

APPENDIX B **CHAMPIONSHIP DETERMINATION**

The Colonial League for Interscholastic Sports, Inc. is composed of 13 PIAA District XI high schools. The 13 full members are Bangor, Catasauqua, Moravian Academy, Northern Lehigh, Northwestern Lehigh, Notre Dame-Green Pond, Palisades, Palmerton, Pen Argyl, Salisbury, Saucon Valley, Southern Lehigh and Wilson.

During the 2020-21 year, the League will determine the best possible format and competition for naming a league champion by sport. Modifications and adjustments to determine league champions in sports played during the Fall of 2020 are listed below. Determination of champions in winter and spring sports will be determined at a later date based upon current information from the CDC, Governor's orders, and the PIAA.

Seeding for all league championship tournaments will be based upon the winning percentage of only Colonial League contests completed during the abbreviated seasons. Championships in the sports of cross country, football and track and field will be decided in a one-division (whole league) format. Championships in the sports of baseball, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls tennis, golf, field hockey, softball and wrestling will be determined utilizing a two-division/ wild-card tournament format. Championships in the sports of boys and girls soccer and volleyball will be determined utilizing a one-division/ wild-card tournament format.

All Colonial League schools for Interscholastic Sports, Inc. member schools are required to compete in the top three PIAA classifications in all participating league-sponsored sports.

FOOTBALL

A league champion will NOT be named.

League Champion - Best overall league record:

- Co-champions will be declared if two or more teams are tied.

CROSS COUNTRY

League champions will be determined by winning percentage of league competitions.

League Champion - Best overall league record:

- Co-Champions will be declared if two or more teams are tied.
- If the A League meet will also be held to declare individual champions and place winners and league meet team champions will be recognized.

TRACK AND FIELD

League Champions (boys and girls) - Best overall league record:

- Co-champions will be declared if two or more teams are tied.
- A League meet will also be held to declare individual event champions and place winners and meet team champions (boys and girls) will also be recognized.

TENNIS (boys and girls)

League Champions (boys and girls) - Best overall league record based on winning percentage

- Champion will have preferential seeding for the District XI Playoffs, as determined by District XI.
- Championship Determination between teams with a tied record
 1. Head to head competition
 2. Colonial League Tennis Tournament Champion

3. Colonial League Power Rating
4. District XI Power Rankings

GOLF

League Champion/Tournament Format –The championship and the league tournament will be played on the same day. **The top 4 winning percentages instead of division winners and wild cards.** ~~The two division winners and the wild card schools will each have eight golfers enter the championship match.~~–The lowest five scores will count for the team championship. The first eight flights will be composed of golfers from these four schools. The remaining twenty spots will be filled by the remaining schools based on scoring averages.

BASKETBALL (boys and girls), BASEBALL, SOFTBALL and FIELD HOCKEY

~~A~~ League champions in these sports will be determined by a six-team tournament consisting of two divisional champions and four wild card entries. The criteria for declaring divisional champions, the wild card entries, and seeding will be based on the following:

Division Winners will receive preferential seeding. Divisional Winners will be seeded #1 and #2 based on seeding criteria. The remainder of the wild-card teams will be seeded on criteria listed below in “Tournament Seeding” After a tiebreaker determination has been made for a divisional champion or a wild card entry revert back to step one of the applicable 2-3 team determination format, if an additional playoff spot(s) needs to be determined.

BASKETBALL (boys and girls) DEC. 2020

~~A~~ League champions in these sports will be determined by ~~an eight~~ **six-team** tournament consisting of ~~two divisional champions~~ **a division champion and four** ~~seven~~ **seven** wild card entries. The criteria for declaring divisional champions, the wild card entries, and seeding will be based on the following:

Division Winner will receive preferential seeding. Divisional Winners will be seeded #1 and #2 based on seeding criteria. The remainder of the wild-card teams will be seeded on criteria listed below in “Tournament Seeding” After a tiebreaker determination has been made for a divisional champion or a wild card entry revert back to step one of the applicable 2-3 team determination format, if an additional playoff spot(s) needs to be determined.

WRESTLING DEC.2020

~~A~~ League champions in this sport will be determined by a four team tournament consisting of ~~two~~ **a** ~~divisional~~ **divisional** champions and ~~two~~ **three** wild card entries. ~~A LEAGUE WRESTLING PLAYOFF AND NAMING A CHAMPION ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED UPON THE DISTRICT XI WRESTLING TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE.~~ The criteria for declaring divisional champions, the wild card entries and seeding will be based on the following:

~~After a tiebreaker determination has been made for a divisional champion or a wild card entry, revert back to step one of the applicable 2-3 team determination format, if an additional spot(s) needs to be determined.~~

SOCCER (boys and girls)

League champions in these sports will be determined by a six team tournament consisting of one divisional champion and five wild card entries. The criteria for declaring a divisional champion, wild card entries, and seeding will be based on the following:

After a tiebreaker determination has been made for a divisional champion or a wild card entry, revert back to step one of the applicable 2-3 determination format, if an additional playoff spot (s) needs to be determined.

VOLLEYBALL

A league champion in the sport of volleyball will be determined by a two team tournament consisting of one divisional champion and one wild card entry. The criteria for declaring a divisional champion, wild card entry and seeding will be based on the following:

After a tiebreaker determination has been made for a divisional champion or a wild card entry, revert back to step one of the applicable 2-3 determination format, if an additional playoff spot (s) needs to be determined.

LEAGUE CHAMPION DETERMINATION

In the event a league tournament is unable to be completed prior to the District XI deadline, the #1 seeded team from the regular season will be named the league champion.

Divisional Champion Determination

1. ~~Best overall league record~~ Overall league competition winning percentage. No minimum competitions are required.
2. Head to head competition (of all tied teams)
3. Best record - within division
4. W/L record of all tied teams against all other teams qualified for the tournament.
5. When the two division/wild card format is used and two teams in one division have qualified for the tournament but are tied after applying the four tie-breakers the two teams shall be declared co-division champions.
6. When the two division/wild card format is used and two teams in one division have not qualified for the tournament but are tied after applying the four tie-breakers a one game playoff is required to determine the division champion and tournament qualifier.
7. If three or more teams are tied after the first four criteria are applied the following format shall be used:
 - a. Records against common non-divisional league opponents.
 - b. Home record versus league opponents
 - c. One game playoff, if the tie breaker has narrowed to two teams after applying "a" through "b."

Wild Card Determination (for ties between two teams)

1. ~~Best overall league record~~ Overall league competition winning percentage. No minimum competitions are required.
2. Head-to-head competition
3. Best W/L record against divisional opponents
4. W/L record of all tied teams against all other teams qualified for the tournament.
5. Colonial League Power Rating
6. District XI Power Rating
7. Play-off (if first four criteria does not break tie)

Wild Card Determination (for ties between three or more teams)

Break any existing ties within a division using the divisional championship criteria:

1. Determine and use the win/loss record of the head-to-head records of all teams tied for the wild card position.
2. W/L record of all tied teams against all other teams qualified for the tournament.
3. Head-to-head record of the remaining tied teams (2)
4. Colonial League Power Rating
5. District XI Power Rating
6. Playoff if necessary

Tournament Seeding (2 teams)

***6 team playoff format will use preferential seeding listed above(Division Winners will be #1 and #2 seeds)**

1. Seeding will be based on the best overall league record* **Overall league competition winning percentage. No minimum competitions are required.**
2. Head to head competition
3. Tied teams against all other teams already qualified for the tournament
4. Division record when teams are tied within the same division
5. Colonial League Power Rating
6. District XI Power Rating
7. A coin toss will break ties that have not been played-off for seeding purposes only.
NOTE: This would mean that a top seeded team may play the wild card team from the same division. Once the teams qualifying for the playoffs have been determined, seeding will begin anew without any preferential seeding for division winners.

Tournament Seeding (3 teams)

***6 team playoff format will use preferential seeding listed above(Division Winners will be #1 and #2 seeds)**

1. Overall league record* **Overall league competition winning percentage. No minimum competitions are required.**
 2. Head to head competition of all tied teams
 3. W/L record of tied teams against all other teams already qualified for the tournament
 4. W/L record of head to head record of all tied teams
 5. Division record when ALL teams are tied within the same division
 6. Head to head record of remaining tied teams
 7. Colonial League Power Rating
 8. District XI Power Rating
 9. A lottery will break ties that have not been played-off for seeding purposes only
NOTE: This would mean that a top seeded team may play the wild card team From the same division.
- Seeding will NOT be used to determine playoff site locations.

Any tiebreaker situation which cannot be determined using the criteria listed above will be referred to the Colonial League's Sports Chairperson to make a determination with approval by the League Officers.

DIVISIONAL STRUCTURE BY SPORT

BOYS SOCCER, CROSS COUNTRY, FOOTBALL, GIRLS SOCCER, GIRLS TENNIS,

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL AND TRACK AND FIELD

A one division league structure will be used.

BOYS BASKETBALL, GIRLS BASKETBALL AND BASEBALL

A two division league structure will consist of the following divisions and schools: Moravian Academy will alternate divisions to coincide with the PIAA two-year cycle.

West Division

Catasauqua
Northern Lehigh
Northwestern Lehigh
Palmerton
Salisbury
Southern Lehigh
Moravian Academy (2020-21 & 21-22)

East Division

Bangor
Moravian Academy (2022-23 & 2023-24)
Notre Dame-Green Pond
Palisades
Pen Argyl
Saucon Valley
Wilson

SOFTBALL

A two division league structure will consist of the following divisions and schools:

West Division

Catasauqua
Northern Lehigh
Northwestern Lehigh
Palmerton
Salisbury
Southern Lehigh

East Division

Bangor
Notre Dame-Green Pond
Palisades
Pen Argyl
Saucon Valley
Wilson

FIELD HOCKEY

A two division league structure will consist of the following divisions and schools:

West Division

Catasauqua
Northern Lehigh
Northwestern Lehigh
Palmerton
Salisbury
Southern Lehigh

East Division

Bangor
Moravian Academy
Palisades
Pen Argyl
Saucon Valley
Wilson

GOLF

A two division league structure will consist of the following divisions and schools:

North Division

Bangor
Pen Argyl
Moravian Academy
Northwestern Lehigh
Palmerton

South Division

Notre Dame-Green Pond
Saucon Valley
Salisbury
Southern Lehigh
Wilson

WRESTLING

A two division league structure will consist of the following divisions and schools:

West Division

Catasauqua
Northern Lehigh
Northwestern Lehigh
Palmerton
Salisbury
Southern Lehigh

East Division

Bangor
Notre Dame-Green Pond
Palisades
Pen Argyl
Saucon Valley
Wilson

BOYS TENNIS

A two division league structure will consist of the following divisions and schools:

North Division

Bangor
Pen Argyl
Notre Dame-Green Pond
Palmerton
Wilson

South Division

Moravian Academy
Palisades
Salisbury
Saucon Valley
Southern Lehigh