

Bylaws - Parkview Parochial League - Milwaukee Wisconsin

Article I Name and Location.

Section 1 The name of this non-profit organization shall be the Parkview Parochial League; hereafter referred to as PPL.

Section 2 The PPL shall be located at the residence of its treasurer.

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.

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 parish and/or parochial school teams only.

Section 3 Schools may apply in writing for membership in each sport offered by the league. A 3/4 majority vote of the Executive Committee is required to admit new members or expel current members.

Section 4 To participate in a sport, all school teams in that sport, at all grade levels supported by the PPL, must compete in the PPL. The Executive Committee, by unanimous vote, may waive this requirement for one year because of extenuating circumstances.

ARTICLE IV Eligibility

Section 1 Team members must be students in grades 5-8 attending the member school or registered parishioners actively involved in the religious Education program of the member parish.

Section 2 Team members must meet the following age requirements as of September 1st:

- 5TH GRADE: Under 12 years

- 6TH GRADE: Under 13 years
- 7TH GRADE: Under 14 years [1]
- 8TH GRADE: Under 15 years

Section 3 Girls may not compete on boys teams and boys may not compete on girls teams.

Section 4 (deleted effective 6/5/01)

Section 5 The Executive Committee may waive the Archdiocesan transfer rule and grant immediate eligibility if it is clearly demonstrated that a transfer was not athletically motivated.

Section 6 No student may participate in the PPL 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 parent(s) or guardian understand the risks associated with participation in an athletic program. No student may participate in the PPL 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 7 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 8 A member experiencing difficulty fielding an 8th grade team due to an insufficient number of eligible students, may appeal in writing to the Executive Committee for permission to play students down a grade level. This appeal must be submitted to the Committee at least 7 days before the final team commitment date. In no instance will more than two players be allowed to play down, or more than one of the two be allowed on the playing floor at the same time. If a member is allowed to play students down, all PPL members will be advised of the names and numbers of the players.

Section 9 Each member must submit a list of players to the PPL prior to the appropriate roster deadline. The roster form provided by the PPL must be completed in its entirety and signed by the coach or athletic director and the pastor or principal. If Religious Education students are on the team, the form must also be signed by the parish Religious Education director.

Section 10 After rosters have been submitted, players may be added by notifying the appropriate sport director prior to participation. After the player has been added, the member must submit documentation verifying eligibility to the PPL within 7 days after participation.

Section 11 After the season begins, members can request to move players from one roster to another because of extenuating circumstances. The sport director may grant temporary approval but must receive a written request detailing reasons for the change no later than 5 days after granting such approval. The Executive Committee must approve any roster change made after the start of League play. Where an equal division of talent is required, changes to correct problems with the division of talent will be considered appropriate extenuating circumstances anytime prior to the 5th week of the season.

Section 12 Members entering two or more teams in one grade must divide talent based on an annual tryout as follows:

- In 5th or 6th grades, talent must be divided equally. A difference of 5 (basketball)/15 (volleyball) or more games in final League records creates a rebuttable presumption that the division of talent was not equal. The Executive Committee will review all cases where there is a difference of 5 (basketball)/15 (volleyball) or more games and one or more of the teams qualifies for League awards. League awards may be withheld from offending teams unless a satisfactory written explanation is received by the sport director within 5 days after the final League game. If League awards are withheld, no other team will be eligible for those awards.
- In 7th or 8th grades, talent may be divide into “A” and “B” team(s). An “A” team has superior talent when compared to the “B” team(s). Members must enter an “A” team before they can enter a “B” team. The division of talent must be easily recognizable. Prior to the season, if there is a question, both teams will be treated as “A” teams. After the season begins, all “B” team games played while in violation will be forfeited.

Section 13 All questions or appeals concerning player eligibility shall be directed to the appropriate sport director. Final decisions on eligibility will be made by the Executive Committee. Use of ineligible players shall result in forfeiture of games played with those players. Failure to comply with the roster requirements may result in forfeiture of all games played until compliance is achieved. The Executive Committee may impose additional penalties as deemed appropriate for violations of eligibility requirements.

Section 14 The Executive Committee, by unanimous vote, may waive eligibility requirements because of extenuating circumstances.

ARTICLE V Rules and Regulations

Section 1 Members shall abide by the most recent policies of the Milwaukee Archdiocese and all PPL 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 disrupts the orderly running of a game may be cause for a gym or field to be cleared of all spectators until the game's completion. Penalties including, but not limited to, ejection, forfeiture and fine may be levied by the Executive Committee if order is not maintained.

Section 3 Adult supervision of locker rooms, showers, gyms, and playing fields 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.

Section 5 Members may, but are not required to, charge for admission to games not to exceed the limits set by the Executive Committee.

Section 6 The PPL does not provide insurance to cover its members. BE SURE YOUR PARISH PROVIDES INSURANCE TO COVER PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS UNDER ALL CONDITIONS.

Section 7 No game will be canceled or rescheduled unless authorized by the Sport Director who will notify the athletic directors and game officials. Coaches cannot cancel games or matches. Members responsible for games being rescheduled will incur the costs of rescheduling.

Section 8 Any team forfeiting a League game/match shall be assessed a \$50 fee for the first instance, \$100 for the second instance, and \$150 for the third instance and \$150 for each instance thereafter. For volleyball, all games played on a single date shall constitute one instance, and for basketball, each game shall constitute one instance. The forfeit multiplier shall be per team, not per school. Any fees not paid during the season will be added to the following season's entry fee. Admittance to the PPL will be denied until all fees assessed have been paid.

Section 9 Trophies will be awarded in each division at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Duplicate trophies will be awarded in case of ties.

Section 10 All questions concerning rules and regulations shall be directed to the appropriate sport director. Final interpretation will be made by the Executive Committee.

Section 11 The Executive Committee may impose penalties as deemed appropriate for violations of PPL rules.

ARTICLE VI Appeals

Section 1 All appeals must first be directed to the appropriate sport director. If the decision is not acceptable to the member, the member may file a written petition to the Executive Committee for review of the decision.

ARTICLE VII Executive Committee

Section 1 Management and administration of the affairs of the PPL shall be vested in the Executive Committee. This committee shall be composed of not less than 6 nor more than 9 members whose positions are defined in sections 2-7 of this article.

Section 2 The chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the membership. The chairperson shall fill all vacancies subject to the approval of the Committee. The chairperson shall act as the official PPL representative.

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

Section 4 The recording secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and is responsible for publishing and distributing copies of the minutes to all Committee members.

Section 5 The corresponding secretary shall be responsible for all PPL correspondence, sending notices of meetings and other announcements to the members and maintaining all PPL records. The corresponding secretary shall also compile and maintain a league directory.

Section 6 The sport director shall be responsible for recommending PPL rules for their sport, creating the schedule of games, hiring officials, and maintaining the team rosters. The sport director shall act as the Executive Committee representative in all matters pertaining to their sport.

Section 7 There will be no more than three at large committee members who will assist the chairperson in the admission and conduct of the league.

ARTICLE VIII Meetings

Section 1 There shall be at least one meeting of the general membership and one meeting of the Executive Committee each year. The dates of all PPL meetings will be set by the chairperson with at least 7 days advance notice.

Section 2 The chairperson shall have the authority to call special meetings of the Executive Committee with 5 days advance notice.

ARTICLE IX Nominations and Elections

Section 1 Nominations for positions on the Executive Committee shall come from the floor at the annual membership meeting. Voting shall be by ballot with each member parish having one vote. A majority of the members present and voting shall elect.

Section 2 Executive Committee members shall be elected to a term of one year running from July 1st to June 30th.

Section 3 Executive Committee members can serve consecutive terms. A Committee member who fails to attend at least one-half of League and Executive Committee meetings during one year cannot serve on the Executive Committee the following year.

Section 4 In the event no new nominations are presented, the Executive Committee shall be retained.

Section 5 Executive Committee officers shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X Dues

Section 1 Member parishes shall pay annual dues. The amount of these dues will be determined by the treasurer.

ARTICLE XI Parliamentary Authority

Section 1 The rules contained in ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER REVISED shall be the parliamentary authority of the PPL in all matters where they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

ARTICLE XII Amendments

Section 1 These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the general membership by a 2/3 affirmative vote of that membership or by unanimous approval of the Executive Committee.

[1] except as allowed for in article 4, section 3, of the PPL bylaws BYLAWS
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