

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES LEAGUE

Catholic Diocese of Wichita

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BYLAWS

(Revised November 2007)

ARTICLE I – Name and Address

The name of this organization will be the Catholic Schools Activities League (CSAL). The official address of the CSAL will be 424 North Broadway, Wichita, Kansas 67202.

ARTICLE II – Nature and Function

The mission of the CSAL will be to provide the opportunity and privilege for the students of member schools to participate in organized curricular, extracurricular and athletic activities. This participation is guided by the mission and policies of the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Wichita.

ARTICLE III – Membership

Section 1: Any Catholic elementary school within the Diocese of Wichita may become a member of the CSAL. Any other school wishing membership shall annually apply for admission and, upon approval by the CSAL Council, become a member for that year only.

Section 2: A parish team may apply for membership into the CSAL if they can show a relationship to a parish and agree to abide by the mission and policies of the League. The team must submit a plan to indicate the method by which they will verify to the Council adherence to all CSAL policies. Membership is subject to approval by the Council and is good for one year.

ARTICLE IV – Governance

As written in school policy of the Catholic Diocese of Wichita, the authority of the CSAL rests with the Superintendent of Schools (or designate). Principals are responsible for cooperating with the Superintendent in matters pertaining to the CSAL and overseeing the activity programs in their schools. The CSAL Council will organize and coordinate all CSAL activities with approval from the Superintendent and school principals.

The CSAL Athletic Director will organize and coordinate all CSAL athletic activities. The Athletic Director will be accountable to the League Commissioner and the

Superintendent of Schools and shall work closely with League Commissioner, CSAL Council, and individual schools in managing CSAL activities.

ARTICLE V – CSAL Council

Section 1: Responsibilities – The CSAL Council will be responsible for organizing and coordinating all League activities according to Diocesan policy. The Council will work with the Superintendent of Schools and individual school principals to plan, organize, manage, and coordinate CSAL activities.

Section 2: Council Membership – The CSAL Council will consist of the Superintendent of Schools (or designate) as a standing member, one priest representing the member school parishes, and three elementary school principals, one representing the larger schools, one representing the middle size schools, and one representing the smaller schools. The Athletic Director and the League Commissioner will be standing members.

Section 3: Terms of Office – Principals will serve on the Council for a period of three (3) years. The Superintendent (or designate) and the League Commissioner will be standing members of the CSAL Council.

Section 4: Officers – The Council will elect a Vice-Chairperson annually.

Section 5: Meetings – The CSAL Council shall hold regular meetings four times each year. These meetings will be held in August (beginning of the year and start of volleyball and football seasons), November (end of volleyball and football and beginning of basketball season), March (end of basketball season and start of track season), and in April (end-of-year review). These meetings will be held at a time and place arranged by the League Commissioner. Members of the Council may consult with the Commissioner to discuss the need to hold other meetings.

Notice of any meeting shall be sent to all members of the Council at least one week prior to the meeting. The agenda and minutes of all meetings shall be published and submitted to all Council members and to the principals and athletic directors of all member schools.

Section 6: Conduct of Meetings – The League Commissioner shall be the regular presiding officer. A quorum to do business shall be a majority of the total membership of the Council. The Council shall establish policies by means of consensus.

ARTICLE VI – Duties and Responsibilities

Section 1: Superintendent – Final decision-making authority for matters pertaining to the operations of the CSAL results with the Superintendent. The Superintendent reviews and approves all policies, proceedings, and activities in order to assure coordination with diocesan policy.

Section 2: School Principals – Principals of member schools will be responsible for cooperating with the Superintendent and overseeing all activities in their schools in order to assure compliance with all CSAL policies. The principals shall select and appoint a

School Athletic Director to assist with the coordination of the school's athletic programs. Three principals will be representatives to the CSAL Council. In addition, principals will make recommendations for Bylaws and Policy amendments to the Superintendent.

Section 3: CSAL Council Chairperson – The League Commissioner shall be the regular presiding officer at all Council meetings. The Chairperson will consult with the Superintendent to schedule and develop agendas for regular meetings. The Chairperson shall send official notice of any meeting to all members of the Council at least one week prior to the meeting. The Chairperson shall also publish and forward the minutes from all meetings to all Council members and to the principals and athletic directors of member schools.

Section 4: Vice-Chairperson – The Vice-Chairperson will perform all duties of the Chairperson of the CSAL Council when the Chairperson is absent or unable to act, and such duties as are incumbent of the office.

Section 5: Chairperson of Appeals – This officer is appointed by the Chairperson of the CSAL Council. Duties and responsibilities are outlined in Article VII of these bylaws.

Section 6: CSAL Council Members – Members of the CSAL Council, as a group, will be responsible for the following duties:

- a. Coordinate all CSAL activities throughout the school year.
- b. Conduct regular review of league policies and when necessary, make amendments. These amendments must be submitted to the Superintendent and all member school principals for review. Amendments will be enacted when the CSAL Council reaches a consensus.
- c. Set appropriate fees and be responsible for the financial reporting to the Superintendent and to member schools. The Council will evaluate and accept the yearly operating budget and all financial reports submitted by the Commissioner.
- d. Approve the yearly calendar at the April meeting.
- e. Appoint special committees, as needed, to assist in arranging and supervising various CSAL activities or to study issues pertaining to the conduct of League activities.
- f. Approve the assignment of one member of the Council to be Chairperson of the Appeals Board.
- g. Investigate violations of League rules, and recommend penalties for violations to the Superintendent.
- h. Interpret League rules and policies, as needed, for proper functioning of the CSAL in consultation with the League Commissioner.

Section 7: League Commissioner – The League Commissioner shall be responsible for the following duties that relate to the League athletic programs:

- a. Preside at CSAL Council meetings and develop agendas for regular meetings in consultation with the Superintendent.
- b. Develop the yearly calendar and submit it for approval to the Council at the April meeting.

- c. Establish and oversee annual budget for the CSAL, and submit financial reports to the Council at regular meetings.
- d. Serve as a communications liaison between all CSAL member schools, the Council and the Superintendent of Schools.
- e. Enforce all CSAL rules and policies and give interpretations of League rules and policies as needed for proper functioning of the CSAL.
- f. Oversee responsibilities of the Athletic Director.

Section 8: Athletic Director - The Athletic Director shall be responsible for the following duties that relate to the League Athletic programs:

- a. Organize and coordinate all CSAL athletic activities.
- b. Will be accountable to the League Commissioner and the Superintendent of Schools and shall work closely with the CSAL Council and individual schools in managing CSAL activities.
- c. Secure sites for conducting athletic events and arrange schedules for the various sport seasons. Work with school athletic directors or coaches to plan, schedule, and arrange regular season contests and pre- and post-season tournaments.
- d. Recruit and schedule officials for each athletic contest.
- e. In consultation with the League Commissioner, schedule and coordinate the REQUIRED Coaches' Certification Clinic at the beginning of each sport season.
- f. Schedule and coordinate a Catholic School Officials Clinic at the beginning of each sport season and review CSAL expectations.
- g. Maintain the league treasury and be responsible for collecting all fees, making all payments to creditors and levying financial penalties to member schools for violations of CSAL policies.
- h. Submit financial reports of income and expenses of the CSAL to the League Commissioner three times a year – fall, winter, and spring.

Section 9: Coaches' Certification Clinics – At the beginning of each sport season, the Athletic Director will schedule, organize and coordinate a Coaches' Certification Clinic. Attendance at these clinics will be mandatory for all coaches. The Coaches' Certification Clinics will focus on coaching fundamentals as well as the spiritual, personal, and social needs of the athletes. If a coach does not attend the required clinic, s/he will not be permitted to coach in the CSAL for that season. Coaching cards, good for 3 years, will be issued to those coaches in attendance. Before each game, coaches must present their coaching card to the gymnasium supervisor. The gym supervisor will report any irregularities to the Athletic Director.

Section 10: Coaches' Meetings – Fall and Winter CSAL non-mandatory coaches' meetings will be held about 15 minutes immediately following the conclusion of the Coaches' Certification Clinics.

ARTICLE VII – Appeals

Section 1: The CSAL Council will act as the Appeals Board.

Section 2: No member of the Appeals Board shall, in his or her capacity as such member, participate in the hearing of any appeal or act upon any matter which involves,

or will affect any school with which such member is associated by reason of employment, family, or the holding of the position on a School Council. If an appeal directly involves a member of the Appeals Board in some fashion, the Chairperson will appoint an alternate. In case the Chairperson is involved in the appeal, the Chairperson of the Council will designate a chairperson for that particular appeal.

Section 3: An Appeals Board shall be responsible for conducting hearings regarding appeals to the CSAL.

Section 4: Any student, parent, or guardian of any student, or any member school aggrieved by an application of policy of the CSAL Council or any of its officers or employees may appeal, *within ten (10) days of alleged violation*, in writing therefrom by notifying the CSAL who shall arrange for a hearing for such appeals before the CSAL Appeals Board. The Appeals Board shall promptly and within ten (10) days hear said appeal unless specified and agreed upon by the parties of the hearing.

Section 5: The Hearing shall be an open hearing unless the appellant shall request it be closed. A quorum of at least three members of the Appeals Board shall be required for the purpose of hearing any appeal and the Chairperson will communicate the decisions and the rationale for the decision of the Appeals Board to the grievant and the Superintendent of Schools.

Section 6: Only one appeal for each incident may be brought before the Appeals Board. After the appeal, the appellant has exhausted relief through the CSAL.

ARTICLE VIII – Dues

Section 1: Any policies regarding seasonal or tournament fees will be set prior to each sport season. Fees will be based on the number of schools/teams participating in each sport.

Section 2: An automatic charge of \$25 per school will be assessed for a late payment of fees.

ARTICLE IX – Amendments

The bylaws and the articles of the CSAL may be amended at any official meeting of the CSAL Council, and with the approval of the Superintendent.

Catholic Schools Activities League (CSAL)

POLICIES

Policy A: Student Eligibility

1. Player eligibility for each grade level and sport is as follows:
 - a. To be eligible for eighth-grade competition, a player must not have reached his/her fifteenth birthday prior to September 1 of the current school year.
 - b. To be eligible for seventh-grade competition, a player must not have reached his/her fourteenth birthday prior to September 1 of the current school year.
 - c. To be eligible for sixth-grade competition, a player must not have reached his/her thirteenth birthday prior to September 1 of the current school year.
 - d. Sixth-graders may participate at the seventh- or eighth-grade level if there is not a sixth-grade team at the school.
 - e. Seventh-graders may participate at the eighth-grade level.
 - f. As needed, a limit of 3 players may be designated as a floater. They must be listed on both rosters and may play in a maximum of 15 games (7th-8th) in the regular season for basketball and 15 matches for volleyball (7th and 8th grade); for 6th grade: 12 games (6th) in basketball and 15 matches in volleyball. The intent is to float the 3 less athletic players only if needed to avoid forfeit.

2. Academic and Behavior Policy
 - a. All students participating on behalf of a member school in Catholic Schools Activities League sports or activities will be bona fide students in a member school. The only exception to this policy will be for special education students who were enrolled in a Catholic school but could no longer be well served by the existing academic program. These exceptions must have the special approval of the Superintendent and Principal of the school the student attended.
 - b. Only students who have attended school for the entire day on the day of the game will be allowed to practice or participate in contests, or games, or events. The school principal must approve exceptions to this.
 - c. Students who are failing classes due to lack of effort, positive participation or incomplete assignments will not be allowed to compete in Catholic School Activities League activities. School principals and teachers will monitor and check students'/athletes' grades throughout the various sport seasons. Grades will be figured each week during the seasons. If a student has a cumulative grade of "F" in any subject area at this time, she/he will be ruled ineligible for at least the next week. If a student receives a second "F" grade at any time after this first ineligibility period, she/he will be ineligible for the remainder of that sport season. While ineligible, students will not be allowed to participate in any practices, games or contests.

Each member school has the right to expect students to perform to their highest academic ability while participating in any or all CSAL activities, and principals have the option to make students ineligible for not

doing so. The same ineligible guidelines will be adhered to if such action is taken.

- d. Catholic Schools Activities League students/athletes are to be held to high behavioral as well as academic standards. Any student expelled from a member school is no longer enrolled and cannot participate in CSAL activities. Students who are suspended (whether it is an in or out of school suspension) or for any other reason are out of school for disciplinary problems, will not be allowed to participate in practices, games, and contests during the suspension period or for one week from the beginning of the suspension, whichever is longer. Even though school suspensions may not result, schools may place students on an ineligible list for not complying with school behavior rules and policies. A second ineligible period for behavior problems will result in the student being ineligible for the remainder of that sport season. In case of a transfer, Commissioner must be notified to approve and add the student to the team's roster before he or she may play.
 - e. A combination of an academic suspension and behavioral suspension will constitute two periods of ineligible status for a student athlete. This will result in that student being ineligible for the remainder of that activity season.
 - f. Forfeiture of contests and games will be the penalty for noncompliance with this policy.
 - g. The above standards do not preclude the authority of the principal to limit, suspend, or prohibit students from participation in athletic practice or games for academic or behavior problems, as they deem necessary.
3. Other Eligibility Requirements for Sports Participation
- a. Any pupil who participates in an organized team outside of school from the first day of CSAL practice to the conclusion of post-season tournament – shall be ineligible for school teams in the same sport.
 - b. A standard two (2)-part RECOMMENDED PHYSICIAN'S REPORT and PARENT OR GUARDIAN PERMIT form will be completed for each student participating in sports or cheerleading. *Schools will keep the original physical form on file.* The completed form will be good for one school year only.
 - c. Any student suffering a serious injury or illness during a school year, whether due to sports or not, shall be prohibited from participation in CSAL activities until a release for participation is received from the student's physician. The release must be in writing and delivered to the school Principal and Athletic Director. The school Athletic Director will provide the League with a copy of the release prior to the student resuming his athletic participation.
 - d. *Any player joining a CSAL team must join before the first CSAL scheduled game of the regular season. The only exception to this rule would be a student transferring from another school. In the case of a transfer, the Commissioner must be notified to add the student to the team's roster.*
 - e. CSAL Player Contract: All bona fide enrolled students in a Catholic school, in order to participate on a Catholic school sports team in football,

volleyball, basketball, track, cross country or as a cheerleader, must sign a CSAL player contract.

- f. All students that participate in CSAL athletic competition are required to have a physical prior to their first conditioning and/or conditioning or practice.

Policy B. Team Eligibility

1. Before the first game of each sport each year, a complete eligibility list and roster of participants will be submitted to the League Commissioner, the Principal, and Athletic Director. The roster shall consist of the following: name of the player, grade level, name of coach and assistants, and the name of the school's Athletic Director. Such eligibility lists shall be verified and signed by a school official other than the coach. Copies will be on file throughout the year with the school's principal and CSAL Athletic Director.
2. Each school is permitted to field two teams per sport, per grade, per gender. *The Commissioner or CSAL Athletic Director must approve any school fielding three teams per sport, per grade, per gender.* Each team may have no more than one head coach and one assistant *on the bench* at any game.
3. Merging of schools may be required for volleyball, basketball, and football from time to time due to various hardship conditions. Athletic Directors may request such a merger for specific teams when the need arises. Approval from the League Commissioner is required for such mergers. No student may play on another school's team without permission from the League Commissioner.
4. Number of players – If school has 25 or more out for the sport, they must have 3 teams; under 24 may have 1 or 2 teams.

Policy C. Number of Contests

1. The CSAL League Commissioner shall have the authority to form a maximum of two divisions per grade level in any sport.
 - a. Each division must have a minimum of six teams.
 - b. Division alignment for regular season play can change for post-season play only at the discretion of the smaller division schools (their option).
 - c. Formation of divisions and division of team members are governed by Attachment "C."
2. The following number of contests per sport in a school year will be the maximum permitted:
 - a. Football: No more than eight (8) scheduled League games and one (1) post-season game. Each team is allowed to scrimmage other teams in the League during the season. The time for such a scrimmage will count toward the total practice time allowed per week.

- b. Volleyball: At least ten (10) dates and a maximum of fourteen (14) scheduled League matches per team. Each team may play in one league-sponsored tournament.

Each team is allowed to scrimmage other teams in the League during the season. The time for such scrimmage will count toward the total practice time allowed per week.

- c. Basketball: Each team will be scheduled for a maximum of ten (10) regular season league contests. Each team may play in a league-sponsored post-season tournament.

Each team is allowed to scrimmage other teams in the League during the season. The time for such a scrimmage will count toward the total practice time allowed per week.

- d. Track and Field: The CSAL will host at least three (3) track meets. Teams will not be allowed to participate in more than six (6) meets.
- e. No CSAL games, practices, or activities are to be held on Sundays.
- f. No games or scrimmages are allowed outside the CSAL.

Policy D. Scheduling and Practice

1. The Catholic Schools Activities League Council shall, at their April meeting, establish a calendar to be implemented the next school year.
2. All teams are to limit practice to ten (10) hours per week. This includes practice games, but does not include games during the playing season. No session shall be longer than two (2) hours in length. Time during the regular legal school day shall not be used for team practice.
3. Football will be played according to high school rules for either eight-man or eleven-man football, except for scoring as defined in Policy F, 1. The League Council will review with the Commissioner the number of football players in the various league schools. They will then determine the number of teams that could be formed and whether eight- or eleven-man teams can be formed. The schools that may merge to form football teams will be determined by the school Principals, League Commissioner, and the CSAL Council by July 1st of each year.
4. Volleyball and basketball teams may participate in one League post-season tournament. Timely commitments to these tournaments are extremely critical to the organizer. Commitments are required per the current year sports calendar. Once the organizer has commitments and establishes the brackets, the committed team is responsible for the entry fee and must pay, even if the team drops from the tournament.
5. It is the responsibility of the school's Athletic Director to select coaches who are dedicated to the principles of good sportsmanship as presented in the philosophy of the Wichita Catholic Schools and the CSAL. Should there be an occurrence of poor sportsmanship, namely, excessive verbal abuse or physical contact by a coach toward an opposing coach, referee, player, or fan, that coach will be banned from the league for a period of one (1) year, at the discretion of the Commissioner and the Superintendent. It is the responsibility of the Principal, Athletic Director, and

Parish Priest to impose the suspension and monitor it. Should this method fail, the Superintendent and the CSAL Council will enforce it.

6. The CSAL will not schedule basketball games or tournaments during the Christmas holidays, as determined by the yearly calendar.
7. The CSAL Council may apply other sanctions, as it deems fit.

Policy E. Activity Limitations

1. Football games shall be four (4) quarters in length, with each quarter providing for eight (8) minutes of playing time. Playing time is in addition to “time outs” allowed by the game officials. Teams will be allowed fifteen (15) minutes between the first and the second half.
2. Football carriers who are in a position to initiate or receive a hand-off behind the line of scrimmage shall be limited to players weighing 150 pounds or less. The official weight shall be recorded at a weigh-in conducted by the league *approximately* one week prior to the first scheduled game.
3. Basketball games shall be played in two 20-minute halves. The clock will run continually except during the last 2 minutes of each half when a team is ahead by fewer than 15 points. There will be a 5-minute half-time intermission.

No individual shall participate in more than 3 halves of play during any one day, except in League tournaments where multiple games may be necessary. A student shall not participate in more than 15 games (7th-8th) or 12 games (6th) in one basketball season, exclusive of tournaments, in any one year.
4. No individual shall participate on more than one team in any one sport during the league tournament.
5. Track and Field Events for Boys and Girls
 - a. Sixth Grade: Discus, shot put, high jump, long jump, 75m hurdles, 75m, 100m, 200m, and 400m dashes; 400m, 800m, and medley relays.
 - b. Seventh and Eighth Grade: Discus, shot put, high jump, long jump, 75m hurdles for girls, 100m hurdles for boys, 100m, 200m, 400m dashes; 800m run and 1600m run (seventh and eighth grade only); 400m, 800m, and medley relays.
 - c. All students shall be limited to four (4) events, including relays, per meet.
 - d. Each team may enter only three (3) participants per individual event and one (1) relay team per relay event. EXCEPTION: Two relay teams may be entered in all relays at the sixth-grade level only.
 - e. An officially marked four (4)-kilo shot will be used for sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade shot put events.
 - f. An officially marked one (1)-kilo junior high school discus will be used for all discus events.

6. Cross Country limitations
 - a. Sixth- and seventh graders will run a distance of no more than one (1) mile.
 - b. Eighth-graders will run a distance of no more than two (2) miles.
 - c. Each athlete may participate in a maximum of six (6) total meets per season.
 - d. Sixth-graders must be listed as sixth-graders.
7. Fifth-graders may not participate in any CSAL athletic activities.
8. A CSAL league game will be considered forfeited if a team cannot be fielded ten (10) minutes after the starting time.
9. Cheerleaders are held to the same requirements as other sports. NO PYRAMIDS or building routines are allowed. Both feet must remain on the ground, except when they jump – no lifts or throws.
10. If girls choose to wear spandex (“spankies”), they must wear modest shorts over them.

Policy F. Scoring

1. Football: All scoring for touchdowns, field goals, and safeties will be the same as high school rules. Points after touchdown will be:
 - a. Ball carried or passed into end zone – one point
 - b. Ball kicked from placement between uprights and over the cross bar – two points
2. Volleyball: Each regular season match will consist of the best 2 out of 3 games. All games will be rally scoring.
3. Basketball: All scoring in basketball will be the same as under high school rules.

Policy G. Penalties

1. Any game in which an ineligible player participates will be forfeited by the team with the ineligible player. An ineligible player is defined in Policy A: Student Eligibility.
2. Any school that does not abide by the rules of the CSAL may be penalized by the League through suspension of the individuals (player, coach, and/or Athletic Director) involved for the remainder of the season, and if applicable, the following season in that sport. The League Commissioner will issue this suspension after consultation with the school’s Principal and Athletic Director.
3. All participants (players, coaches, athletic directors, administrators, and fans) in CSAL events are expected to maintain a positive and Christian attitude and sense of decorum throughout their participation. Portraying good sportsmanship at all times is of utmost importance. The head coach of each team is responsible for the

conduct of its players, assistants, and fans before, during, and after an activity. The Principal and Athletic Director of the school are also considered responsible. In the event of a fan(s) of a team becoming unruly and abusive toward the other team and/or game officials, the official in charge will warn the head coach and administrators (if present) of the offending school/team. The officials will allow up to five (5) minutes for the coach or administrator to control his/her fans. Should a second offense of misconduct on the part of a team's fans occur during the same game, the official in charge will suspend play and declare the game forfeited by the offending team. If a team forfeits a second game in one season, that team shall be suspended from that sport for the season.

4. Unsportsmanlike Conduct
 - a. Volleyball: Officials are encouraged to award penalty points to the opposition if, after prior warning, a player, coach, or in extreme circumstances, fans, demonstrate unsportsmanlike conduct. The officials will report to the Commissioner all situations where penalty points were assessed. The Commissioner will have the duty of investigating these incidences and has the authority to discipline coaches via suspensions and/or expulsions as warranted. This policy is in accordance with the National Federation of State High School Association Volleyball Rules.
 - b. Basketball and Football Officials: Officials will report all unsportsmanlike penalty situations to the Commissioner. The Commissioner has the authority to suspend or expel coaches as warranted. Multiple reports (i.e., two or more unsportsmanlike bench fouls) will result in a minimum one-game suspension for the reported coach. The Commissioner will directly notify the coach and the school administrator in cases involving suspensions/expulsions from league contests.
 - c. When there is a violation of Catholic Schools Activities League or Kansas High Schools Activities Association bylaws or policies or the commonly accepted rules of sportsmanship, the gymnasium supervisor will report the violation to the Athletic Director. A coach's decision to suspend a scheduled contest due to unsportsmanlike conduct or disagreement with the officials' decision may be subject to suspension of one or more games for the coach. (The team is not to be penalized.)
5. An appeal of any penalty defined herein may be brought before the Appeals Board in accordance with the procedure in the CSAL Bylaws.
6. If a team forfeits a scheduled League game, it must pay the opposing team one-tenth (1/10) of the League fee for that sport. If teams mutually agree to reschedule a scheduled League game, all expenses are the responsibility of the participating teams.

Policy H. General

1. There will be no All-Star picks made in Wichita Catholic Schools Activities League events.

These Bylaws and Policies of the Catholic Schools Activities League were approved by Bob Voboril, Superintendent of Schools, on November 28, 2007, and by Jim Jerome, Diocesan League Commissioner, on November 29, 2007.

Attachment “C”
CSAL BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL CHANGES
2004 – 2005 (Revised November 2007)

1. ALL basketball tournaments and games are to be sponsored only by CSAL. There will be no invitational tournaments or outside tournaments allowed.
2. There will be no pre-season tournaments.
3. The CSAL will conduct the post-season tournaments. Rural diocesan schools will be invited to participate if they are interested.
4. All division assignments will be by size of school as is done at the high school level (see back of page).
 - There will be two divisions for Girls: Sacred Heart and Mount Carmel
 - There will be two divisions for Boys: Notre Dame and Cathedral
5. The higher the grade, greater competitiveness will be permitted:
 - Grade 8: Competitive
 - Grade 7: Semi-Competitive
 - Grade 6: Instructional to semi-competitive
6. **Division of Schools**
 - a. Schools with 3 sections per grade can have 3 teams possible per grade, per gender:
 - Girls – Sacred Heart = 2 teams; 1 team optional for Mount Carmel
 - Boys – Notre Dame = 2 teams; 1 team optional for Cathedral
 - b. 2 sections per grade: two teams:
 - Girls – 1 team - Sacred Heart; 1 team – Mount Carmel
 - Boys – 1 team – Notre Dame; 1 team – Cathedral
 - c. 1 section per grade school – 1 team:
 - Girls – Mount Carmel; Boys – Cathedral
 - d. School may request to move up to the Sacred Heart or Notre Dame divisions. However, schools will not be moved down to lower divisions.
7. Schools with three sections will divide their top two teams evenly and those teams will participate in the Sacred Heart (girls) and Notre Dame (boys) division. Schools with three sections will have the option of placing their third and lowest team in either division (Sacred Heart or Mount Carmel-girls; Notre Dame or Cathedral-boys). Three-section schools with only two teams would be divided evenly and both teams placed in the Sacred Heart (girls) and Notre Dame (boys) division. Any

school with less than three sections per grade may field three teams, as long as their top two teams are divided evenly and placed in the Sacred Heart or Notre Dame divisions.

- 8. Mercy Rule:**
- a. Grades 7-8: 20 points ahead** – NO FULL OR HALF COURT PRESSING/TRAPS; when score drops to 15 points, may press or trap again until score reaches 20 points ahead.
 - b. Grade 6: 15 points ahead** – ALL teams – NO FULL OR HALF COURT PRESSING/TRAPS; when score drops back to 10 points, may press and trap again until score reaches 15 points ahead.
- 9. NOTE: NO CSAL games are to be scheduled on Sundays.**

Sacred Heart / Notre Dame Divisions
(schools with more than one section per grade)

Blessed Sacrament
Magdalen
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
St. Francis of Assisi
St. Peter – Schulte
St. Thomas Aquinas

Mount Carmel / Cathedral Divisions
(schools with one section per grade)

All Saints	St. Joseph
Christ the King	St. Jude
Holy Savior	St. Margaret Mary
Resurrection	St. Mary-Derby/Rose Hill
St. Anne	St. Patrick
St. Cecilia-Haysville	Holy Cross Lutheran
St. Mary-Newton	