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ARTICLE I . . . NAME

Section 1

This organization shall be known as the LITTLE ILLINI CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE II . . . MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

The membership of this Conference includes Casey-Westfield, Cumberland, Edwards County, Flora, Hutsonville, Lawrenceville, Marshall, Oblong, Palestine, and Red Hill high schools. Additional members may be admitted to the Conference upon approval of their application for membership by two-thirds (2/3) of the existing member schools. The current Conference member schools will determine when official participation of any new schools will begin. New Conference member schools shall become voting members at the last meeting prior to beginning participation in Conference activities. All members of the Conference must also be members of the Illinois High School Association.

Section 2

Member schools shall be required to participate in all Conference activities for which their school has a team. Any member school failing to participate in these Conference activities in any one school year may be dropped from membership in the Conference.

Section 3

Schools not currently a member of the Little Illini Conference may be invited to participate in any recognized Conference activity(s) upon a positive vote by 2/3 of the current Conference schools participating in that activity(s). Said vote may take place at any regular or special meeting. The date participation in the activity(s) will begin by the invited school will be determined after a positive vote is verified. The invited school shall have 60 calendar days after receipt of the invitation to respond to the Conference President.

Section 4

The current recognized Conference activities are:

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Football | 6. Boys Track |
| 2. Girls Volleyball | 7. Girls Track |
| 3. Boys Basketball | 8. Spring Baseball |
| 4. Girls Basketball | 9. Spring Softball |
| 5. Scholastic Bowl | 10. Boys Golf |
| | 11. Girls Golf |

Section 5

Conference activities shall be added to the By-laws when the number of participating teams in the activity is over one-half of the member schools. Schools must declare at the fall meeting if they will be participating in any additional Conference activity(s) for the upcoming school year. An exception to the Fall meeting declaration can be made only if all member schools agree at a Special called meeting that no undue problems or violations of contracts would result.

Section 6

If the number of participating teams falls below six (6) of the member schools, the activity will not be recognized as a Conference activity the following school year.

Section 7

In a Conference activity in which a champion is declared and in which the school has indicated Conference participation, each member school must play all other member schools as indicated by the appropriate standardized schedule in

APPENDIX A.

Section 8

“Weathered out” games are to be made up on the first date agreeable to both Conference schools. If the weathered out game affects first or second place, it must be played. (see By-Laws Article I, Section 4)

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be: To encourage a greater mental and physical development among the pupils of the Conference and to foster a spirit of good feeling and sportsmanship among the member schools through the promotion of interscholastic competition.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1

The officers of this Conference shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2

The officers shall be elected from the Principals of the member schools each year at the annual fall meeting, and shall take office at the close of the meeting.

Section 3

The officers shall constitute an Executive Committee; said committee to have general charge of all contests and affairs of the Conference.

Section 4

Duties of the officers shall be as follows:

The President presides over all meetings both regular and special, prepares agenda, appoints committees, and serves as chairman of the Executive Committee.

The Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President in his/her absence and shall be responsible for maintaining records of all Conference activities and tournament results.

The Secretary shall be in charge of taking minutes at regular and special meetings, and of sending copies of said minutes to all member schools.

The Treasurer shall be in charge of providing financial statements and overseeing the purchase of Conference awards.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Section 1

The regular meetings of the Conference shall be held as follows:

*Fall meeting: 2nd Wednesday in September

Late-Fall meeting: 2nd Wednesday in November

Winter meeting: 2nd Tuesday in January

Spring meeting: 2nd Wednesday in March.

The Fall meeting will be rotated between each of the member schools. This rotation is listed in APPENDIX E in this document. The place where each of the other three meetings shall be held will be determined at the Fall Conference meeting. The **Athletic Directors from each school will meet 3 times a year, the locations of the meetings to be determined at the regular Fall Conference meeting of the Principals. These meetings will be held on Wednesday of Week 3, Wednesday of Week 16, and Thursday of Week 35 of the IHSA Standardized calendar. A report from these meetings will be given at the next regularly scheduled Conference meeting.*

Section 2

Special meetings may be called by the President of the Conference. A special meeting must be called by the President upon written request of three schools.

Section 3

Representatives of two-thirds (2/3) of the member schools shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4

Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern in all parliamentary procedures of the Conference.

Section 5

Each member school shall have one vote, by the principal or his/her proxy, in all matters of the Conference such as the election of officers, all changes in the Constitution and By-laws, and general policy.

ARTICLE VI . . . FUNDS

Section 1

The Executive Committee shall determine all necessary disbursements of money.

Section 2

When necessary, the Conference, by at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members, may levy assessments on its members.

Section 3

Each member school shall be given thirty (30) complimentary passes which shall be honored at any activity sponsored by the Conference.

ARTICLE VII . . . COOPERATIVE TEAMS

Section 1

Any Conference school(s) planning to form a cooperative team must submit a written request for approval to the Conference president. The request shall be placed on the agenda of the next regular or special meeting for discussion and vote. A simple majority of the schools who participate in the noted activity, and who are not in the cooperative must approve the request. The President shall then prepare a letter for the I.H.S.A. indicating the result of the Conference vote.

Section 2

Existing cooperative teams must notify the Conference of their intent at the end of each two-year agreement. If necessary, because of I.H.S.A. regulations, a vote will again be held on the issue.

Section 3

If a non-Conference school forms a cooperative with a Conference school, the Conference member must be the host in order for approval to participate in Conference activities.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Section 1

Proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of this Conference may be presented at any of the regularly scheduled Conference meetings. The Constitution and By-laws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval of the membership at the next regularly scheduled meeting after the amendment was presented.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I . . . Rules Governing Contests

Section 1

All Conference activities shall be held under the rules of the Illinois High School Association (I.H.S.A.) unless otherwise specified in this document.

Section 2

The rules governing the awarding of all championships (not provided for in the Constitution or By-laws) shall be provided by the Executive Committee.

Section 3

All activities sponsored by the Conference shall be held at a time and place determined by the Conference members. Conference schedules for activities are attached to the back of this document as **APPENDIX A**.

Section 4

A scheduled game may not be postponed more than one week succeeding the scheduled date. Any postponed game is to be made up at the first date agreeable to both Conference schools. If a game affects first or second place, it must be played. In case a game is canceled, the Executive Committee shall determine whether the schools involved in the cancellation shall be eligible for the championship. In the event of a cancellation or scheduling conflict, schools involved must present written statements to the Executive Committee for their final action within one week of the submitted date.

Section 5

Decision on Cancellation or Postponement of LIC Tournament games rest with the Host School Manager. In the event of a cancellation of one day of play in the tournament, all brackets will be moved back one day with the championship games being played on Saturday. In the event of the cancellation of two days of the LIC Basketball Tournament, the consolation Bracket games are automatically cancelled and only the Winner's bracket games will be played.

ARTICLE II . . . Eligibility Of Contestants

Section 1

In all Conference activities and contests, the same rules of eligibility shall apply as are provided by the I.H.S.A.

Section 2

Any school may be temporarily or permanently barred from participation in Conference activities by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership.

ARTICLE III . . . Awards

Section 1

The Executive Committee shall provide for and distribute all awards to the winners. Awards will be given on the basis of a form of divisional play in the sports of football, volleyball, boys basketball, girls basketball, softball, and baseball. The Conference schools competing in each activity will be divided into two divisions with the majority, in the case of uneven numbers in each division, being placed in the group of schools with larger enrollment. Divisions will be determined based on the previous school year's Fall housing report. The overall champion in each of these sports will be the school with the best record in Conference play after playing all teams in the activity; the team from the opposite division with the best

Conference record in that division would also be recognized with a suitable division champion award.

Section 2

Suitable awards shall be provided and distributed to the winners of all Conference and tournament championships. In case of a tie, identical awards shall be given to each school tying for the championship. The Executive Committee shall be authorized to distribute suitable awards for Conference sponsored activities.

Section 3

In the case that a school is awarded a championship award and is later found to be ineligible for the award, it must be returned to the Conference to be presented to the appropriate winning school.

Section 4

Any championship awards presented in any Conference activity by the Conference or accepted by the Conference from some other organization shall become the permanent property of the winning school and shall be presented to the winning school by a representative of the Executive Committee.

Section 5

It shall be the responsibility of the head coaches of football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball of each member school in the Conference to choose All-conference selections in their respective sports. The dates for these selections meetings for each sport are as follows:

Football – Wednesday of Week 18 of IHSA Standardized calendar

Volleyball – Wednesday of Week 18 of IHSA Standardized calendar

Girls Basketball – Saturday of Week 32 (Feb 13, 2010) of IHSA Standardized calendar and this meeting shall begin at an hour designated by the host school between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

Boys Basketball – Saturday of Week 34 (Feb 27, 2010) of IHSA Standardized calendar and this meeting shall begin at an hour designated by the host school between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

Girls Softball – Tuesday of Week 47 of IHSA Standardized calendar

Boys Baseball – Tuesday of Week 47 of IHSA Standardized calendar

The school that won the regular season championship shall be the coordinator for this meeting. To break a tie among two or more teams who are tied only for the right to host the All Conference Selection Meeting for one of the above named sports: 1. Consider head to head competition during Conference play between the teams tied. 2. Consider the least number of points allowed between the teams tied during the Conference contests between the teams tied. 3. If the teams are still tied the host shall be decided by chance. If only two teams are tied the host shall be determined by a coin toss if more than two teams are tied, the coaches of the teams that are tied shall draw straws. The meeting shall be at a time after school so as to allow all coaches, or their representative, to attend. If a change in this procedure is necessitated, the Executive committee shall be consulted.

Section 6

All Conference Selections - The Conference shall bear the expense of appropriate awards to All-Conference selections. All-Conference selections are to be given as follows:

- A. These are statistical awards for placement in their Conference meet: Scholastic Bowl = 10; Golf = 10 (see limitations Art. V, Sec. 3); Boys Track = 30; Girls Track = 34 (Track ---- winners of each event at the Conference tourney)

B. The Coaches of these sports will vote on their All-Conference Teams according to the guidelines listed below:

First Team: Football = 33; Volleyball = 12; Boys Basketball = 10; Girls Basketball = 10; Baseball = 18; Softball = 18;

Second Team: Football = 11; Volleyball = 6; Boys Basketball = 5; Girls Basketball = 5; Baseball = 9; Softball = 9.

Honorable Mention: After the First and Second Teams have been selected, each coach may name one player as Honorable Mention and each player so named will receive a Little Illini Conference certificate indicating such. Football coaches only may name one Honorable Mention player for Offense and one Honorable Mention for Defense.

C. Method of Selection - Immediately after the end of all regular season play, and after the final Conference standings have been determined, the President of the Conference will send out a request to each Principal to give to their head coach for a list of nominees from their school to be placed on an All-Conference ballot. The list of nominees will be signed by the Principal of the nominating school before being sent back to the Conference President. The number of nominees allowed per school will be determined by the school's placement in the regular season conference standings, based on overall Conference records. Teams placing first through third may nominate up to four players, teams placing fourth through sixth may nominate up to three players, and teams placing seventh through ninth may nominate up to two players. After receiving these lists, the President will compile a master list of nominees and send them out to the Principal of each school for distribution to each school's head coaches. At the All-Conference coaches meeting each coach will tell about their nominees' qualifications. **Coaches shall use statistics from Regular Season Conference Games ONLY.** When everyone has finished one person shall be designated as the recorder. Each coach shall cast his/her ballot aloud and shall give a written copy to the record keeper. The coaches will vote for the appropriate number of players using a point system where the players with the highest number of total points will be named as members of the All-Conference team. Coaches will not vote for their own players. [Example, using our Constitution, there are 18 players named to the All-Conference volleyball team (First & Second team). When voting, coaches would give their top choice 18 points, their second choice 17 points, their third choice 16 points, etc. down to their last choice who will be given 1 point. The 12 players with the highest number of total points will be named as members of the First Team All-Conference. The next 6 players will be named as members of the All-Conference Second Team. The point totals will be added by the coaches at this meeting to determine the All Conference First Team and All Conference 2nd team. The Head Coach from each school will name one Honorable Mention player for his/her school. (Awards are listed in Article XIII - Awards, Section 1 and Section 2) The designated recorder shall be responsible for reporting the results {and providing the written ballots} to the Conference President.

Even though football names its All-Conference team by position, the above nomination and voting procedure will be followed. The number of nominations listed above would apply to each team – offense and defense. When voting, the coaches will rank all nominees (except their own) for each position, with the top vote-getter (the top 2 for 2-position awards, etc.) being named to the All-Conference

team. {Offense: Center – 1, Guard – 3, Tackle – 3, Tight End – 2, Receiver – 2, Quarterback – 1, Running Back – 4, Kicker – 1. Defense: Defensive linemen - 6, Linebacker – 5, Back – 4, Punter – 1} After the First Team All-Conference players have been selected, coaches will vote again from the list of remaining nominees to select the Second Team All-Conference Team. This voting will be done regardless of position, offense or defense, taking the top 11 point totals. Coaches may not nominate more than the number of 1st team members for any position---i.e.: for offensive guard, no school may nominate more than 3 players; for receiver no more than 2 nominations; for kicker no more than 1 nomination; etc. Should the member schools nominate fewer athletes than the number selected for a position, each school may nominate at the selection meeting one additional player to be voted upon for that position. Also, the Punter and Kicker positions will be considered as their own separate category and will not count toward the allotted number of nominees from any school.

In case of a tie or ties for the last spot on any All-Conference team, there will be a re-balloting of all coaches for that spot. If this re-balloting still results in a tie then all athletes still tied will be named to the team.

Section 7

A Little Illini Conference **Academic Award Plaque** will be presented annually to each member school. For each Conference activity in which a school participates, the Principal is encouraged to select a scholar participant. Selection criteria will be determined by each school. The purpose of this award is to honor students who excel in the Conference activity as well as in the classroom. The name of each student selected shall be entered into the L.I.C. record at the Fall meeting for the previous school year. The name of each student may, at the discretion of each school, be engraved on the Academic Award plaque and displayed in a place of honor at the school. Individual plaques may be ordered from the Conference and will be made available to Conference schools, at cost, for their individual winners.

Section 8

A “Winning Coach” Award will be presented to the coach of the team of the regular season champion in each Varsity Conference activity.

ARTICLE IV . . . Football

Section 1

Conference play will begin the 1st week of the I.H.S.A. football schedule. The varsity schedule will be set as provided for in the schedules in **APPENDIX A** attached to the back of this document.

Section 2

Conference teams will exchange game film from the previous week for the opposing coaches to study in preparation for the present week’s game. The film exchange is to take place on the Saturday prior to the Friday game. No game films are to be traded to non-conference opponents except as required by the IHSA.

Section 3

The following criteria will be used to determine the Conference football champion for I.H.S.A. Playoff purposes:

1. Team records (conference only)
In case of a tie, the following criteria, in this order, will be used to determine the champion:
2. Head to head competition between schools that are tied
3. Total points allowed in the first 3 quarters of all Conference games

4. Overall season record
5. From the teams that are tied, the team that has not been Conference champion for the longest time would be selected.

ARTICLE V . . . Golf

Section 1

The Conference championship in golf will be determined by a one-day tournament. The Conference Championship will include a Boys Team Championship, Boys Individual Championship and a Girls Individual Championship. The Principal of the school where the meet is held shall manage the meet. The tournament will be held on Monday of I.H.S.A. week #13 providing a suitable course is available. The meet will be conducted in accordance with I.H.S.A. guidelines. The rain date will be Tuesday of I.H.S.A week #13. The LIC tournament shall not be scheduled the day before or on the day of the IHSA Regional Boys or Girls Golf Tournament.

Section 2

By noon of the day preceding the Conference tournament, the list of contestants of each school shall be in the hands of the manager of the Meet to determine foursomes and tee times.

Section 3

The team with the lowest point total for the round will be declared the Conference champion and will receive an appropriate award. The ten (10) Boys Golfers with the lowest scores will be named as the All-Conference boys Team and the five (5) Girls Golfers with the lowest scores will be named as the All-Conference Girls Team and each player so recognized will receive a suitable award except that no more than twenty five percent (25%) of the participants in the tournament shall be designated All Conference.

Section 4

Circle Double Par In any match when a player reaches double par (twice the number of strokes for par on the current hole) the player will pick up the ball, record double par on the score card and circle that score. (example: if par is 3 then the most the player can get on the hole is 6, if par is 4 then the most he/she can get is 8). At the end of the match if two or more teams are tied and have used the circle double par, the school with the least circle double par wins when those scores are used. Likewise if two or more individuals are tied for Medalist (low score) the player with the fewest Circle Double Par scores wins. If two or more players are tied for Medalist and none used the Circle Double Par, (or if each player who is tied used Circle Double Par equally) then a tie breaker will be used as described in Section 6.

Section 5

Team Scoring and Tie Breakers (adapted from IHSA Terms and Conditions): To compete for team honors there must be at least six (6) teams entered and a school must enter at least four players on a team and teams may consist of up to six players. The four lowest scores will be totaled for the team score and the lowest team score wins. Tie Breakers: 1.) In the case where two or more teams whose four best scores are tied for Championship the team with the fewest circle double pars shall be the winner. 2.) If two or more teams are still tied the 5th best scoring competitor's score shall be used to break the tie. 3.) If a tie exists after the 5th best competitor's scores are used, then the 6th competitor's score shall be used to break the tie. 4.) A team which has not entered a 5th competitor shall lose to a team which has entered a 5th competitor. 5.) A team which has not entered a 6th

competitor shall lose to a team which has entered a 6th competitor. 6.) If a tie still exists between two or more teams after using tie breakers 1 – 5 the tied teams shall be declared co-champions and shall receive identical awards. Ties for any other team placement will not be broken.

Section 6

Tie for Medalist In the event that two or more players are tied for the medalist position at the end of the match, there shall be a sudden death playoff to break the tie. 1.) All players tied for 1st place will compete in a sudden death playoff starting on a hole designated by the rules committee. Those tied for first shall continue play until all but one player has been eliminated and that player shall be declared the medalist. 2.) All players in the sudden death playoff who do not win will be awarded second place. 3.) In a playoff involving 3 players the awards will be designated 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 4th, and continue through the appropriate number of individual award winners not to exceed the 25% limitation on the number of players who may be named to the All Conference Team. Ties shall not be broken for any other individual places.

ARTICLE VI . . . Boys Basketball

Section 1

A Conference tournament champion shall be determined by means of a tournament to be played beginning on the Friday of I.H.S.A. week #29 through week #30. The Tournament site will be rotated between Casey-Westfield High School, Red Hill High School and Flora High School on an alternating basis (See Appendix E, Section 3). Teams seeded 8 and 9 will play on the Friday of week #29 at the site of the higher seeded team in the pairings. A nine-team bracket is attached to this document as **APPENDIX C**. Game 1 of the Tournament will be played on Friday, Games 2 – 5 will be played on Saturday, and Game 6 will be played on Monday of Week 30 at the site of the higher seeded team. The Host schools for these play-in rounds (game 1 and 6) shall pay all expenses from the gate receipts and send any extra to the LIC Treasurer. There will be no reimbursement to the host for expenses in excess of receipts. Officials for these games shall be hired and paid by the LIC.

1. The exact time of the sessions at the main tournament will be arranged by the tournament manager
2. The winner of such tournament shall be declared the Conference Tournament Champion and shall be given a suitable award; second, third, and a consolation bracket winner shall also receive suitable awards.
3. Seeding of the teams for the tournament shall be completed on line by email messages between the coaches of the member schools and the Principal or his/her designee of the tournament host school in the following manner: 1) Not later than Noon on Monday of Week 28 each Coach shall submit team summaries including information about won-lost records, teams played, team strengths and weaknesses and the like, to the Principal/designee of the tournament host school; 2) The host school Principal/designee shall compile the data submitted and return the compiled data to each LIC member Team Coach on or before Noon on Tuesday of Week 28; 3) The individual school coaches shall review the data and submit their final Team Seeds for the tournament to the Host on or before 12:00 PM (Noon) on Wednesday of Week 28; 4) The Host

school shall send the final seeding information to all LIC Principals, AD's and Coaches before 4:00 PM on Wednesday of Week 28.

4. The host school at each LIC game shall supply the basketballs used during the warm up period for both teams.
5. Throughout the LIC Tournament a running clock will be used according to the rules and regulations set forth by the IHSA for using this device.

A running clock shall be used in the fourth quarter of games that have at least a 30-point differential score. Once a game reaches this differential and the clock starts running, it will continue running and stop only for one of the following:

 - A team timeout
 - An injury timeout or the removal of a disqualified player
 - The administration of a penalty for a technical foul
 - An officials' timeout
 - Correctable error situation

ARTICLE VII . . . Girls Basketball

Section 1

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- The administration of a penalty for a technical foul
- An officials' timeout
- Correctable error situation

ARTICLE VIII . . . Scholastic Bowl

Section 1

A Conference Champion shall be determined by means of a round-robin format, regular season schedule beginning on Monday of IHSA Standardized Calendar Week #17 and continuing each Monday through Monday of Week #21. The team with the best won-lost record in matches between Conference schools during the round robin schedule will be declared Conference Champion and receive an appropriate award. For LIC matches each team shall consist of up to 5 players (this is an exception to IHSA Rules).

Section 2

The ten (10) individuals with the highest number of correct Toss-Up answers for the season (based on the official Conference score sheets for Conference matches), will be named to an All Conference team and will receive suitable awards.

Section 3

An LIC Scholastic Bowl Tournament Champion will be determined in the following manner. The teams will be seeded into two groups of three teams each and one group of four teams. The seeding will be determined based on the varsity standing (record of LIC wins and losses) at the end of the regular season. If there is a tie during this process to determine the seeding order, the coaches will use the Tie Breaker: 1 Consider head to head competition during Conference play between the teams tied. 2. Consider the least number of points allowed between the teams tied during the Conference contests between the teams tied. 3. If the teams are still tied the seeding shall be decided by chance. If only two teams are tied the seeding shall be determined by a coin toss conducted by any Scholastic Bowl Coach or Principal of any LIC Member School not involved in the tie, or if more than two teams are tied in the ranking to determine tournament placement, the teams tied shall draw straws. The straws shall be prepared by any Scholastic Bowl Coach or Principal of any LIC Member School not involved in the tie. The top three seeded teams will each serve as host for a preliminary round. Seed #1 and Seed #2 will each host one group of three teams each and Seed #3 will host one group of four teams. Teams seeded #4 - #10 will be assigned to a tournament site as follows: Seed #1 will host Seed #7, and Seed #10. Seed #2 will host Seed #6 and Seed #9. Seed #3 will host Seed #4, Seed #5, and Seed #8.

On Monday of IHSA Standardized Calendar Week #22 each of the Preliminary Round Host School Teams will conduct a round-robin style competition. The Head Coach, or his/her designee, of the Preliminary Round Site will determine the order of matches for the round. The winning team from each site, based on won-lost record, will advance to the Little Illini Conference Tournament Final Round. If there are any ties to determine the results of the preliminary or final rounds the tiebreaker set forth is Section 4 (following) shall be used to break the tie and determine the winner. The highest seeded team among the three winners from the three preliminary sites will host the LIC Tournament Final Round.

The LIC Tournament Finals will be held on Monday of IHSA Standardized Calendar Week #23. The Tournament Champion will be determined by a round-robin format competition among the three Preliminary Site winners. The order of play will be determined by drawing the team names. The name of each team will be placed in a container and the Principal of the Host School, or his/her designee, shall draw out two names. These two teams shall play the first match. The third team (Team C) shall play the loser (Team B) of the first match, and the final match shall be between the winner of the first match (Team A) and Team C. The Head Coach, or his/her designee, of the team not competing shall be the Moderator of the match between the two other finalists. The Team with the best won-lost record for the Final Round of the Tournament shall be declared LIC Tournament Champion. (In case of a tie see Section 4 following.)

Section 4

In the event of a tie in the standings at either the preliminary sites or at the finals of the LIC Tournament, the winner will be determined by using the following tiebreakers in ascending order:

1. Head to head competition during the Conference Tournament between the teams who are tied
2. Highest number of points scored in Conference Tournament games between the teams who remain tied.
3. Highest number of points scored in all Conference Tournament games.
4. Fewest number of points allowed in all Conference Tournament games between the teams tied
5. Fewest number of points allowed in all Conference Tournament games
6. If the two teams remain tied after steps 1 – 5, the Captains of the two teams will meet with the Coach of a team not involved in the tie. The Coach will toss a coin into the air and allow it to land untouched on the floor. The Captain of the Team with the higher Seed for the Tournament will call “heads” or “tails” while the coin is airborne. When the coin comes to rest if the side visible to the contestants matches the “call” made by the Captain then that team shall be declared the winner, if the side visible to the contestants does not match the “call” made by the Captain then the opposing team shall be declared the winner.

Section 5

During both the regular season and the Tournament the question sets for each match will consist of 25 toss-ups and 15 bonus questions. Each match will end

only after all toss-up questions have been read even if the bonus questions were exhausted earlier (This is an exception to IHSA Rules).

ARTICLE IX . . . Boys & Girls Track

Section 1

The principal of the school where the meet is held shall manage the meet and shall be responsible for the field and the necessary equipment. The Conference meet shall be held on Thursday of IHSA week #44. The scratch meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the meet scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. The meet will be conducted in accordance with IHSA guidelines. The rain date will be Tuesday of IHSA week #45.

Section 2

By noon of the day preceding the Conference Meet, the list of contestants of each school and the events for which they are entered shall be in the hands of the manager of the Meet to determine heats. Entries are limited to two (2) entries per event.

Section 3

Medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers of each Conference Meet event with ribbons given to the remaining places (4 thru 6). The first place team in the Conference Meet will receive a suitable award. The individual with the highest point total will also be given a suitable award and declared Most Valuable in the Conference Meet.

Section 4

The order of events of the Conference Meet will be the same as that followed in the IHSA State finals.

ARTICLE X . . . Spring Baseball

Section 1

Any rain-out must be rescheduled within a 24 hour period by mutual agreement of the two affected schools. The host school is to decide whether or not the game can be played in cases of inclement weather. If the host determines their site is unplayable, the game shall be played that day at the visiting team's home site, if playable and if necessary arrangements can be made by both schools involved for administration of the game. The original host will remain as the home team if a change of site occurs. If the game affects 1st place, it must be rescheduled and played. If an agreement cannot be reached on a date to play, the principals of the schools involved shall refer the matter to the Conference President immediately for resolution.

Section 2

Any game that is in progress and before a winner is determined (as described in National Federation rules for Baseball and Softball) and that incomplete game must be postponed by rain or wet grounds, or if a game is called by the umpires because of rain, darkness, or other reasons that are in accordance with National Federation Rules, it is ruled a suspended game and shall be continued from the point of suspension at a later time. Line-ups and game details (e.g. runners on base, score, etc.) shall be the same as at the time of suspension except that players who are injured or are ineligible or are unable to participate in the resumed game may be replaced, but the replacement player shall have been eligible to enter the game at the point of suspension on the original date. (Example: a player who was replaced before the game was suspended and who would have been ineligible to re-

enter the game on the original day shall remain ineligible to re-enter after play is resumed.)

ARTICLE XI . . . Spring Softball

Section 1

Any rain-out must be rescheduled within a 24 hour period by mutual agreement of the two affected schools. The host school is to decide whether or not the game can be played in cases of inclement weather. If the host determines their site is unplayable, the game shall be played that day at the visiting team’s home site, if playable and if necessary arrangements can be made by both schools involved for administration of the game. The original host will remain as the home team if a change of site occurs. If the game affects 1st place, it must be rescheduled and played. If an agreement cannot be reached on a date to play, the principals of the schools involved shall refer the matter to the Conference President immediately for resolution.

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ARTICLE XII . . . Volleyball

Section 1

The varsity schedule will be set as provided in Appendix A

Section 2

The host school at each LIC match shall supply the volleyballs used during the warm up period for both teams.

Section 3

Warm-up time period for all LIC Conference Matches shall be 4 – 4 – 4 – 2.

ARTICLE XIII . . . Awards Lists

Section 1

Conference awards will be ordered by the Treasurer and presented as follows:

Football:

- 1 - 1st place regular season Conference Championship team award
- 1 - Regular season “winning coach” plaque
- 33 - Regular season All-Conference individual plaques
- 1 – Division winner team award

Girls Volleyball:

- 1 - 1st place regular season Conference Championship team award
- 1 - Regular season “winning coach” plaque
- 12 - Regular season All-Conference individual plaques
- 1 - Division winner team award

Golf:

- 1 - 1st place Conference Golf Meet team award
- 1 - Conference Golf Meet “winning coach” plaque
- 10 - All-Conference individual plaques for Boys (not to exceed 25% of participants)
- 5 - All-Conference individual plaques for Girls (not to exceed 25% of participants)

Boys Basketball:

- 1 - 1st place regular season Conference Championship team award
- 1 - Regular season “winning coach” plaque
- 10 - Regular season All-Conference individual plaques
- 1 each - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd & Consolation Conference Tournament team awards
- 1 - Division winner team award

Girls Basketball:

- 1 - 1st place regular season Conference Championship team award
- 1 - Regular season “winning coach” plaque
- 10 - Regular season All-Conference individual plaques
- 1 each - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd & Consolation Conference Tournament team awards
- 1 - Division winner team award

Scholastic Bowl:

- 1 - 1st place Varsity regular season Conference Championship team award
- 1 - Varsity regular season “winning coach” plaque
- 10 - Regular season Varsity All-Conference individual plaques
- 1 - 1st place Varsity Conference Tournament team award

Boys Track:

- 1 - 1st place Conference Track Meet team award
- 1 - Conference Track Meet “winning coach” plaque
- 30 - each 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Conference Track Meet individual event medals
- 30 - each - 4th, 5th, & 6th Conference Track Meet individual event ribbons
- 1 - Conference Track Meet “MVP” plaque

Girls Track:

- 1 - 1st place Conference Track Meet team award
- 1 - Conference Track Meet “winning coach” plaque
- 34 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Conference Track Meet individual event medals
- 34 each - 4th, 5th & 6th Conference Track Meet individual event ribbons
- 1 - Conference Track Meet “MVP” plaque

Spring Baseball:

- 1 - 1st place regular season Conference Championship team award
- 1 - Regular season “winning coach” plaque
- 18 - Regular season All-Conference individual plaques
- 1 - Division winner team award

Spring Softball:

- 1 - 1st place regular season Conference Championship team award
- 1 - Regular season “winning coach” plaque
- 18 - Regular season All-Conference individual plaques
- 1 – Division winner team award

Band:

- 75 - All-Conference band member awards

All Academic:

- 10 - All-Academic Award plaques (1 for each Conference school)

Section 2

In each sport where All Conference Second Team Players and Honorable Mention Players are named the Conference shall provide an appropriate certificate for each player so designated.

ARTICLE XIV . . . Scholarship

Section 1

The Little Illini Conference Scholarship is a one-time award. Four scholarships will be awarded. They are to be used to further the winners’ education at any accredited college or university. {The application information is attached to this document as **APPENDIX B**}

The Scholarship criteria are as follows:

- a. 4 - \$250 Scholarships will be awarded to 2 boys and 2 girls from Conference member schools
- b. The stipend will be paid by the Conference directly to the student upon completion of his/her first semester at college or university.
- c. In the event that the winning student chooses not to go on to school, the Scholarship will be awarded to another boy or girl finalist.
- d. The Scholarship may be used to pay for tuition, books or supplies or additional appropriate expenses.
- e. Each school will be allowed to submit the names of one boy and one girl each year for consideration.
- f. The student will have completed at least two varsity Conference seasons during the course of their junior and senior year. (This may be one activity each of the two years or two activities in one year.)
- g. The applicants shall be a Senior with at least a 4.25 grade point average on a 5.00 system, or its equivalent.
- h. The recipient shall respond to the essay topic in 300 words or less.

Failure to fulfill any of the above mentioned criteria will result in loss of consideration of that student’s application for the Scholarship.

The applications will be number coded by the Regional Superintendent of Schools, withholding both name and school affiliation. The applications will then be considered by the President of the Conference, or his/her appointee, and two other persons not affiliated with any member school.

Announcement of the winners will be made at the half-time of the L.I.C. boys Basketball Championship game. The actual financial payment, however, will not

be made until the winner presents a grade card or other documentation to prove he/she has successfully completed his/her first semester and presents class schedule or other documentation to prove he/she has enrolled for the second semester at the school of his/her choice.

ARTICLE XV Tournament Official's Pay

Section 1

The Little Illini Conference shall set the payment for officials at Conference Tournaments. Amounts are as follows:

- Boys Basketball --- \$55 per official per game (three officials per game)
- Girls Basketball --- \$55 per official per game (three officials per game)
- Track --- \$55 for meet (host school will provide shells for starting gun)

APPENDIX A

Athletic schedules. Principals should receive from their Athletic Director a copy of the Conference schedule for each sport. The AD's will collectively complete and arrange the schedules.

New Appendix A pages should be provided periodically by your AD.

APPENDIX B

LITTLE ILLINI CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This form must be completed in its entirety for the applicant to be considered for the Scholarship (this form may be copied or printed or computer generated following this format). Each application will bear the signature of the high school principal attesting to the good conduct and character of the applicant and verifying accuracy of information and originality of essay material.

NAME: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE: _____

APPENDIX B

***LITTLE ILLINI CONFERENCE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
STUDENT INFORMATION***

Year of Graduation _____ G.P.A. _____ Class Rank _____

Class Size _____ Choice of College/University _____

Choice of Major _____

Honors & Award Received _____

Participation in Sports & School Activities _____

Community Activities _____

Other _____

APPENDIX B

ESSAY

Respond to the following topic in 300 words or less:

In paragraph form, explain how participating in extra-curricular activities has been meaningful to you during your high school career.

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Please type **ALL** information and return to your High School Principal
no later than:

(Local deadline set by local building Principal)

**** NOTE: Your Principal is required to have this information in to the judging committee no later than the end of the day on the first Friday in December.***

APPENDIX C & APPENDIX D

{The brackets for the Boys and Girls BB tournaments should be inserted here.}
Both brackets should be the same 9-team format with preliminary games between seeds 8 and 9 being played on the Friday night before the Saturday portion of the tournament. These preliminary games will be played at the site of the highest seed.

APPENDIX E

ROTATION OF EVENTS

Section 1

Fall Meeting site: 2006---Edwards County; 2007---Red Hill; 2008---Lawrenceville; 2009---Flora; 2010--Palestine; 2011---Casey-Westfield; 2012---Oblong; 2013---Cumberland; 2014---Hutsonville; 2015---Marshall; 2016—Edwards County.

Section 2

Conference Track Meet Host Rotation – 2010 at Cumberland; 2011 at Flora; 2012 at Marshall; 2013 at Red Hill; 2014 at Casey-Westfield.

Section 3

Conference Basketball Tournaments: 2005-'06---Red Hill; 2006-'07---Casey-Westfield; 2007-'08---Red Hill; 2008-'09---Casey-Westfield; 2009-10---Flora; 2010-11---Casey-Westfield; 2011-12---Red Hill; 2012-13---Casey-Westfield; 2013-14---Flora (C-W, Flora, C-W, Red Hill, C-W, Flora, C-W, Red Hill, etc.).