

Spring Sports

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SCHUYLKILL BASEBALL LEAGUE

BY-LAWS

IN AFFILIATION WITH THE SCHUYLKILL LEAGUE

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The League shall be known as the Schuylkill Baseball League. (SBL)

ARTICLE II – BASEBALL LEAGUE OFFICERS

- Section 1 A League Principal shall be appointed chairperson by the Schuylkill League President. His or her duties shall include resolving any conflicts in the baseball league.
- Section 2 The chairperson may designate other officers as he or she deems necessary.

ARTICLE III -- BASEBALL LEAGUE MEETINGS

- Section 1 The chairperson will conduct a meeting prior to the start of the season. The chairperson may also call additional meetings at his or her discretion.
- Section 2 A majority of the member schools of the baseball league shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the meetings.
- Section 3 On all questions, each school in the baseball league shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE IV – DUES AND BUDGET

- Section 1 Dues shall be determined on a sliding scale and be established on a yearly basis.
- Section 2 A budget shall be presented at the Spring Meeting of the Schuylkill League for adoption.

ARTICLE V -- MEMBERSHIP/ALIGNMENT

- Section 1 The baseball league will be divided into **three** divisions- **Division I, Division II, and Division III.**
- Section 2 Divisions will be determined by each school's **male enrollment.**
- Section 3 Division I will be comprised of teams that have the **seven** highest enrollment figures. Division II and Division III will consist of the remaining schools and will be divided according to geographic location.

ARTICLE VI -- AMENDMENTS

- Section 1 The By-Laws of the baseball league may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the baseball league members at a stated meeting of the Schuylkill League. Such proposed amendments are to be submitted in writing to the committee chairperson. The Chairperson then in turn will review the proposed amendment with his or her committee.

ARTICLE VII -- CONTESTS

- Section 1 A game schedule for the Varsity Games shall be prepared on a two-year cycle by the league scheduler.
- Section 2 The home team is responsible for reporting the results to the news media.
- Section 3 Unless mutually agreed upon, Varsity Games shall start at 4:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.
- Section 4 The postponing of a league contest due to weather shall be made by the home team. Other postponements must be mutually agreed upon by both teams. If an agreement is not reached, it must be played as scheduled.
- Section 5 Unless mutually agreed upon, postponed game shall be played on the next available date. In the event that schools cannot agree on a make-up date, the league chairperson will make a final decision. If the chairperson's school is involved, the decision will be made by the Schuylkill League President.
- Section 6 The home team is responsible for providing (3) league approved baseballs for the game. Prior to the start of the game, one of the "game balls" must be made available to the visiting team's starting pitcher.

Section 7 Prior to the start of the game, a 30 minute block of time must be made available for the visiting team. How this time is used is based upon a mutual agreement between the coaches of both teams.

ARTICLE VIII – LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

Section 1 A packet outlining the playoff format will be developed by the Schuylkill Baseball Committee. This packet will be approved by Baseball League member schools. It will be distributed and be in effect for a two year cycle

ARTICLE IX -- UMPIRES

Section 1 In conjunction with the baseball committee, an approved umpires list shall be developed by the Assignor.

Section 2 The assignor will assign (2) approved umpires to work each regular season contest.

Section 3 The umpires will be paid the established fees. In some instances (due to weather), clarifications of fee payments must be made. They are as follows:

- If the umpires would arrive at a game that already has been postponed or cancelled and the home school did not contact them, they shall receive a half-game fee.
- If the opponents and umpires arrive at a game and it subsequently cancelled or postponed, the umpires shall be paid a full-game fee.
- If a game is started, but called off prior to its completion (suspended game), the umpires shall be paid a full-game fee.
- If an umpire is to work the completion of a suspended game, the following payment procedure will be followed:
 - If the game is part of a regularly scheduled game (meaning an additional regulation game will follow), the umpire will receive a \$10.00 per innings fee, not to exceed a full-game fee.
 - If only the suspended game is resumed, the umpire shall receive a \$15.00 “show-up” fee plus the \$10.00 per inning fee, not to exceed a full-game fee.

ARTICLE X – AWARDS

Section 1 The school declared champion at the end of the baseball season shall be awarded a trophy by the baseball league in accordance with the approved Schuylkill League Trophy. Twenty Gold Medals will be awarded to the championship team and Twenty Silver Medals will be awarded to the second place team.

Section 2 Each division winner shall be recognized with an award by the baseball league in accordance with the approved Schuylkill League Award.

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Schuylkill Baseball League

Playoff Tournament Packet

The Schuylkill League Champion in baseball will be determined through a League Playoff conducted immediately following the regular season. This packet outlines the playoff setup. If weather or any unforeseen circumstances necessitates a change or addition this format, it will be done by the discretion of the Baseball Chairperson and the Baseball Committee. If a Champion can not be declared before the District deadline, the Divisional Champion with the highest district rating will be the league's preferred seed.

Article I – Structure/Format

- Section 1 Each Division Champ along with a **wild card entry** will play to a Championship.
- Section 2 **The wild card entry will be the second place team from Division I.**
- Section 3 **Division I will play the Division Champion with the lesser league record. The Division Champion with the best record will play the wild card. In case of a tie between Division II and Division III, the winner of the league assigned crossover game determines the better record.**
- Section 4 Higher Numerical Division is the home team in odd years and visitor in even years.
- Section 5 **The Baseball committee will determine the order of the playoff schedule/format.**
- Section 6 Runner-up teams will be the visiting team through the playoffs each year.
- Section 7 Game times for Semi-Finals and Finals
- A. Semi-Final Games are to be played at 4:30 and 7:00.
 - B. Final Games is to be scheduled for 7:00.
- Section 7 Single Tie Breaking Games are to be scheduled for 7:00-Doubleheaders at 4:30 and 7:00.
- A. Times may be altered by facility limitations or mutual agreement.
- Section 9 All Semi-Final and Final Games are to be played at Stump Stadium in Pine Grove.
- Section 10 The Semi-Final Games will be played the **week** following regular season play. In the event of a weather postponement, the Semi-Final will be played on the next available day.
- Section 11 In the event of a weather postponement, the Championship will be played on the next available day; but not to be played within three days of any district game.

Section 12 If the league Championship Game cannot be played three days prior to district playoffs it will be played on the next mutually available date providing neither team is in the District Championship Game.

Article II – Tie Breaking Procedures

Section 1 A site mutual to both/all schools will be the site of a tie breaking game.

- A. The League Chairman will name a site if no neutral site is agreed upon.
- B. The home team will be the team with the better league power rating. If there is still a tie, the home team will be the team with the better overall power rating.
- C. Head to head is the first tie breaker.

Section 2 If there is a two way tie for the division AND both teams will make the league playoffs, there will not be a tie-breaker game. For purposes of seeding, the champion will be the team with the better league power rating and the other team will be the wild card. If there is still a tie, the champion will be the team with the better overall power rating.

Section 3 Two games needed to break a three way tie for division if each team is 2-2 versus one another:

- A. District Power Rating will determine the bye for a three team tie break.
- B. The two teams with the lowest Power Rating will play on the first available date following the last regular season game.
- C. The winning team of the first game will play the bye team at the same site 45 minutes after the conclusion of the first game. The Bye team will have a 30minute warm-up.
- D. The failure of a school not able to play on the Saturday date following the regular season, may forfeit their right to enter the playoffs.

Section 4 Two games needed to break a three way tie for the division or wild card if each team is not 2-2 versus one another:

- A. The team who is 3-1 vs the other two teams will be in the playoffs or will receive the bye.
- B. If the other two teams are 1-1 against one another, there will be a one game playoff to determine who makes the playoffs. The team with the better league power rating will be the home team. If still tied, the team with the better overall power rating will be the home team.

Article III – Pre-Game and Game Information

- Section 1 All schools are responsible for providing their own drinks and coolers.
- Section 2 The League will provide the baseballs for the playoffs.
- Section 3 No batting practice will be taken on the field prior to the semi-final or final games. Each team will be allowed 10 minutes for pre-game infield practice.
- Section 4 Each school shall have a representative at all playoff games to assist in crowd control, pre-game meeting, and other administrative matters.
- Section 5 For each playoff game, participating schools are requested to bring 10 rosters.
- Section 6 A Medal List should be given to the game manager, prior to the start of the championship game.
- Section 7 There will be a Division and Championship Trophy awarded at the conclusion of the Championship game.

Article IV- Playoff Meeting

- Section 1 A required meeting of all schools and or all potential schools involved in the playoffs will be held the week prior to the playoff game. This meeting will be held at **a site determined by the league chair person**. A representative of each school **as well as the site host** must be in attendance. At this meeting, the following will be done/discussed:
- A. Umpires will be determined based on the evaluations provided by the coaches throughout the season.
 - B. League will provide an Athletic Trainer if requested by a participating school.
 - C. Sites and times will be determined for all possible tie breaking games.
 - D. All Ticket Sales will occur at the gate. There will not be advanced ticket sales due to the possibilities of postponements and/or cancellations.

2/27/16

Schuylkill Softball League

Playoff Tournament Packet

The Schuylkill League Champion in softball will be determined through a League Playoff conducted immediately following the regular season. This packet outlines the playoff setup. If weather or any unforeseen circumstances necessitates a change or addition this format, it will be done by the discretion of the Softball Chairperson and the Softball Committee. If a Champion can not be declared before the District deadline, the Divisional Champion with the highest district rating will be the league's preferred seed.

Article I – Structure/Format

- Section 1 Each Division Champ along with a wild card team will play to a Championship
The wild card entry will be the second place team from Division I
- Section 2 The Division 1 Champion will play the Division Champion with the lesser *league* record.
The Division II/III Champion with the better record will face the wild card entrant. In case of a tie between the champions of Division II and Division III; the winner of the league-assigned cross-over game determines better record.
- Section 3 Higher numerical Division is the home team in odd years and visitor in even years.
- Section 4 The Softball Committee will determine the order of the playoff format/schedule.
- Section 5 Wild Card team will be the visiting team through the playoffs each year.
- Section 6 Game times for Semi-Finals and Finals
 C. Semi-Final Games are to be played at 4:30 and 6:30.
 D. Final Games is to be scheduled for 7:00.
- Section 7 Single Tie Breaking Games are to be scheduled for 7:00-Doubleheaders at 4:30 and 6:30.
 A. Times may be altered by facility limitations or mutual agreement.
- Section 8 All Semi-Final and Final Games are to be played at Patton Field at Blue Mountain High School.
- Section 9 The Semi-Final Games will be played during the week following regular season play (factoring in if a school has both a baseball and a softball team in the league playoffs). In the event of a weather postponement, the Semi-Final will be played on the next available day.

Section 10 The Championship Game will be held the day immediately following the Semi-Final round. In the event of a weather postponement, the Championship will be played on the next available day.

Section 11 If the league Championship Game cannot be played prior to district playoffs it will be played on the next mutually available date providing neither team is in the District Championship Game.

Article II – Tie Breaking Procedures

Section 1 A site mutual to both/all schools will be the site of a tie breaking game.

D. The League Chairman will name a site if no neutral site is agreed upon.

E. The home team will be the team with the better league games power rating. If the tie remains; the home team will be the team with the better overall power rating.

F. Head to head is the first tie breaker.

Section 2 If there is a two way tie for the division AND both teams will make the league playoffs; there will not be a tie-breaking game. For purposes of seeding, the champion will be the team with the better league games power rating. If the tie remains, the champion will be the team with the better overall power rating.

Section 3 Two games needed to break a three way tie for division if each team is 2-2 versus each other:

E. The team with the higher District XI Power Ranking will receive a bye

F. The remaining teams will play on the first available date following the last regular season game.

G. The winning team of the first game will play the bye team at the same site 45 minutes after the conclusion of the first game. The Bye team will have a 30minute warm-up.

H. The failure of a school not able to play on the selected date following the regular season, may forfeit their right to enter the playoffs.

Section 4 Two games needed to break a three way tie for a division or wild card if each team is

not 2-2 versus each other.

A. The team that is 3-1 vs the other two teams will be in the playoffs or will receive the bye.

B. If the two remaining teams are 1-1 against each other; there will be a one game playoff to determine who makes the playoffs. The team with the better league games power rating will be the home team. If a tie remains, the team with the better overall power rating will be the home team.

Article III – Pre-Game and Game Information

- Section 1 All schools are responsible for providing their own drinks and coolers.
- Section 2 The League will provide the softballs for the playoffs.
- Section 3 No batting practice will be taken on the field prior to the semi-final or final games. Each team will be allowed 10 minutes for pre-game infield practice.
- Section 4 Each school shall have a representative at all playoff games to assist in crowd control, pre-game meeting, and other administrative matters.
- Section 5 For each playoff game, participating schools are requested to bring 10 rosters.
- Section 6 A Medal List should be given to the game manager, prior to the start of the championship game.
- Section 7 There will be a Division and Championship Trophy awarded at the conclusion of the Championship game.

Article IV- Playoff Meeting

- Section 1 A required meeting of all schools and or all potential schools involved in the playoffs will be held the week prior to the playoff game. This meeting will be held at **a site determined by the league chair person**. A representative of each school **as well as the site host** must be in attendance. At this meeting, the following will be done/discussed:
- E. Umpires will be determined based on the evaluations from the league instituted evaluation system.
 - F. League will provide an Athletic Trainer if requested by a participating school.
 - G. Sites and times will be determined for all possible tie breaking games.
 - H. All Ticket Sales will occur at the gate. There will not be advanced ticket sales due to the possibilities of postponements and/or cancellations.

SCHUYLKILL TRACK and FIELD LEAGUE

BY-LAWS

IN AFFILIATION WITH THE SCHUYLKILL LEAGUE

REVISED: 4/4/16

ARTICLE I -- NAME

The league shall be known as the Schuylkill Track and Field League.

ARTICLE II—TRACK and FIELD LEAGUE OFFICERS

- Section 1 The track and field league chairman shall be a principal of a member school appointed by the Schuylkill League president.
- Section 2 The track and field league chairperson may appoint other officers and committees as necessary.
- Section 3 The track and field league shall select a statistician and assignor of officials as necessary. The two functions may be incorporated into one office. The office will be salaried.

ARTICLE III –TRACK and FIELD LEAGUE MEETINGS

- Section 1 The track and field league committee shall meet prior to the all-league meet.
- Section 2 Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or by written request.
- Section 3 A majority of the member schools of the track league shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at meetings.

Section 4 On all questions, each school in the track and field league shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE IV-- LEAGUE DUES AND BUDGET

Section 1 Dues shall be determined on a sliding scale and established on a yearly basis.

Section 2 A budget shall be presented at the Spring Meeting of the Schuylkill League for adoption.

ARTICLE V -- LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP/ALIGNMENT

Section 1 The track and field league shall be divided into two divisions based on combined male and female enrollment.

Section 2 The league shall be divided into two divisions with equal number of teams. Division "I" being the larger enrollment teams. Division "II" will be the smaller enrollment teams.

ARTICLE VI -- AMENDMENTS

Section 1 The by-laws of the track and field league may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the track and field league members at a scheduled meeting of the Schuylkill League. Such proposed amendments are to be submitted in writing to the committee chairperson. The chairperson then in turn will review the proposed amendment with his or her committee.

ARTICLE VII -- CONTESTS

Section 1 A meet schedule for varsity meets shall be prepared on a two year cycle by the league scheduler.

Section 2 The home team is responsible for reporting the results to the news media.

Section 3 All meets are scheduled to start at 3:45 for field events and 4:00 for running events.

- Section 4 The postponing of a league contest due weather shall be made by the home team. All attempts at rescheduling league meets postponed due to inclement weather shall be made up on the next available date.
- Section 5 Postponements for other than weather, must be mutually agreed upon by both teams. If an agreement is not reached, it is to be ran as scheduled.
- Section 6 All league meets are to be scored as dual meets.
- Section 7 The order of running events shall be as follows: 4x800,110/100 HH, 100m, 1600m, 4x100, 400m, 300IH, 800m, 200m, 3200m, 4x400.
- Section 8 In all running events, the girls shall precede the boys.
- Section 9 In the 4x800, 800m, 1600m, 3200m, the boys and girls will be combined. If the number of athletes is too large, the races may be run separately. Both coaches must agree to run the races together in the 800m and 1600m.
- Section 10 The choice of lane assignments shall go to the visiting school. List A shall be 110/100 HH, 400m,200m, 4x400 and list B shall be 100m, 4x100, 300IH, 4x800. The same lanes shall be used for boys and girls
- Section 11 The throwing events shall be contested in the order determined by the home team. The home team will inform the visiting team of the order of the throwing events prior to the start of the meet. The throwing events shall consist of the discus, shot and Javelin. The boys and girls shall contest all throwing events.
- Section 12 The jumping and vaulting events shall start at 4:00. The order of events shall be determined by the home team. The home team will inform the visiting team of the order of the events prior to the start of the meet. The events shall consist of the long jump, triple jump, high jump, and pole vault. All events shall be contested by both boys and girls.
- Section 13 The starting heights for the vertical events shall be for boys pole vault 7' 6" with the bar being raised every 6" until 11' then it will be raised every 3". For girls the starting height shall be 6' with the bar being raised every 6" until 9' then the bar shall be raised every 3". Boys and girls should compete together at similar heights. In the boys high jump the starting height shall be 4'10" with the bar being raised every 2". The girls high jump starting height shall be 3'10" with the bar being raised every 2".
- Section 14 To receive the points in a vertical jump the contestant must complete a successful jump over the minimum height.
- Section 15 **There will be no limit to the number of** competitors in all field events.

- Section 16 There will be no limit to the number of competitors in all track events.
- Section 17 If a meet is moved to a different venue other than the home team's venue the events contested will be whatever the venue the meet is being contested at has to offer. It does not matter who the home team is at the meet. The venue determines the events not the home team.

ARTICLE -- VII (A) CONTESTS -- JUNIOR HIGH

- Section 1 Contestants are limited to 7th and 8th grade.
- Section 2 Contestants may only enter four events. It does not matter if they are individual or relays.
- Section 3 Must use a PIAA official.
- Section 4 Meets will start at 4:00 PM.
- Section 5 Field events will be shot put (boys 4K, girls 6 lbs), discus (both boy and girl 1K), high jump (boys start at 4'2", girls at 3'6"), long jump and triple jump
- Section 6 Running events, 4x800 relay, girls hurdles, boys hurdles (10 hurdles at 30"), 100m, 1600m, 4x100relay, 400m, 800m, 200m, 4x400m

ARTICLE VIII -- LEAGUE MEET

- Section 1 The All League meet is open to all members in the Schuylkill track and field league.
- Section 2 Athletes from schools not sponsoring a team during the regular season are eligible to compete as individuals in the All-league meet.
- Section 3 A packet outlining the league meet format will be developed by the Schuylkill Track Committee. This packet will be approved by Track League member schools. It will be distributed and be in effect for a two year cycle.

ARTICLE IX – CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Section 1 There will be an individual All-league meet.
- Section 3 Each division shall have a team champion. They will receive a division trophy in accordance with the approved Schuylkill League Trophy.
- Section 4 If a tie occurs in a division, it will be broken in accordance with the constitution rules. If a tie still occurs the teams tied will be declared champions.

ARTICLE X -- OFFICIALS

- Section 1 The assignor will assign approved PIAA officials to work each contest.
- Section 2 The officials shall be paid the Schuylkill league established fees.

Schuylkill Track and Field League

Playoff Tournament Package

Revised 4/27/16

Article I – Individual Championship

- Section 1 The All-League Meet will be held at a site with an 8-lane track and all the field event facilities.
- Section 2 The site will rotate alphabetically among those sites eligible.
- Section 3 The All-League Meet will be on the Wednesday of the first full week in May. The rain date will be the Thursday following that Wednesday.
- Section 4 An All-League meet committee will be established to implement and oversee the All-League meet on an annual basis.
- A. The committee shall be a 7 member committee, consisting of one PIAA Track and Field official, 4 coaches, two from each division and no more than 1 coach from a school, the committee chairperson, and a representative from the host school.
- B. The Responsibilities of the committee are as follows:
1. Enforce League rules and procedures governing the running of the All-League meet.
 2. Conduct the seeding meetings each year.
 3. Hire and appoint officials for the All-league meet.
 4. Purchase meet medals and ribbons.
 5. Compile a meet program.
 6. Obtain equipment necessary for the proper running of the meet.

7. Present a financial report to the League at the conclusion of the season.
 8. Distribute the seeding information to the coaches.
 9. Send results to all schools.
- C. A meeting will be held with the committee prior to the running of the All-League meet, no later than two weeks prior to the meet.

Section 5 Seeding for the All-League meet will be done as follows:

- A. In the 100, 200, 400, and 300 hurdles: the 24 fastest times will be seeded with a maximum of 3 entrants per school.
- B. In the 800, 1600, 3200 and all field events: the best 16 times, heights, or distances will be seeded. There will be a maximum of 3 entrants per school. Beyond the 16th seed, any school not represented will be allowed on participant.
- C. Starting formats for the running events, such as waterfall or box alley should be designated prior to the meet.
- D. A seeding meeting if necessary for all coaches will be held the Monday before the meet at a site to be determined by the league chairperson.

Section 6 The national federation rule book will be used by the All-League committee to determine the advancement of athletes to finals, lane assignments and the running of heats.

Section 7 The All-League meet is a no scratch meet. A competitor who scratches from any event shall retain the marks already achieved but shall not compete in any other events.

Section 8 Advancement to finals in the high hurdles, 100,200 will be the top two in each heat and the next two fastest times.

Section 9 Advancement to finals in the throwing and jumping events will be the top nine distances from the preliminary rounds.

Section 10 The order of events will go as follows:

A. Running

4x800 (g)F

4x800 (b)F

100H (g)T

110H (b)T

100M (g)T

100M (b)T

300IH (g)F

300IH (b)F

200M (g)T

200M (b)T

15 Minute break

100H (g)F

110H (b)F

100M (g)F

100M (b)F

1600M (g)F

1600M (b)F

4X100 (g)F

4X100 (b)F

400M (g)F

400M (b)F

800M (g)F

800M (b)F

200M (g)F

200M (b)F

3200m (g)F

3200M (b)F

4X400M (g)F

4X400 (b)F

B. Field Events:

1. The order of all field events at the All-League meet will be determined by the host facility. It is the host facilities job to give out the order of field events to all participating schools at the seeding meeting.
- C. Awards for individuals will be medals to the top three and ribbons to the next three.