

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.

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, 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. Championship in the sport of field hockey will be determined by utilizing a three division/ wild card tournament format.

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

FOOTBALL

League Champion - Best overall league record.

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

CROSS COUNTRY

League Champion - 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 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

- Champion will have preferential seeding for the District XI Playoffs.
- 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 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 remaining twenty spots will be filled by the remaining schools based on scoring averages.

BASKETBALL (boys and girls), BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

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.

WRESTLING

League champion in this sport will be determined by a four team tournament consisting of two divisional champions and two wild card entries. 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.

FIELD HOCKEY

League champions in this sport will be determined by a six team tournament consisting of three divisional champions and three wild card entries. The top two divisional champions will receive a first-round bye. The criteria for declaring divisional champions, the wild card entries and seeding will be based on the following:

For #1 and #2 Seeds

1. Determine all divisional champions first using Divisional Championship Determination
2. Use Tournament Seeding criteria to determine the top two divisional champions
3. Determine the remaining wild cards using Wild Card Determination

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 divisional champion and the top wild card seed will receive a first-round bye. 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
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. Colonial League Power Rating
6. District XI Power Rating
7. A coin toss.

Wild Card Determination (for ties between two teams)

1. Best overall league record
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*
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*
 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, BOYS TENNIS AND TRACK AND FIELD

A one division league structure will be used.

BOYS BASKETBALL, GIRLS BASKETBALL, BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

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 (2024-25 & 2025-26)

East Division

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

FIELD HOCKEY

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

South Division

Palisades
Salisbury
Saucon Valley
Southern Lehigh

West Division

Catasauqua
Northern Lehigh
Northwestern Lehigh
Palmerton

East Division

Bangor
Moravian Academy
Pen Argyl
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