

PENINSULA PARISHES/SCHOOLS LEAGUE

SECTION 3: GENERAL RULES

The PPSL league will operate all programs in accordance with Archdiocesan policies regarding the screening and training of Athletic Directors, Commissioners, Coaches and other adults with regular contact with children. Executive Board members agreed to employ methods that would insure compliance with the Archdiocesan policies and to require appropriate screening and training for the upcoming sports season.

(Bylaws: art.1, sec.1)

If head coaches or assistant coaches have not completed the necessary screening and training they will not be allowed to coach or practice with their team(s) and any games played with a non-compliant coach participating would be forfeited.

- 3.1 DEADLINES:** Prior to the start of each sport season, the Conference Director will set a date which will be used as a deadline for all member parishes/schools to submit the number of teams, the grade level of teams, and the number of participants that they wish to sponsor. No teams will be added after the deadline. Any member that wishes to drop a team(s) after the deadline may do so but will be subject to the following penalties. The members dropping a team(s) will pay 100% of the fee charged for each participating team in addition to a \$100.00 re-scheduling fee.
- 3.2 GENDER:** Boys may not be on the roster of any team or participate in any activity designated as a girls' sport. Girls may not be on the roster of any team or participate in any activity designated as a boys' sport. *PENALTY:* Forfeiture of the game(s).
- 3.3 SKILL LEVELS:** Participants in the 4th grade may not be divided according to skill levels. Participants in grades 5 through 8 shall be placed on teams according to skill levels, including eligible CCD players. Athletes with higher skill levels must participate on the strongest level available to their grade levels. If a member parish/school sponsors two teams in the same division, the teams must be split as equally as possible. The abilities of the players involved must be taken into consideration in order to produce two teams of equal skill levels. If a member parish/school sponsors two 5th grade baseball teams because of the inclusion of 4th Grade players, the two rosters must be relatively equal in skill regardless of whether they play in the same or different divisions. Any complaint regarding stronger players participating at inappropriate levels must be made to the League Commissioner. The League Commissioner shall gather information and present the complaint to the Conference Director. The Conference Director will present the complaint to the Executive Board for their review. The decision of the Executive Board shall be final.
- 3.4 PARTICIPATION:** Any participant(s) who drop(s) from a team after the deadline date (see rule 3.1 above) will not be allowed to participate in the same sport the following season. Upon the written recommendation of a pastor or school principal, the participant may petition the PPSL Executive Board to have this rule waived. The name of any participant who drops from a team must be immediately reported to the PPSL League Commissioner of that sport. The League Commissioner will notify the Conference Director. Participants must participate in at least 50% of league games in order to be eligible to participate in playoff and/or championship games. Track participants must participate in two (2) league meets to be eligible to

participate in the Divisional Meets. [40%]. Exceptions may be made only for academic or medical reasons and must be approved by the Conference Director or the Executive Board. *PENALTY*: Forfeiture of the game(s).

- 3.5 TEAM PARTICIPTION:** No team of a member parish/school will be allowed to participate in any league not sponsored by the PPSL. Also, no member parish/school or its affiliates may pay for the participation in any league event not sponsored by the PPSL. The only exception will be:

Team members may participate in non-league sponsored tournaments only with prior approval of pastor and/or school principal or practice games scheduled between member and non-member parishes/schools.

- 3.6 ROSTERS:** Each eligible participant must be assigned to the roster of a specific team in a specific division and must remain on that team for the entire season. No team members may be placed on a roster after a team's first league game. An exception to this rule may be made for a transfer student. The application for the addition of a transfer student shall be made by: the Athletic Director, the Pastor, the Principal, or the Commissioner of the parish/school involved to the Conference Director. Team rosters, with the exception of track team rosters, must be submitted to the PPSL Conference Director. The deadline date for submission of team rosters will be set by the Conference Director. Track team rosters will be submitted to the PPSL Track Commissioner. At the annual track meeting, the deadline date for submission of track team rosters will be set by the Track League Commissioner. The rosters may not be handwritten and must include the grade and first and last names of all participants. The rosters must also include the complete names of all compliant coaches; any compliant coach listed on a team roster may coach any team for that school/parish in that sport. Rosters must be signed by both Pastors and Principals. All team rosters must be submitted on the official team roster forms... *PENALTY*: Forfeiture of game(s).

- 3.7 FORFEITURE PREVENTION:** If a team needs to add a participant to prevent a forfeit, that participant may only be "pulled up" once per season.
- An exception may be made to the above: A player may be pulled up a second time with the approval of the Conference Director and/or the League Commissioner if all other eligible players have been pulled. If allowed, player must be pulled up in the same sequence as the first time that player was pulled up.
 - For purposes of this section a season shall include all league games, See (Table Reflecting Pull-Up order, Page 6 of 6). See 'Section 7: Pg 2, Appendix; Playoff Rules'; (Table Reflecting Pull-Up order shall be used for all league Volleyball and Basketball games, playoff and championship games. Pull-up rules for baseball see Baseball Rule # 4.5).
 - A participant may be "pulled up" by more than one qualifying team during a season. "Pulled up" players must be on the roster of another team from the parish/school requesting "the pull up". When participants are "pulled up" to prevent a forfeit, no more that the minimum amount of required players may be in the official scorebook. When School Sport Commissioners "pull up" participants, they must report the name of each player "pulled up" to the League Sport Commissioner. *PENALTY*: Forfeiture of the game(s).

- 3.8 GAME PARTICIPATION:** Each team member present must participate in every game played. Each team member must participate in that portion of the game required by the specific PPSL rules governing that sport. Participants that are unable to achieve the required amount of participation because of medical reasons may be granted a waiver. A request for limited participation, due to medical reasons, may be granted by the Conference Director. A waiver will only be granted upon the receipt of a written note from the participant's doctor. This note will be kept on file by the Conference Director. A coach must notify the opposing coach at any time that a participant is unable to participate for any reason. The non-participating player may sit on the bench with his team. *PENALTY:* Forfeiture of the game(s).
- 3.9 AGE REQUIREMENT:** Children in grades K-3 are not allowed to participate in PPSL activities. These children may not participate in any practice, training, or any PPSL athletic event. Fourth grade teams may participate in league games, but these games will be considered training league games. No game scores will be recorded and no league standings will be maintained for training league teams.
- 3.10 PLAYOFFS:** Division Championships will be held for the Varsity, Junior Varsity and Eagles divisions in baseball, volleyball and basketball.
- 3.11 AWARDS:** The PPSL will provide awards to teams winning the division and to teams winning the league championship. Championship Tee Shirts will be awarded to all 8th grade players competing in the No/So championship games.
- 3.12 TOURNAMENTS:** The PPSL will sponsor a Varsity basketball tournament for both boys and girls each season.
- 3.13 BEHAVIOR:** Each member parish/school shall designate a representative to supervise the conduct of participants and spectators at its home events. Illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, and smoking will not be allowed on the benches, fields, courts, or in the stands at any PPSL event. Coaches, Athletic Directors, and designated representatives will be responsible for the behavior of their teams and fans at all times.
- 3.14 SPORTSMANSHIP:** The Athletic Director or designated representative from the home team has the authority to eject any spectator from the premises for any sportsmanship violations. The referee or umpire has the authority to eject any player, coach, parent, or spectator from the premises for any sportsmanship violations. When any player, coach, parent, or spectator is ejected from the premises and refuses to leave, the game or event will be forfeited. Any player, coach, parent, or spectator that is ejected from a game or event is automatically prohibited from attending that team's next league game. League Commissioners will notify the AD and the Conference Director will notify the School Principal of any ejections.
- 3.15 SPORTSMANSHIP REVIEWS:** All sportsmanship or misconduct violations will be reviewed by the league Commissioners, Conference Director and Executive Board. Further actions may be taken by the Executive Board and may include banning the violator and/or offending school from attending games or events for the remainder of the season or even permanent exclusion from all future PPSL events.
- 3.16 PROTESTS:** All protests must be made at the time of the alleged infraction(s), opposing coaches, and/or game officials must be made aware of the protest at the

time of the alleged infraction. The League Sport Commissioner must be notified by 10:00 P.M. of the day of the contested event. The informal notification must be followed by a written protest filed with the League Sport Commissioner and the Conference Director within 72 hours of the completion of the event. The Conference Director will notify the pastors/principals of the parishes/schools involved by telephone. Copies of the written protest will be sent to the pastor/principal of the parishes/schools involved by the Conference Director. The Conference Director and League Sport Commissioner will review the protest, consult with the North and South League representative(s), and make the final determination. Protests at playoff and league championship games must be made to the official on-site league representative at the time of the infraction, prior to the completion of the game or event. A final decision will be made by the official on-site league representative and/or the Conference Director.

3.17 SCHEDULE CHANGES: Changes in the time or place of scheduled league games may only be made with the approval of the League Commissioner/ Conference Director. Approval for changes will not be granted except for conflicts with parish/school functions or activities or Field/gym closures. Any extra costs associated with the changes in time or place of scheduled league games will be paid by the team requesting the change. *PENALTY:* Forfeiture of the game(s) by one or both teams.

3.18

PPSL Roster Composition

		Player Type												
		8th	8th	8th	7th	7th	7th	6th	6th	6th	5th	5th	4th	
Grade Division		Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Lions	Cubs	Training	
Roster Type	8th Div 1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	8th Div 2	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	8th Div 3	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	7th Div 1	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	
	7th Div 2	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	
	7th Div 3	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	
	6th Div 1	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
	6th Div 2	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
	6th Div 3	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
	5th Lions	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	
	5th Cubs	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No/Yes*	
	4th Training	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	

*OK for baseball only. See rule for detail.

* 4th Grade boys may be on the roster of 5th grade teams in baseball only with the following provisions:

- a. The 5th Grade team must need players in order to field a team.
- b. Requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis and must be reviewed and approved by the school principal, the league baseball commissioners and the PPSL Conference Director.

3.18 (cont.)

PPSL parishes/schools must have a minimum of six (6) participants on their teams in order to submit rosters for Volleyball and Basketball teams. There must be a minimum of nine (9) participants in order to submit a roster for Baseball teams.

Exception: Requests for exceptions to this rule must be submitted by the Athletic Director(s)/Sport Commissioner(s) to the Conference Director and League Commissioners prior to the league meeting for that specific sport. Athletic Director(s)/Sport Commissioner(s) must receive approval from the Conference Director/League Commissioners and the School Principal.

- 3.19 *PRACTICE:*** Baseball and Volleyball teams may not begin practicing before August 1st. Supplemental Summer Insurance forms and Permission forms must be properly completed prior to practice beginning on August 1st. Practice may not begin for a subsequent sport until the day after the final league game of the preceding sport. Playoffs are not considered part of the regular league games. *PENALTY:* Forfeiture of the game(s) Prior to the end of the school year, a three (3) day Baseball/Volleyball evaluation tryout may be held.
- 3.20 *DIVISIONS:*** 4th and 5th grade Divisions with ten (10) or more teams will be split into North, South, East and West divisions. The composition of the North, South, East and West divisions will be chosen by the League Scheduler with approval by the Conference Director.
- 3.21 *TBA SCHEDULING:*** The League Scheduler and the Conference Director will set time limits for the scheduling of TBA (To Be Announced) games. Home teams are responsible for the scheduling of TBA games. Any TBA game or games not scheduled within the designated time frame will result in forfeit(s) to the home team.
- 3.22 *RULE CHANGES:*** Proposed changes or additions to the existing rules must be submitted in writing to the Conference Director by the deadline set by the Conference Director. The proposed changes will be included on the agenda for the “end of the year meeting” in May. Until the formal adoption of the track rules, any proposed changes or additions to the track rules may be submitted for consideration at the PPSL track meeting.
- 3.23 *FORFEIT SCORES:*** Forfeit scores will be recorded as six (6) points for the winning team and minus six (-6) points for the team that forfeited.

The above rules were adopted by ALL 16 member schools and approved by the PPSL Executive Board.
The penalty for ANY infractions of the above rules will be an automatic forfeiture of games.

Appendix

Table Reflecting Pull-Up Order for all PPSL Volleyball, Baseball and Basketball Divisions, Playoff & Championship Games

The following table reflects the order in which a student athlete may be pulled up to prevent a forfeit in accordance with the PPSL rules.

		Order in which a student athlete may be pulled up from one of the following teams.										
		Varsity Div. 1	Varsity Div. 2	Varsity Div. 3	JV Div. 1	JV Div. 2	JV Div. 3	6 th Div. 1	6 th Div. 2	6 th Div. 3	5 th Cubs	5 th Lions
Team requiring a pulled up player to prevent a forfeit.	Varsity Div.1	1	2	3	4	5	6					
	Varsity Div. 2		1	2	5 (a)	3	4					
	Varsity Div.3			1	4 (a)	2	3					
	Jr. Var. Div. 1				1	2	3	4	5	6		
	Jr. Var. Div. 2					1	2	5 (a)	3	4		
	Jr. Div. Div. 3						1	4 (a)	2	3		
	6 th Div. 1							1	2	3	4	5
	6 th Div. 2								1	2	4	3
	6 th Div. 3									1	3	2

(a) A student athlete pulled up from this team may only play one full quarter, and may not participate in any other part of the game. (Basketball games only).

(b) Example: If a 7th Grade Div. 2 team requires one additional player, they must use.

1. A player from another 7th Grade Division 2 team
2. If there is no other 7th Grade Div. 2 or 3 teams or if there are no players on the other 7th Grade Div. 2 team (only likely if the other 7th Grade Div. teams are also in the playoffs AND are playing at approximately the same time), then you MUST pull up from the 6th Grade Div. 2 or 3 team.
3. If there are no 6th Grade Div. 2 or 3 teams or if there are no players on the 6th Grade Div. 2 or 3 team (only likely if the 6th Grade Div. 2 or 3 team is also in the playoffs AND is playing at approximately the same time), then you MUST pull up from the 6th Grade Div. 1 and then must follow Rule (a) above.

(c) Exceptions can be made with the approval of League Commissioners or Conference Director.

(d) 5th grade teams may pull between Cubs and Lions in either direction. Cubs may be pulled to Lions to avoid a forfeit and Lions to Cubs to avoid a forfeit.

Any pull-up for playoffs and/or championship games must be reviewed with and approved by the League Commissioner or the Conference Director *PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME*. As a general comment, it is expected that it will be a **HIGHLY UNUSUAL situation for a student-athlete to be pulled up from the teams designated as "4 (a) or 5 (a)" in the table above.**