

OIL BELT CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION BY-LAWS

REVISED: September, 2001

ARTICLE I – NAME

This association shall be known as the *Oil Belt Conference*.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall consist of the following schools:

Central City, Iuka, Kell, Odin, Raccoon, St. Theresa, Selmaville, and Willow Grove

Any new entry shall require a majority vote of the total membership to gain admittance to the Oil Belt Conference.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

The annual meeting shall be held in the fall on the first Wednesday in September. A school can request a special meeting of the conference.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Officers for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer will rotate and will be elected annually at the fall meeting.

ARTICLE V – FUNDS

The Treasurer shall maintain one checking account for all Oil Belt Conference funds.

All proceeds from the conference basketball and volleyball tournaments shall be remitted to the treasurer with the following exceptions.

- 1) Fees for referees for OBC basketball and volleyball tournaments.
- 2) Fees for cheerleading judges at OBC varsity basketball tournament, only.

Since the OBC tournaments rotate between member schools, all other incurred expenses will be paid by the member school hosting the basketball or volleyball tournament.

All SIJHSAA dues and assessments are the responsibility of each individual school district. Each participating school district shall be assessed an agreed upon amount each year, if needed, to help defray the cost of the Oil Belt Conference.

ARTICLE VI – SPORTS AND ELIGIBILITY

Basketball, Cross Country, Track, and Volleyball eligibility and rules shall follow SIJHSA rulings.

Tournament sites shall be rotated each year among all schools in alphabetical order: Central City, Iuka, Kell, Odin, Raccoon, St. Theresa, Selma, Willow Grove.

Basketball Tournaments – have primary/secondary sites set at the annual meeting. Sites shall be set as noted:

Varsity Basketball Tournament - Monday – Thursday, the 2nd full week of December (4 nights)

Monday – Primary and Secondary Sites (2 games each site)

Tuesday and Wednesday – Primary Site (2 games)

Thursday – Primary Site (3 games)

5th and 6th Grade Basketball Tournament - Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 2nd full week of February (3 nights). Tournament bracket will be set at the annual meeting.

Tuesday and Thursday – Primary and Secondary Sites (2 games each site)

Friday – Primary Site (3 games)

Cheerleading Competitions - Only one competition will be held for the OBC cheerleaders. Competition will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday nights of the OBC Basketball Tournament. The team can compete as a Varsity squad or as combined Varsity/JV squad. Teams are limited to a maximum of 16 members for the competition.

Volleyball Tournament – Have Primary/Secondary sites that rotate each year among schools that play volleyball. The tournament will be on Monday and Tuesday of the week prior to the Class “S” Regionals.

1st night - Primary site (2 Matches – Top Bracket – Matches start at 6:30 P.M.)

Secondary site (4 Matches – Bottom Bracket – Matches start at 5:00 P.M.)

2nd night - Primary site (3 Matches – Consolation Championship, 3rd Place,

Championship – Matches start at 6:00 P.M.

Plaques for Seasonal Record and Tournaments will be awarded on the following basis for Basketball and Volleyball.

- J. Var. Basketball – 1st Place for season
- Varsity Basketball and Volleyball – 1st and 2nd Place for season
- Varsity Basketball and Volleyball Tournament – 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Consolation
- Cheerleading Awards – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places at Varsity OBC Basketball Tournament
- 5th and 6th Basketball Tournament – 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Consolation

Basketball All-Conference - 10 Medallions [See Article VII for selection]

Volleyball All-Conference – 10 Medallions [See Article VII for selection]

Plaques for Cross Country and Track will be awarded on the following basis:

Cross Country –

- Varsity Boys – 1st and 2nd; Top 7 runners get medallions
- Varsity Girls – 1st and 2nd; Top 7 runners get medallions
- J.V. Boys – 1st and 2nd; Top 7 runners get medallions
- J.V. Girls – 1st and 2nd; Top 7 runners get medallions
- [All other runners in each race will receive ribbons]

Track – Team Awards

- Boys Varsity Track – 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Girls Varsity Track – 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- [Ribbons will be awarded to 1st – 5th Place in each event]
- Boys J.V. Track – 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Girls J.V. Track – 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- [Ribbons will be awarded to 1st – 5th Place in each event]

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS and CONFERENCE ISSUES

Section 1: To vote on any change in the conference By-Laws, each conference school shall show proof that the proposed change has been presented to the Superintendent/ Board of Education of each member school and require board action. At the annual meeting or a special called meeting, the person representing a conference school must have a Board document (Board’s decision to the proposed change to the By-laws stated on school letterhead with the Superintendent or Board President’s signature) to cast a valid vote on the given issue. Changes to the By-Laws shall require a majority vote of member schools.

Section 2: The position of the Oil Belt Conference, but not limited to the following issues, shall require a vote of Boards from member schools: a) Intra-conference schedule, b) addition on new member schools to the conference, c) changes in game time.

ARTICLE VIII – SPECIAL RULINGS

1. The conference basketball schedules will be done by computer.
2. Starting/Ending date for first practice and season for following sports:
 - Basketball – practices may not begin before October 1st of current season and must end by March 31st unless otherwise determined by the SIJHSA. Teams can hold tryouts 5 days prior to October 1st to select their team.
 - Volleyball – practices may not begin before January 1st of the current season, with the first game not to be played prior to February 1st. The season must end by March 31st. Teams can hold tryouts 5 days from Monday of the 2nd full week of December-Christmas break to select their team.
 - Track – practice may not begin before the Monday of the first full week of March.
3. Admission prices and referee fees will be set at the annual conference meeting.
4. Confetti will be outlawed from all athletic events.
5. Each student who participates in interscholastic competition in the Oil Belt Conference shall be responsible for possessing individual accident insurance and a complete physical exam.
6. All-Conference Awards for Basketball and Volleyball:
 - Basketball – Coaches/A.D. will meet at 6:30 P.M. on the Wednesday before the week of the regional tournament at a site agreed to at the annual meeting to select the All-Conference Team. Coaches cannot vote for their own players. Please refer to the attachments for voting information. Coaches will also make the selection of the “Barney Mulvaney Memorial Basketball Award”. Criteria for the award is listed on one of the attachments.
 - **These awards will be given on the final night of the 5th and 6th Grade Tournament between the 3rd Place and Championship Games.
 - Volleyball – Coaches/A.D. will meet at 6:00 P.M. on the Wednesday before the week of the Oil Belt Conference Tournament at a site agreed to at the annual meeting to select the All-Conference Volleyball Team. Please refer to the attachments for voting information.
 - **These awards will be given out after the Championship Match of the Oil Belt Conference Volleyball Tournament.
7. Cheerleading guidelines are attached to this document.

8. Awards for Scholar Bowl Tournament – 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Consolation. Medallions will be given to the top 5 (1st – 5th) players in the tournament. The tournament will rotate alphabetically starting with Iuka in 2002.
9. Oil Belt Conference will buy the set(s) of questions to be used at the annual Oil Belt Conference Scholar Bowl Tournament.
10. The J.V. Boys and Girls Track Meet is for students in 6th grade and under.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Oil Belt All-Conference – Basketball**
- B. Oil Belt All-Conference – Volleyball**
- C. Guideline for Cheerleading competition at St. Theresa**

ATTACHMENT A

Oil Belt Conference – Basketball

Special information to remember: 1) Coaches cannot vote for their own player(s). 2) Coaches are not limited to choice of players listed as nominees. 3) ONE voting ballot per school. 4) A player must receive 3 votes to be considered for All-Conference. 5) Space has been provided to write down the names of players nominated for consideration.

Official Ballot from: _____
 (Name of School) (Signature of Coach/AD)

Nominees:

All-Conference Selection:

Central City:	
	1.)
	2.)
Iuka:	
	3.)
	4.)
Kell:	
	5.)
	6.)
Odin:	
	7.)
	8.)
Raccoon:	
	9.)
	10.)
St. Theresa:	
	Criteria for "Barney Mulvaney Award":
	The award is given to a player who
Selmaville:	exemplifies qualities of character,
	sportsmanship, team play, and leadership.
	The player does not have to be an All
	Conference player.
Willow Grove:	
	Candidate for Award
	Name:
	School:

ATTACHMENT B

Oil Belt Conference – Volleyball

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Raccoon:	
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St. Theresa:	
Selmaville:	
Willow Grove:	

ATTACHMENT C

**St. Theresa of Avila School
Policy for Cheerleading**

- 1) **Cheerleaders should be limited to 8 members on the floor at all times, with the exception of half-time dance routines.**

- 2) **The following activities are not allowed:**
 - a. **Standing, sitting, kneeling on backs and shoulders;**
 - b. **Flips, round-offs, back hand springs – either with or without hand touching the floor;**
 - c. **Propping oneself off the floor on another's legs;**
 - d. **Pyramids of any sorts.**

Thank you for your compliance with this policy which has been established by the Diocesan Board of Education for all Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Belleville.