

# Metro Volleyball Conference By Laws

## **ARTICLE I                   Name and Location.**

- Section 1           The name of this non-profit organization shall be the, "Metro Volleyball Conference" hereafter referred to as Metro VBC.
- Section 2           The Metro VBC shall be located at the residence of it's director.

## **ARTICLE II                 Purpose**

- Section 1           To foster and develop physical skills, sportsmanship, respect for authority, self discipline, personal responsibility and courtesy to others among the youth attending member schools or member parish's religious education programs.
- Section 2           To provide an organization in order that these youth may participate in interscholastic competition, in the sport of volleyball.

## **ARTICLE III                Membership**

- Section 1           Membership shall be open to parochial schools that are fully committed to fulfilling the league's purpose.
- Section 2           Membership shall be open to private, parochial school/parish teams only.
- Section 3           New Schools may apply in writing for membership into the Metro Volleyball Conference. Schools can only be expelled by a 2/3 majority of the executive board.

## **ARTICLE IV                Eligibility**

- Section 1           Team members must be students in grades 5-8 attending the member school or registered parishioner's activity involved in the Religious Education program of the member parish.
- Section 2           Team members must meet the following age requirements as of September 1<sup>st</sup>:
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Under 12 years  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Under 13 years  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Under 14 years  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Under 15 years
- Section 3           Girls may not compete on boys' teams and boys' may not compete on girls' teams.
- Section 4           The Executive Committee may waive the Archdiocesan transfer rule and grant immediate legibility if it is clearly demonstrated that a transfer was not athletically motivated. Only a simple majority is required by the Executive Committee.



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- Section 5 No student may participate in Metro Volleyball Conference without a document signed by the parent(s) or guardian stating that: the student has permission to compete; the student is in good health and physical condition; the student is covered by insurance; and the parents(s) or guardians understand the risks associated with participation in the volleyball program. No student may participate in Metro Volleyball Conference without documentation that the student has had a physical examination by a licensed physician within the past two years. Members must keep parental permission documents and evidence of physical examination on file and immediately produce these if requested by the Executive Committee.
- Section 6 Any merger request must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee at least 7 days before the final team commitment date. The Executive Committee must approve all mergers and may impose conditions that the Committee believes are appropriate.
- Section 7 Each member must submit a list of players to the Metro Volleyball Conference prior to the appropriate roster deadline. The roster form provided by the Metro Volleyball Conference must be completed in its entirety and signed by the coach and Athletic Director or Principal.
- Section 8 After rosters have been submitted, players may be added by notifying the chairperson prior to participation. After the player has been added, the member must submit documentation verifying eligibility to the Metro Volleyball Conference within 7 days after participation.
- Section 9 Members entering two or more teams in one grade **must** divide talent based on an annual tryout as follows:
- In 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grades, talent must be divided into "A" and "B" teams (s). An "A" team has superior talent when compared to the "B" team(s). The division of talent must be easily recognizable. A parish that enters more than one team in one grade must have an annual tryout to ensure the proper distribution of talent. The league will use its discretion to place a team in the "A" or "B" using standings from the previous year. Teams may petition the Executive Committee for exemption to Section 10.
- Section 10 All questions or appeals concerning player eligibility shall be directed to the Executive Committee. Use of ineligible player shall result in forfeiture of games played with those players. Failure to comply with the roster requirements may result in forfeiture of games played until compliance is achieved. The Executive Committee may impose additional penalties as deemed appropriate for violations of eligibility requirements.

## ARTICLE IV

### Eligibility

- Section 1 Members shall abide by the most recent policies of the Milwaukee Archdiocese and all Metro Volleyball Conference rules.
- Section 2 Coaches and adult supervisors are required to maintain order and are responsible for the conduct and discipline of players and spectators alike. Any disturbance by spectators which disturbs the orderly running of a game may be cause for a gym or field to be cleared of all spectators until the games' completion. Penalties including, but not limited to, ejection and forfeiture for continued violation of rules of conduct. A fine may be levied on host gym by the Executive Committee if order is not maintained.



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- Section 3 Adult supervision of locker rooms, showers and gyms, is mandatory. Only team members and authorized personnel are to be in the locker rooms.
- Section 4 Host gyms are responsible for ensuring that facilities are available as scheduled and to provide qualified adult supervision to maintain order. Host gyms must supply both teams with a minimum of four balls each for warm up and game ball for matched played at their gym. Game balls must meet WIAA regulations. Game balls must be clearly labeled and used only for games. Host schools must have a First Aid kit available for all matches.
- Section 5 Metro Volleyball Conference does not provide insurance to cover its members. BE SURE YOUR PARISH PROVIDES INSURANCE TO COVER PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS UNDER ALL CONDITIONS.
- Section 6 Games may be rescheduled if both schools confirm agreement in rescheduling with the chairperson; the rescheduling of the games is done a week or more before the original scheduled game time. A \$22.00 dollar fee for payment of referees will be incurred by the schools rescheduling, the team initiating the rescheduling is responsible for the fee.
- Section 7 Ant team forfeiting a League match shall be assessed a \$25.00 fee for the first instance, \$50.00 for the second forfeit and \$100.00 each additional there after for the duration of the season. Ant fee not paid during the season will be added to the following season's entry fee. Admittance to the Metro Volleyball Conference will be denied until all fees assessed have been paid.
- Section 8 All questions concerning rules and regulations shall be directed to the Executive Committee.
- Section 9 Any team dropping out after the dated specified in the registration information will not be refunded their entry fee. Ant team dropping out after the schedules are done will be faced with sanctions. Any subsequent offenses will result in fines to be determined by the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE VI Appeals**

- Section 1 All appeals must be directed in writing to the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE VII Executive Committee**

- Section 1 Management and administration of the affairs of the Metro Volleyball Conference shall be vested in the Executive Committee. This committee shall be composed of seven members endorsed by the member parishes.
- Section 2 The chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the membership meetings. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by volunteers from the member teams. If there are more volunteers than vacancies a vote by member parishes will determine the committee members the chairperson shall act as the official Metro Volleyball Conference representative in any Archdiocesan matters.



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Section 3 The treasurer shall manage all Metro Volleyball Conference funds which will be deposited in accounts in the name of Metro Volleyball Conference. The treasurer shall keep an account of the receipts and expenditures of Metro Volleyball Conference and submit a complete report annually or upon the request of the chairperson. The treasurer shall determine and collect all Metro Volleyball Conference fees subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. In absence of the chairperson, the treasurer shall assume the duties of the chairperson.

Section 4 Minutes of all meetings will be taken and distributes to all members.

Section 5 The chairperson shall be responsible for recommending Metro Volleyball Conference rules for volleyball, creating the schedule of games, hiring officials and maintaining the team rosters. Any rule changes will be decided by the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE VIII Meetings**

Section 1 There will be a minimum of two meetings of the member parishes. Additional meetings may be added if necessary. The dated of all Metro Volleyball Conference meetings will be set by the chairperson with at least 14 days advance notice.

Section 2 The Executive Committee will meet a minimum of two times per year and all minutes of thee meetings will be posted on the official website of the Metro Volleyball Conference.

## **ARTICLE IX Dues**

Section 1 Members parishes shall pay annual dues. The amount of these dues will be determined by the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE X Parliamentary Authority**

Section 2 The rules contained in RULES OF ORDER shall be the parliamentary authority of the Metro Volleyball Conference in all matters where they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

## **ARTICLE XI Amendments**

Section 1 These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Executive meeting by 2/3 affirmative vote of the Committee.

