, the second team is required to give their answers immediately. They are not allowed any more time. They are not allowed any part of the remaining 30 seconds.
 - iv. The characteristics of the bonus question follow:
 - 1. This question is more involved than the toss-up question.
 - 2. Generally, only the best team should be able to answer all parts of the question, but all teams should be able to answer at least one part of the question. One question should be easy, one very difficult and the other of medium difficulty.
 - 3. The question should be related around a central idea.
 - 4. The basic writing of the question should conform to the characteristics for writing a toss-up question.
- h. Student Talking
 - i. During a game, a student will be allowed to talk at only specified times. Any other talking will result in a warning or penalty.
 - ii. Students may talk under the following conditions:
 - 1. While introducing themselves or their coach.

2. While answering a toss-up question (individuals only).
 3. While consulting on a bonus question.
 4. While answering a bonus question (captain or designated person).
 5. While asking for a question or a part of a question to be re-read. The bonus may be repeated only for the team that won the toss-up.
 6. While asking for a "time-out" (captain only).
- i. Penalties
 - i. If a team consults during a toss-up question, they will lose the opportunity to answer. The question will be given to the other team to answer.
 - ii. If Team A talks while Team B is answering a toss-up question, Team A will lose their opportunity to answer it if Team B fails to answer correctly.
 - iii. When the captain or designated person begins to answer a bonus question, he may not receive any more information from the other players. If he does receive any more information, any answer not yet given is disqualified.
 - iv. If Team A talks (1) while Team B is answering a bonus question, or (2) at any other time not covered in the above statements, Team B will be awarded the next toss-up question.
 - v. No team member may talk to question procedure or a particular answer. That person will first receive a warning; the second time will result in a penalty. The penalty is the next toss-up question will be given solely to the other team.
 - j. JV Team
 - i. No seniors are allowed on the JV team.
 - ii. There can be no switching a JV team member and Varsity members during a meet; however, if a school cannot bring a complete JV team and if all coaches agree, this rule may be waived. Rule 1 still applies.
 - iii. No analytic geometry, physics or senior literature on the JV set of questions.
 - iv. All other rules apply.
 - v. Each school must bring a set of JV questions even if they do not bring a JV team.

IV. Awards

- A. The top (3) participants will receive an all-conference patch and ribbon.

Section 3. Fine Arts Festival

I. Schedule

- A. An annual Fine Arts Festival shall be held by the Conference in the spring.
 1. The site and date shall be determined by the principals (May meeting).
The show will take place during the month of March. Entries will be

submitted by the second Wednesday of March and judging will take place on or before the following Sunday (judging is closed to the public). All winning entries will be displayed at a central location approximately 7 days later to remain on display through the following Sunday. At this time an awards ceremony will be held.

2. A committee shall be established to coordinate and determine the content of the festival.
 - a. Minimum content shall consist of music and art.
 - b. The host school shall be chairman of the Fine Arts Festival.
3. Awards
 - a. Best of Show – Large purple rosette and pin style medallion.
 - b. Best Design – Pin style medallion
 - c. Best Technical Skill – two-dimensional –pin style medallion.
 - d. Best Technical Skill – Three-dimensional – pin style medallion – items a-d receive medallions – red, white and blue ribbons.
 - e. Classified Entries
 - (1) Pencil Drawing – still life
 - (2) Pencil Drawing – people
 - (3) Pencil Drawing – animals
 - (4) Pencil Drawing – other
 - (5) Pencil Drawing – fantasy/science fiction
 - (6) Colored Pencils – people
 - (7) Colored Pencils – other
 - (8) Ink Drawing – still life
 - (9) Ink Drawing – people
 - (10) Ink Drawing – animals
 - (11) Ink Drawing – other
 - (12) Painting – acrylic/oil
 - (13) Watercolor/tempera
 - (14) Graphic Design (advertisement/any media, airbrush, computer, etc....)
 - (15) Printmaking
 - (16) Mixed Media (collage/multi media)
 - (17) Miscellaneous (2-dimensional items, crayon/charcoal/pastels/craypas/photography, etc..)
 - (18) Ceramics (pottery: handbuilt/wheel thrown)
 - (19) Sculpture (sculptures/jewelry/textile/papermaking/ etc....)

Each category is to receive a first place ribbon (blue), second place ribbon (red), third place ribbon (white), and Honorable Mention ribbon (yellow).

In addition to the four places for each category, additional ten (10) Honorable Mention Ribbons may be used at the Judge's discretion.

3. Fees
 - i. School entry fee will be \$20.00 plus \$1.00 per entry.
 - ii. Each judge is to be paid \$35.00 plus the current IRS mileage rate per mile of driving to and from the contest.

BY-LAW V – CONFERENCE PASSES

I. Pass Issuance

- A. Every certified staff member grades 9-12.
- B. Non-certified personnel at each school who participates as sponsor, coach or bus driver.
- D. Special life-time passes may be issued by the conference with a 2/3 vote of the principals.
- E. Principals will request the number of passes for his/her school at the 1st meeting of each year.
- F. The conference encourages of local boards:
 1. Abide by the pass policy.
 2. Unify admission costs.
 - a. The conference recommends varsity admission to be \$3 for adults, \$2 for high school students and \$1 for grade school students.
 - b. It is recommended that all schools not charge for JV or freshmen games held on nights other than Varsity.

II. Pass Validity

- A. Each pass will allow the holder and one guest admission to conference activities.
- B. Passes are good for all conference activities except tournaments.
- C. The pass list at each tournament will determine admission.

III. Press and all other non-conference passes shall be determined by the host school.

BY-LAW VI – AWARDS

The following are recommendations pertaining to awards from the conference:

- A. Trophies – will be presented to the conference team champion in the following activities:
 1. football – 1
 2. volleyball – 1
 3. boys' cross country – 1
 4. girls' cross country – 1
 5. boys' golf – 1
 6. girls' golf – 1
 7. soccer – 1
 8. boys' basketball – 1
 9. girls' basketball -1
 10. wrestling – 1
 11. boys' track

- 12. girls' track
 - 13. baseball
 - 14. softball
 - 15. scholastic bowl
- B. Patches & Ribbons – will be awarded to the following individuals:
 - a. Boys' track – 1st each event – total 30
 - b. Girls' track – 1st each event – total 30
 - C. Patches (3/13/2013)
 - a. Boys' cross country – Top 10 runners – total 10
 - b. Girls' cross country – Top 3 runners – total 3
 - c. Boys' golf – total 10
 - d. Girls' golf – total 3
 - e. Scholastic Bowl – (1-5) 1st-MVP, 2, 3, 4, 5 – total 5
 - D. Ribbons – will be awarded to the following:
 - a. Boys' Track – 2nd thru 6th – total 150
 - b. Girls' Track – 2nd thru 6th – total 150
 - E. Certificates – will be issued to the following:
 - a. Football – 32
 - b. Volleyball – 12
 - c. Boys' basketball – 10
 - d. Girls' basketball – 10
 - e. Baseball – 15
 - f. Softball – 15
 - g. Wrestling – 14
 - h. Soccer – 15

BY-LAW VII – ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTION PROCESS

- Section 1. Moderators will be selected to chair each all-conference selection meeting.
 - A. The moderators will be selected by the Athletic Directors and approved by the principals at the spring meeting.
 - B. The moderators will determine the release of conference selections with agreement of coaches still involved in state competition.
 - C. Sports that will have a moderator for its All-Conference selection are:
 - a. Fall – football, volleyball and soccer.
 - b. Winter – boys'/girls basketball and wrestling
 - c. Spring – baseball and softball
 - D. Each moderator will submit a list of each All-Conference teams to the conference secretary.
- Section 2. A coach may not vote for his own player.
- Section 3. Each school will have one (1) voting representative. If a school does not have Representative at the meeting, their vote will be forfeited.
- Section 4. All individual considered all-conference (in all athletics) will be presented with a conference patch.

BY-LAW VIII – ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

The conference supports endeavors to further enhance the value of academic work by the students of the member schools. In an effort to provide additional recognition for their academic achievements, the conference will honor the student-athletes, managers and cheerleaders who participate in any athletic activity. The following criteria will be used to recognize students as “All-Academic Team” members:

This award is limited to seniors only.

- A. Each sport and Scholastic Bowl will be recognized with an All-Academic team if there are eligible students available.
- B. The senior must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale after their 6th or 7th semester of school, depending on the time of year in which the season ends.
- C. All students from a school who meet the required GPA will make the team for the sport in which they participated.
- D. There will be just one (1) team, with no second team or Special Mention.
- E. Certificates will be given as the award.
- F. Each school will provide a list of eligible seniors to the vice-president by the April meeting for all sports/activities for the current school year.

BY-LAW IX – SCHEDULING SECRETARY

I. Duties and Responsibilities

- A. Responsibilities for developing new and revising existing schedules, typing, duplicating and distributing these schedules to member schools.
- B. Responsible for developing master schedules for volleyball, football, boys’ And girls’ basketball, baseball, softball and soccer. All master schedules are to be made two years in advance.
- C. Responsible for providing the IHSA with conference football scores on forms provided by the IHSA.
- D. Responsible for hiring of football officials.
- E. Responsible for hiring starters for conference track meets and working with The host school to secure the site, timers and event managers.

II. Salary and compensation

The salary for the scheduling secretary will be \$1000 beginning the 2015-2016 school year. (November 2015)

BY-LAW – Vermilion Valley Website

- I. The VVC website should include such items as: rosters, schedules, results, treasury report, standings, all-conference information, VVC constitution, and links to conference schools.
- II. The website director shall receive a yearly stipend of \$500 to manage the website. (May 2009)

