

Holy Ghost – Immaculate Conception School

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Dear Parents,

As part of our mission and philosophy at Holy Ghost-Immaculate Conception School we believe athletics to be an integral part of the total education of our children. A special thank you for our successful athletic program goes to our coaches and parents who volunteer their time through our Booster Club. Through their leadership, our student athletes learn to build not only skills, but also the importance of team cooperation, winning and losing, and character development.

It is important that each student athlete keep in mind his or her responsibility for academics and appropriate behavior. Students who participate in any extra-curricular activity must meet specific standards to be eligible for practice and games. Holy Ghost-Immaculate Conception has standards for student participation. In order for parental support to be in place, these standards and guidelines for both coaches and players are included in this handbook. They include qualifications and duties for coaches, player eligibility, general guidelines, disciplinary measures and game play.

The Booster Club serves as the parent group in support and action of the athletic program. You are automatically part of this group if your child is in any of the athletic programs. You are then asked to be able to work at home games and tournaments. We are grateful for the leadership of the Booster Club officers and ask that you be willing to support them as they request.

Parental support is an essential element of our athletic program at Holy Ghost-Immaculate Conception School. Please review this handbook with your child. The signing of the Parent-Student Handbook Verification Form includes the reading of this Athletic Handbook.

Coaches are to sign the HG-IC Coaching Code of Conduct and return to the Kieler campus office.

We wish the best of learning and enjoyment to our student athletes and our coaches during this year's athletic season.

Holy Ghost-Immaculate Conception Athletic Handbook

Purpose of the Athletic Program

In fulfilling our Holy Ghost-Immaculate Conception School mission, the athletic program provides an opportunity for students and their parents to participate in a cooperative learning program that focuses on not only the physical, but on the lessons learned from competition in a Catholic school atmosphere. Participation in sports provides exercise, entertainment and an opportunity to learn cooperation with others. Whether we are a spectator, player or coach, we are called to be Catholic in all situations. We put God's Word into practice by showing respect for every person through good sportsmanship, by being a caring and concerned person and by realizing that we can enjoy sports even when we do not win.

We are called to live out the Gospel message of love and respect for one another. Players, coaches, fans and parents are to keep their focus on the real purpose of our athletic program. An athletic program can and should be part of our mission for the work that we do at Holy Ghost-Immaculate Conception School. Cooperation among all will make these activities purposeful to this mission.

The following goals are reasonable and attainable by a student's involvement in any extra-curricular activity. Success is defined as meeting these goals, regardless of final game scores.

1. The student can learn from his/her involvement in the activity.
2. Each student can enjoy his/her experience.
3. Each student can participate in the activity.
4. Each student can understand and appreciate the importance of working together as a group of people having shared goals.
5. Each student can develop a healthy attitude about sportsmanship.
6. Each student can share in the reality of winning and losing.

All six of these goals can be reasonably accomplished each time our athletes take the field or the court, favorably representing themselves as young adolescents, and representing Holy Ghost-Immaculate Conception School and Parishes as well as the communities of Dickeyville and Kieler.

For our coaches... we ask that you measure what you have accomplished never by the final score but by what you have taught, by the respect you have imparted and received, by the fun you have been very instrumental in creating, by the smiles from the athletes who see you as role models, and by the "thank yous" you receive, spoken and unspoken.

Athletic Policy

All communication from parents regarding their child's participation in the school athletic program should be directed to the coach involved with the matter being discussed. If an issue cannot be resolved between the parent and the coach, one of the parties may contact a Booster Club officer to set up a closed meeting between the two parties involved. The school principal should be contacted to be the mediator at the meeting in an effort to bring about reconciliation. If reconciliation is not found, the principal will share this situation with the pastor and the Holy Ghost-Immaculate Conception Education Commission for a ruling.

Home Games and Concessions Information

There are two shifts for each day in which home basketball games are scheduled. The first shift arrives early to get things set up for the day. The second shift stays when the games are over to clean up after the crowd clears. For volleyball there is only one shift and when the games are over you stay to clean up after the crowd leaves. Please try to arrive on time for your designated work shift. If we work together, we can see part of the games as well as help out with the duties. Anyone who has a conflict with working your designated time has the responsibility of finding a substitute.

One person for each shift will collect admissions. Admissions are \$2.00 for adults and high school students and \$1.00 for grade school students. Preschoolers are free.

Concessions are sold during the home games. The purpose of concessions is to raise money to pay for necessities such as uniforms, referees, etc. Everything that is necessary for selling items at the concession stands will be available. A list of prices for all items to be sold will be available.

People assigned to the concession area should also patrol the corridors. Children should not be allowed to run, swing on the coat racks, or play roughly. It would be appreciated if all parents attending the games would assume the responsibility of keeping order in the building. We need to keep a watchful eye on the stage, game floor, and corridors. Too many times during the games children are at risk of injury in these areas. Everyone must watch for potential problems.

If a game should be postponed at any time, the group scheduled to work will be expected to work on the make-up date. In case of schedule conflict, please find someone to substitute for you.

Guidelines for the Athletic Program

1. The mission and philosophy of Holy Ghost-Immaculate Conception School will be enhanced through the athletic program.
2. A positive environment will be created to help students enjoy participation in sports.
3. An annual fee of \$5.00 will be charged per athlete per sport per year participating in this sports program. There is a \$20.00 maximum per family per year.
4. The A Teams will be made up of 7th and 8th graders and the B teams will be made up of 5th and 6th graders. This may be adjusted if additional players are needed to make up the A or B teams.

Coaching Qualifications and Duties

1. Coaches must be strong Christian individuals that will give an example of an active faith life to participants of the athletic program.
2. In accordance with the policy of the Madison Diocesan Board of Education, adults who supervise one or more HG-IC school children as a school volunteer must complete and return to the school office a Volunteer Disclosure form and must go through a Virtus Program training and have a background check before they may begin any practices.
3. All coaches that were approved for the last school year Head and Assistant will be given an opportunity to coach. They will number their preferences of teams 1, 2, and 3. If two or more want the same positions, they will be asked to work together as a team rather than choosing one over the other. If not willing to work together it will be reviewed by the Booster Club and recommendations sent to the Education Commission. Anyone else interested in coaching needs to contact a Booster Club officer. The Booster Club recommends its volleyball coaches to the

Education Commission at the May/June meeting and the Basketball coaches at the September meeting.

4. No foul language will be tolerated. Actions or gestures that might be thought of as degrading to the athlete or to the school are not permitted. All athletes will be treated with the utmost respect and courtesy. The athletes are expected to treat coaches and opposing teams with this same respect and courtesy. An example of good sportsmanship must be shown at all times by athletes and coaches.
5. Our school has a policy of no drugs, tobacco or alcohol. Coaches should exemplify this while working with our athletes.
6. Coaches need to establish a practice schedule for the athletic year following the League guidelines. All practice times must be cleared and reserved through the school office. Any schedule changes need to be cleared through the school office.
7. All equipment used at practice or at games must be returned to the appropriate location after the practice.
8. Coaches must be sure all athletes have left the school before he or she leaves the building. All lights must be turned off and all doors locked. Under no circumstances should the athletes be left alone at any time in the building or on the school grounds.
9. Scheduled games or practices that are postponed, rescheduled or canceled must be reported to the school as soon as possible.
10. No more than four activities for a team may be scheduled per week. This includes practices, scrimmages, and games. A tournament is defined as one activity.
11. Coaches need to arrive for practice and events prior to team members. Students may never be left without adult supervision.
12. The Diocesan Interscholastic Athletic Policy and Mississippi River Parochial League rules must be adhered to at all times.
13. Coaches must support the student academic and behavior eligibility rules of the school at all times and report any known infractions to the principal.
14. If a coach is ejected from a game, that coach will also be suspended from the next scheduled League game.

Player Eligibility

1. Team members must have the necessary forms on file in the Kieler campus office before beginning to practice. The following is a short explanation of the forms required to be on file in the school office before a child may participate. Please call the Kieler campus office with any questions.

- **Physical Exam/Parent Permission Cards**

These must be on file in the school office before a child may participate in Volleyball or Basketball. The cards are sent home in May and are available year-round in the school office. The white Physical Exam verification card is valid for two years, unless the doctor checks the “one year only” box. Wisconsin allows one exam every two years (after May 1st), but the form must indicate this.

The reverse side of the Physical Exam verification card is a “Parent Permission” form. This is required every year. On alternate years, when the child does not need a physical, a yellow “Parent Permission” card must be completed and on file.

- **Athletic Handbook acknowledgement statement**
A sheet attached to the Parent/Student handbook needs to be signed by both the parent and the athletes to verify they have read and understand the rules within its pages.
- **Virtus/Statement of Receipt and Agreement/Background Check**
Virtus training, the reading of A Safe Environment for All and a Background Check are Diocesan requirements of any adult who will be alone with one or more school children (other than their own).
- **Volunteer Driver Information Form**
Any adult who will be transporting children other than their own at any time this school year, must complete this form and have it on file in the school office. Drivers must be 21 or older, have a valid driver's license and a safe driving record and certify they have adequate insurance coverage by completing all of the information requested on the insurance form. At present, the parish insurance requires that insurance coverage be a minimum of 100,000/300,000 per accident.
- **Parent Permission for a Child to be Transported**
Legally, the school needs a signed "Parent Permission to Transport" form on file for students to be transported in private vehicles to and from practices and/or games. If you are willing to allow your child to ride in privately owned vehicles for these sports activities, please sign and date the "Parent Permission to Transport" form, and return it to the school office.

2. All team members meeting the player eligibility requirements and wishing to participate in the athletic program will be allowed to participate.
3. All team members that participate and show an honest effort in scheduled practices should play in each game. A goal to be worked toward is that every player will play a minimum of one-fourth of the total game. Winning the game should not influence the coach's decisions in determining actual playing time. Winning should not become the primary goal and focus of athletics.
4. Practice is canceled if school is canceled, or if there is early dismissal due to the weather.
5. If a team member is absent from school for the day or the last half of the day due to illness, he/she may not participate in a game, scrimmage or practice held later in the day.
6. A team member missing a scheduled practice without being excused by the coach will not be allowed to start the next game.
7. The teacher or principal will notify a coach if an athlete is suspended from sports for the following reasons:
 - a. Academic: A team member must maintain a 77% average in all subject areas or convey that he or she is achieving or striving toward his or her maximum potential.
 - b. Behavior: A team member's actions liable for suspension include, but are not limited to the following:
 - i. Gross defiance
 - ii. Disrespect toward staff, students, volunteers or property
 - iii. Preventing a teacher from teaching
 - iv. Continuous upsetting of order in the classroom or the school in general

8. Team members who are suspended become ineligible for participation in extra-curricular activities (including practices) for one week or until the teacher sees improvement. The suspended member may sit on the bench (not in uniform) at games for the duration of their suspension.
9. **Non-School Team Members:** The Education Commission has decided that only students who attend Holy Ghost-Immaculate Conception School can participate in the athletic program.

COACHING GUIDELINES

Purchases

- Minor purchases may be made such as scorebooks, etc. (use your good judgment). The Booster Club treasurer will reimburse the coach for the cost.
- Any larger purchases must be discussed at a Booster Club meeting or the officers can be notified and they will discuss among themselves whether this larger purchase may be made.
- No fund raising programs or selling of any kind (except for the concession stand items) may be done without prior approval from the Education Commission.

Scheduling

- The Diocese of Madison has set a limit of four activities in a one-week period. This includes all games, practices, and scrimmages.
- School teams can participate in sixteen games per season and may be involved in no more than three tournaments per season. Our school basketball season begins with the first League game in November and ends with the League tournament in February.
- The Booster Club will meet with all coaches to schedule practices in the HG-IC gyms.
- In case of inclement weather on game day, the traveling team will make the decision to play or postpone the games. The Booster Club president at HG-IC will decide with input from the coaches involved.

Tournaments

- Participation of any of our athletic teams in any tournaments needs prior approval from the Booster Club. We consider participation in the tournaments to be a privilege that needs to be earned. We reserve the right to approve or deny participation in these tournaments based on how well our athletes, our coaches, and our fans have represented HG-IC School and Parishes during the course of the season.
- B-Team coaches organize the B-Team tournaments and participate in each HG-IC tournament.

Uniforms

- Student uniforms need to be turned in to the coach or school office immediately after the end of the February League tournament or whichever is the third and/or final tournament for the team.
- Any change in the uniform provided by the Booster Club must be discussed at a scheduled Booster Club meeting. There are usually at least two meetings a year, one in the fall and the other in the spring.

Keys

- One coach per team will sign out a key to the Booster Club Room at the Kieler campus, from the school office. The Booster Club President will sign out a key (FOB) for the Kieler campus school door.

- All keys and FOB for the building and the Booster Club Room are to be returned to the office at the end of the season. No keys may be copied or given out to anyone. Keys will be kept in the office until the new season begins.

First Aid Kit

The First Aid Kit is to be made readily available at all home games. This kit can be found in the Booster Club room at Kieler.

Post-Season Play

Any coach who chooses to participate in post League season play must be aware that he/she is accepting total responsibility for such an endeavor. This is no longer a school team. School uniforms and the school name cannot be used. Any student not wishing to participate cannot be penalized in any way.

Transportation

A coach may not drive any athletes to and from games, scrimmages or practices unless the coach is at least 21 years of age, has a good driving record, has attended a Virtus training, has a background check and has indicated adequate insurance on the Volunteer Driver Information form which must be filed on a yearly basis in the school office.

Booster Club Officer Responsibilities

1. Communicating with the Education Commission.
2. Recommending coaches to the principal and the Education Commission.
3. Organizing fall and spring Booster Club meetings and/or as needed during the school year, a meeting for coaches to organize the practice schedule, and an athletic recognition at the end of the basketball season.
4. Completing the Athletic Handbook at the beginning of the school year.
5. Supplying the concession stand with the necessary items.
6. Paying for the sports equipment and supplies.
7. Set up and clean up for home games, along with parents and coaches, including washing the Kieler campus kitchen floor and taking the garbage out to the dumpster.
8. Organizing the work schedules.
9. Calling in game scores after games or giving these to the principal to email or fax on Monday mornings.
10. Representation at league meetings.
11. Calling for or scheduling referees.
12. Supplying the First Aid kit and putting it away after games.

GRIEVANCE POLICY/PROCEDURE

PURPOSE: The Mississippi River Valley Parochial Basketball and Volleyball League have established a process to guide league members to provide a consistent and fair process to deal with violations of rules and regulations.

POLICY: It is the policy of the Mississippi River Valley Parochial Basketball and Volleyball League to define expected standards of behavior in order to hold all league members accountable for such behavior. However, should variances in behavior or violation of rules occur, members will be disciplined consistently and with opportunity for due process.

PROCEDURE:

1. If a member school observes a violation, a written grievance must be filed within 48 hours through their school Principal to the Chairperson of the Grievance Committee.
2. The Chairperson of the Grievance Committee will be the Principal or appointee of the school hosting the League Tournament for that year. Other Grievance Committee members are the League Chairpersons from the previous 2 years and the League Chairpersons designated for the upcoming 2 years.
 - a) If one of the Grievance Committee schools is involved in the allegation of violation, then another school Principal is contacted to be on the Committee; i.e., if 1 of the 2 previous schools are involved, the 3rd previous school is contacted, or if 1 of the 2 future schools are involved, then the 3rd future school is contacted, and so forth.
 - b) If the League host school is involved in the alleged violation, the Chair of the Grievance Committee and duties thereof, pass to the League Chairperson of the previous year. Other committee members adjust as in (a) above.
3. The Chairperson will contact the parties involved with the alleged violation to gather information about the allegation. The parties involved may be asked to come before the Grievance Committee to answer questions.
4. The Chairperson will have the responsibility of contacting the Principals who comprise the Grievance Committee and ruling on the violation within five (5) days (including weekends).

Chairperson has the responsibility of preparing a written summary of the action taken by the Grievance Committee, and notifying all League member schools of the Grievance Committee decision(s) within 48 hours of the decision.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER VALLEY PAROCHIAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
General Rules and Procedures
Revised 10/18/2016

Worshipping God fulfills something deep within the human heart. The most perfect worship is given at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Mass is more than just an obligation. It is a privilege.

There is an expectation in the Mississippi River Valley Parochial League that coaches, student athletes and their families will regularly attend weekend Mass.

1. League teams will be composed of girls only. (Revised 10/15/13).
2. Each school may make the decision about allowing Religious Education students to be member of the team. **A complete roster will be submitted to the tournament host prior to the first game of the regular season. (Added 10/18/2016)**
3. League matches will be played on Monday and Wednesday after school unless scheduled by the league for other times. Any deviation from the conference schedule must be agreed on by teams and schools involved. Volleyball practice for team competition begins two weeks prior to the first scheduled league game. Maximum of two practices per week after the first game is played. (Revised 10/13/15)
4. The home team is responsible for furnishing one certified referee, a responsible adult at the scorer's table and 2 adult line judges. A written and visual score should be kept. Home school is responsible for calling in results to the host school. (Adult at scorer's table revised 10/16/12)
5. Team matches will consist of 3 games beginning at 4:15 p.m. (revised 10/15/13). No one above sixth grade may play on the "B" team. If at any time during a "B" game, a team scores 4 consecutive service points, the serve must rotate, and this team service continues (revised 10/15/13). If at any time during an "A" game, a team scores 7 consecutive service points (revised 10/15/13), the serve must rotate, and this team service continues. The serving area may be moved up 4 feet for "B" team competition. (Start time revised 10/05, 7 point maximum serve added 3/26/07, use of 4th graders rev. 10/10, revisions made 10/15/13)
6. Any "A" team with 8 or fewer players on the team may request to move up a "B" team player at the spring meeting. (Revised 3/19/13) Any "B" Team with 10 or more players may not move up players below 5th grade. (rev. 10/10) **"A" and "B" team matches will consist of 3 games to 21** (revised 3/19/13). "A" teams and "B" teams must win by 2 points with a cap of 25 points (added 10/15/13).
7. A player may wear no jewelry during game participation.
8. Admission for league games will be set at \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. Admission for the league tournament will be \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. (10/13/15)
9. A general Christian atmosphere shall be maintained at all matches. Coaches, officials, along with members of the home school organization and Athletic Committee shall exercise control over players and crowd.
10. If anyone exhibits unsportsmanlike conduct, and does not respond in a cooperative manner when approached through normal conversation and communication from proper authority, the official in charge is to suspend play until the uncooperative fan leaves the premises. Failure to cooperate in a timely manner will result in suspension of play and forfeiture of the match.

11. The rules of volleyball for the Mississippi River Valley Volleyball League will be the current WIAA rules when they are not in conflict with diocesan rules.
12. Rally scoring will be used for 'A' and 'B' teams. (Revised 10/10)
13. Libero rule on substitution and use of specialty player is not recommended for use at the elementary school level of play.
14. Scrimmages are unlimited. There should be no score kept during scrimmages.
15. Teams are limited to 3 tournaments, one of which must be the league tournament. A tournament is defined as anytime 4 or more teams are in competition. All league rules apply to league tournament.
16. A league tournament will be scheduled for both "A" and "B" teams. The designated school in charge will organize and run the tournament following WIAA guidelines for pool or bracket play. The entry fee for the league tournament is \$50.00 per team. (revised 10/13/15) For the purpose of tournament seeding in the event of a tie; seeding will be determined by head-to-head record first. If this results in a tie, defensive points between the two teams will be used. If this results in a tie, the tie will be broken by the flip of a coin. (Added 10/14/2014)
17. Medal awards will be given to league tournament champions and runner up teams at both the "A" and "B" team levels. **Traveling League Championship Plaques (paid for by all league members) will be awarded to the two (2) first place teams in the league. In the event of a tie, the league will have co-champions with both names printed on the trophy and the schools involved will split the time that the trophy is in their possession. (Added 10/18/2016)**
18. The rotation for hosting the MRVPV League and tournament will be as follows: HG-IC, Cuba City, Potosi, Sinsinawa, Dodgeville, Lancaster, Cassville, and East Dubuque. The host school is in charge of scheduling for both conference matches and tournaments. (East Dubuque added 10/05, Dickeyville dropped 10/06, Dodgeville added 04/09, Menominee dropped 10/09, Platteville dropped 10/12)
19. A committee of 3 schools will be designated to handle any league or diocesan rule violations. These three schools will be the host school, the previous host school, and the upcoming host school. The grievance policy and procedures are attached.
20. The league will hold 2 meetings each year to be coordinated with the basketball meetings. Each school will be entitled to one vote by the principal or his/her designated representative.
21. Other schools may become participants in the MRVPL League provided they agree to abide by the rules and procedures outlined here and are approved by the league members.
22. The host school should furnish an official leather or synthetic leather game ball. The official ball for the 'B' team will be the light volleyball. Warm up balls will be furnished by the home school.
23. Schools wishing to field two teams must make a request at the spring meeting. In dividing teams, schools need to avoid creating all-star teams. Schools may make a request to have sixth graders play at the A-level. (Revised 10/15/13)
24. Players may not wear Spandex shorts for competition play (added 10/15/13).
25. The height of the volleyball net should be measured at 7 feet, 4 inches. (added 10/14/2014)

MISSISSIPPI RIVER VALLEY PAROCHIAL

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

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General Rules and Procedures

Revised March 2017

1. Separate standings will be kept for both "A" and "B" teams.
2. Each school may make the decision about allowing Religious Education students to be members of the team. A complete roster will be submitted to the tournament host prior to the first game of the regular season. (Revised: March, 2015)
3. It is within the philosophy of the Mississippi River Valley Parochial League that a student athlete owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which he or she is a member. Student athletes may participate in non-school competition, during the school season, in the same sport. If the player misses school practices and/or games, it will be grounds for limiting playing time, not starting, or even dismissal from the school team. (Revised: September 2008)
4. Notify the other teams in advance if you can't play a scheduled game. A game can be postponed and played at a later date if agreed to by both teams. In case of questionable weather, the traveling team should call ahead before leaving home. If either team questions the safety of their players, contact should be made to postpone play. (added: 3/22/11)
5. The Home Team is responsible for getting the best referees possible and a responsible adult to run the clock.
6. An Official leather or synthetic leather game ball should be furnished by the Home Team. Warm up balls for league games should also be furnished by the Home Team.
7. "A" Team Rules: Quarters are 7 minutes with a 7-minute halftime. Any "A" team with eight or more players on the team may not move up a "B" team player, within the limit of six quarters of play for anyone playing two games. Any part of a quarter counts as a quarter. If a school has used "B" team players on both teams during the regular season, it will be allowed to use the same students on both teams in tournament play.

8. "B" Team Rules: Quarters are 6 minutes with a 6-minute halftime. No one above sixth grade may play on a "B" team. If the team does not have 8 players, 4th graders can be brought up; if still not 8 players, 3rd graders can be allowed to play. All "B" Teams will use the smaller balls. In "B" team games, pressing is only allowed during the last 2 minutes of the 2nd and 4th quarters and during the last 2 minutes of overtime. **At any time during a "B" team game, a team that is leading by fifteen (15) points may not extend the defense beyond half court. If a "B" team is ahead by fifteen (15) points in the fourth (4th) quarter, neither team may extend the defense beyond half court. (Revised: March 2016)**
9. No jewelry may be worn by a player while he or she is in the game.
10. The maximum admission to be charged is \$2.00 for high school and adults, and \$1.00 for grade school students and younger. Tournament admission is set by the host school. (Revised: October 2015)
11. A general Christian atmosphere shall be maintained at all games. Coaches, referees, along with members of the Home/School organization and Athletic Committee, shall exercise control over players and crowd.
12. In even number calendar years, the girls will play first. In odd number calendar years, the boys will play first. **In setting the League schedule, the host school should move the last weekend bracket of games to the first weekend of regular season games. The last three games of the season become the preseason games. (Revised: March 2016)**
13. The first "B" game will start at 12:00 o'clock. The first "A" game will start 15 minutes after the finish of the "B" game. The second "B" game will start 15 minutes after the first "A" game but not earlier than 2:00 o'clock. The final "A" game will start 15 minutes after the second "B" game.
14. The Home Team is responsible for calling in the winners of all the games played. The games should be called in Sunday night or before noon the following Monday. A collect call will be placed to the school whose scores have not been called in by noon.
15. Traveling League Championship 10 year Plaques (paid for by all League members) will be awarded to the four (4) first place teams in the League. In the event of a tie, the league will have co-champions with both names printed on the trophy and the schools involved will split the time that the trophy is in their possession. For the League tournament, the four (4) first place teams will receive team awards. First through fourth place will receive player awards, as decided and paid for by the host school. The fee for the league tournament is \$50.00 per team. (Revised: October 2015)
16. The season will consist of League games and the season ends with the League tournament. (Revised: October 2012)
17. No more than sixteen (16) games may be played during the season. This does not include tournament games. Scrimmages are unlimited. Scrimmage is defined as play during which no time or score is kept and coaches may interrupt to give coaching advice.
18. Three (3) tournaments are allowed, one of which must be the League tournament.
19. No team may play in any other league while a participant of the Mississippi River Valley Parochial League.

20. Other schools may become participants in the Mississippi River Valley Parochial League provided they agree to abide by the preceding articles and are approved by the League members. Each school in the League will be entitled to only one vote given by the Pastor or the Principal.
21. The League will hold two (2) meetings: the first in September or early October before the season begins, and the other at the conclusion of the season.
22. If anyone exhibits unsportsmanlike conduct, and does not respond in a cooperative manner when approached through normal conversation and communication from the proper school authority, the official is to suspend play until the uncooperative fan leaves the premises. Failure to cooperate in a timely manner will result in suspension of play and forfeiture of the contest.
23. All league rules apply to the League tournament play as well.
24. If, in tournament, a team cannot play at the times designated by the tournament seeding, that team shall forfeit the game unless an arrangement is made between the host school and the two schools involved to play in the host gym at a different time. Also, when seeding teams for League Tournament, if there is a three way tie and seeding cannot be determined by head to head competition, names will be drawn from a hat. (Added: April 2006)
25. The rules of basketball for the Mississippi River Valley Parochial League will be the current WIAA rules when they are not in conflict with the rules of the Diocese of Madison. Each team will be given 3 full timeouts and 2 30-second timeouts per game. One timeout will be added to each team for each 3 minute overtime period played. (Amended: March 2012)
26. The League tournament is to be played on two weekends.
27. Rotation for hosting the MRVPB League and Tournament: Cassville, Cuba City, Potosi, Lancaster, Dodgeville, Sinsinawa, East Dubuque, and HG-IC. The league grievance committee shall consist of five teams: the host school, the two previous host schools, and the two future host schools. (Revised: October 2012)
28. If a coach pulls a team from a regular season game, that game is forfeited and the coach is suspended for the rest of the regular season including the league tournament. The team is still eligible to play the rest of the season with a different coach. (Revised: March 2009).
29. Basketball season officially starts the Monday after the volleyball season ends. (Added: April 2006)
30. Schools wishing to field two (2) teams must make a request at the spring meeting. No sixth graders can be brought up to either A team and no fourth graders can be brought up to either B team, if a request for two teams is made. (Revised: March 2017)
31. Three-pointers will not be counted in regular season league games or in the league tournament. (Added: March 2013)

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- a. The principal is to be informed beforehand of all parts of the program including scheduled athletic events with other schools/teams.
- b. Coaches are to be recommended to the principal and Parish Education Commission for their approval before the coaches begin participating in the school athletic program.
- c. The Parish Education Commission must approve fund raising programs.
- d. Since interscholastic athletic programs involve transportation of students, a signed parental permission slip and indemnification agreement for each student and a signed parental permission slip and volunteer driver information sheet must be submitted.
- e. All students enrolled in the Parish school or regularly attending the Parish Religious Education Program may participate according to local policy.
- f. Eligibility to compete will be determined by the player's academic performance, effort, and conduct in school.
- g. There is no practice or competition without proper adult supervision.
- h. There is to be no practice or competition during the hours school is in session, or on days when school is closed due to inclement weather.
- i. Travel to games must be kept to a reasonable distance especially on days preceding a school day. The coach must safeguard the players' education and health.
- j. A physical examination shall be required for interscholastic sports every two years.
- k. A team is allowed 16 games per season. A game is defined as competitive play between two teams of the same or different schools. Scrimmages are not limited. Scrimmage is defined as play during which no time or score is kept and coaches may interrupt to give coaching advice. The 16 game limit does not include tournaments. A team may participate in three tournaments each year.
- l. After a team has played its first regularly scheduled game, a team is allowed four activities per week including games, practices, and scrimmages. No more than two of these activities may be practices.
- m. All team members that participate in scheduled practices should play in each game. A goal is that every player will play a minimum of one-fourth the total game. Coaches should not let "winning" influence their discretion in determining playing time.
- n. All-star competition is not allowed in grades K-8 activities.
- o. An individual may not participate in two school-sponsored sports simultaneously.

HG-IC Coaching Code of Conduct

Philosophy of Sports:

The objective of athletics for youth should be enjoyment, skill development, benefits from participation in a team sport, and the development of good sportsmanship. Sports can have a profound effect upon a young person who is still developing identity, self-concept, and self worth. Respect the athlete's dignity. Coaching is a privilege granted by our school and parents. With this privilege come responsibilities while representing HG-IC School before, during, and after each activity. A coach should keep the concepts of winning and losing in a proper perspective. Not forgetting that the game is for the kids.

Coaching Responsibilities:

1. Treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development among his/her age group.
2. Consistently display high personal standards and project a favorable image of your sport.
3. Encourage athletes to act according to the rules of his/her sport and the "spirit of those rules."
4. Treat opponents and officials with due respect, both in victory and defeat.
5. Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing, or otherwise offensive language in the conduct of your duties.

Be aware of the many pressures placed on athletes as they strive to balance the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual aspects of their lives and conduct practices and games in a manner so as to allow optimum success! Any violations regarding the above guidelines will be addressed as referred to in the HG-IC Athletic Handbook.

I have read and understand the above statements and agree to conduct myself in a manner that demonstrates the standards established in the Coaching Code of Conduct. It is my responsibility to read and follow the guidelines established in the HG-IC Athletic Handbook.

Name of Coach: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____