

**CLOVERBELT CONFERENCE
CONSTITUTION**

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CONSTITUTION OF THE CLOVERBELT CONFERENCE

I. NAME:

- A. The name of this conference shall be the Cloverbelt Conference.

II. PURPOSE:

To promote extracurricular activities, to foster clean sportsmanship, and develop better understanding between schools in the conference.

III. Members

Bloomer, Cadott, Colby, Columbus Catholic (Marshfield), Fall Creek, Gilman, Granton, Greenwood, Loyal, McDonell (Chippewa Falls), Neillsville, Osseo-Fairchild, Owen-Withee, Regis (Eau Claire), Spencer, Stanley-Boyd, Thorp.

DIVISION OF SCHOOLS FOR COMPETITION PURPOSES

EAST/WEST Divisions– Conference schools will be divided into two equal, or nearly equal, divisions based on geographic location and proximity to one another. The primary consideration is to minimize travel to the greatest extent possible. East/West divisions will be used in all competition unless specifically listed as an exemption below.

ONE DIVISION – Conference schools will be placed in one division for sports that do not have significant participation of member schools to warrant two divisions.

Current Divisions:

EAST – Colby, Columbus Catholic (Marshfield), Gilman, Granton, Greenwood, Loyal, Neillsville, Owen-Withee, Spencer

WEST – Bloomer, Cadott, Fall Creek, McDonell (Chippewa Falls), Osseo-Fairchild, Regis (Eau Claire), Stanley-Boyd, Thorp

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

1. Any other high school within reasonable proximity to the above schools may, upon application be elected to membership in this conference by three-quarters vote of the members and W.I.A.A. approval.
2. Application for membership must be made by written request to the league president, and will be presented at the next regular meeting. If accepted, full involvement in league activities will depend upon existing schedules.
3. Schools accepted into the Cloverbelt Conference will be assessed a fee as determined by the member Superintendents/Presidents at that time.

WITHDRAWALS:

1. A school may withdraw from membership for good and sufficient reason upon three-quarters vote of the member Superintendents/Presidents and/or W.I.A.A. approval. A written request to withdraw must be made to the league president thirty days prior to the regular early fall meeting.
3. The vote on withdrawals will be conducted at the regular early fall meeting only.
4. Withdrawals from the conference shall become effective the following year.

IV: OFFICERS:

Governance Council

To consist of 3 members of each of the following groups: Superintendents/Presidents, Principals, and Activities Directors. Each group will select its representatives at the last meeting prior to the annual meeting, and will take office after the annual meeting.

Each member of the Governance Council will serve a 3-year term. Initially, each group will select a member to serve a 1-year, 2-year, and 3-year term, to establish staggered terms.

No more than 2 members of the Governance Council shall be from the same school with a minimum of 7 districts represented.

The Governance Council will select a chair and chair-elect to run their meeting and the annual meeting.

In the event of a vacancy or vacancies, the office will be filled at the next regular meeting by means of an election.

B. Superintendents'/Presidents', Principals', Activities' Director Group

1. The officers shall be a chair and chair-elect. The officers are elected at the last meeting prior to the annual meeting, and take office after the annual meeting.
2. In the event of a vacancy or vacancies, the office will be filled at the next regular meeting by means of an election.
3. The chair and chair-elect shall not be from the same division (east – west) of the conference.

Duties of the Officers:

Governance Council

- a. The Chairperson shall preside at the Governance Council meetings and the annual meeting.

- b. The vice-chair shall act in the absence of the chairperson.
- c. The Conference Commissioner shall keep minutes of all meetings. Minutes of all regular meetings shall be sent to all superintendents/presidents, principals, and activities directors.

Superintendents'/Presidents', Principals', Activities' Director Group

- a. The Chairperson shall convene and facilitate all meetings.
- b. The vice-chair shall act in the absence of the chairperson.
- c. The Conference Commissioner shall keep minutes of all meetings. Minutes of all regular meetings shall be sent to all superintendents/presidents, principals, and activities directors.

MEETINGS:

- A. Annual Meeting: Each June an annual meeting of the Cloverbelt conference will be held to vote on proposed amendments / bylaw changes for the following school year. Each conference school may be represented by as many individuals as desired but will only have one (1) vote on each agenda item.
- B. Regular meetings of the activities directors, principals, superintendents/presidents and the governance council shall be held as follows: The activities directors will meet a minimum of five (5) times per year; once at the beginning of the school year, after each season's coaches meetings, and at the annual meeting. The Governance Council will meet a minimum of three (3) times per year plus the annual meeting and the Principals, Superintendents/Presidents, will meet a minimum of two (2) times per year plus the annual meeting.

C. Duties and Meeting structure:

1. Governance Council
 - a. Develop needed constitutional and bylaw and amendment changes for the annual meeting.
 - b. Enforce the Constitution and settle all disputes that may arise.
 - c. Shall annually evaluate and appoint the Conference Commissioner.
 - d. Set annually, membership dues and commissioner salary.
2. Superintendents'/Presidents' meetings shall:
 - a. Focus on school and district issues of concern to the members
 - b. Annually appoint the commissioner.
 - c. Review constitutional changes for consideration by the Governance Council.
 - d. Review bylaw changes for consideration by the Governance Council.
 - e. Discuss any issues with the Commissioner
 - f. Select three (3) members to the governance council at last meeting prior to the annual meeting.
3. Principals' meetings shall:
 - a. Focus on instructional issues of concern to the members
 - b. Give direction to and supervise interscholastic competition and cooperative activities.
 - c. Review constitutional changes for consideration by the Governance Council.
 - d. Review bylaw changes for consideration by the Governance Council.
 - e. Discuss any issues with the Commissioner.
 - f. Select three (3) members to the governance council at last meeting prior to the annual meeting.

4. Activities' Director meetings.
 - a. Receive reports from the coaches meetings and take necessary action.
 - b. Discuss any issues with the Commissioner.
 - c. Run the day-to-day operations of the interscholastic and other scheduled conference activities.
 - d. Propose constitutional amendments and bylaw changes to the Governance Council for adoption at the annual meeting. All proposed amendments / bylaw changes must be approved in two (2) separate activities director meetings, to allow time for each district to determine its position on the proposed amendment / bylaw change. Due to time constraints proposed bylaw changes for spring sports will not need to be approved in two (2) separate meetings.
 - e. Select three (3) members to the governance council at last meeting prior to the annual meeting.

D. Attendance:

1. All members are encouraged to participate in the operations of the conference. Attendance at meetings provides an opportunity for everyone to help maintain the high standards of operation the Cloverbelt Conference is known for and a format for interaction among members on other pressing educational or operational matters.
2. In order to the Governance Council to act, a quorum of five (5) of the nine (9) representatives plus the commissioner, must be present
3. The Commissioner shall be in attendance at all meetings unless (otherwise excused by the Chair of the Governance Council).

E. Conduct of Meetings:

1. All meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

VI. FINANCES:

A. Dues:

1. There will be dues assessed in the Cloverbelt Conference unless changed by majority in attendance at a regular meeting. **The 2022-23 Conference dues are \$2000.00 per school.**

B. Receipts and Disbursements:

1. All Conference receipts and disbursements must be turned over to the Commissioner for accounting. Only authorized bills will be paid by the conference.
2. Requests for Conference funds for special projects must be made at a regular conference meeting and will be acted on by the superintendents/presidents at the next regular meeting.

VII. CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- ### A.
- Championships in the various extracurricular activities shall be determined by the method set forth in the bylaws.

B. AWARDS

1. The Conference shall present awards to champions in the various extra-curricular activities as set forth in the bylaws.

VIII. AMENDMENTS:

Amendments to the constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of all members (see III A.) at-the annual meeting. Sufficient copies of all proposed amendments must be submitted to the Commissioner who shall forward a copy to

each member school at least ten days prior to the annual meeting.

IX. BYLAWS:

Bylaw proposals of this Conference may be adopted only by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all members schools of the Conference present at the annual meeting. A minimum of ten schools must be represented before action may be taken. All schools are encouraged to vote on all issues whether participating in a sport or not.

In the event that a majority of schools in the conference, or a division of the conference, propose a temporary rule or bylaw change for immediate implementation, the commissioner has the authority to approve or deny the request. In the event of an appeal of the decision, the matter will be referred to the Governance Council where a majority vote will make the decision final.

Conference schools participating in a co-op agreement are encouraged to vote as individual schools.

CLOVERBELT CONFERENCE GENERAL BYLAWS

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GENERAL BYLAWS

1. POLICY ON TICKETS:

Home schools will set ticket prices and notify the Conference at the early fall meeting.

- a. Prices for the Cloverbelt Playoffs are to be set by the Conference at the annual meeting for the following year. Prices are listed under “Individual Sports” in the sports’ bylaws.

2. POLICY FOR CONFERENCE RECEIPTS:

- a. All monies over and above the necessary expenses of the host school for any Conference sponsored event shall be turned over to the Conference treasury.

3. POLICY OF CONFERENCE EXPENDITURES:

- a. The Conference will pay the expenses incurred over and above receipts for all sponsored events such as playoffs, tournaments, meets, etc.
- b. All administrative costs shall be paid by the Conference.
- c. Expenses for any Conference activities not included above may be approved by the majority of the schools as per the constitution VI. B. 2.

4. TOWELS:

- a. Each school will furnish its own towels for all Conference contests.

5. **PASSES:**

a. **CONFERENCE SEASON PASSES:**

Will be issued only to superintendents/presidents, principals, athletic directors, and coaches. A maximum of 15 per school will be issued.

6. **PRESENTING AWARDS:**

- a. The administration of the host school shall present league championship trophies and individual awards. This person should be contacted by the host school contest manager.

7. **COACHES MEETINGS:**

- a. Cloverbelt league coaches shall meet once each year for each individual sport to discuss concerns and make recommendations. (This may be a dinner meeting.) Minutes of these meetings and recommendations shall be presented in writing to the athletic directors. The athletic directors will then present any recommendations that they deem pertinent to the Governance Council for consideration and possible approval. Each Conference sponsored sport has a Conference athletic director assigned to it as the person responsible to make sure this meeting is held, and that the concerns and recommendations are considered by the athletic directors at their regular meetings.

8. **NOISEMAKERS/PROHIBITIVE MATERIALS AT CONTESTS:**

Noisemakers/prohibitive materials, as listed below, are not allowed at Cloverbelt Contests.

All types of noisemakers (horns, cow bells, etc.).

Balloons, paper confetti, boom boxes or related materials.

Laser pointers – anyone possessing one will be ejected from the contest.

Pompons may be used, however only plastic or metallic pompons will be allowed on the wooden basketball floor except at half-time.

Megaphones are allowed for cheerleaders only.

Banners with offensive language.

SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS

Acceptable Conduct

Applause during introduction of players, coaches and officials.

Acceptance of all decisions of officials.

Maintaining self-control in all circumstances.

Encouragement to surrounding fans to display good sportsmanship.

Treatment of competition as a game, not a war.

A showing of concern for any injured player, regardless of team.

Applause at end of contest for performance of all participants.

Unacceptable Conduct

Disrespectful, harassing, taunting, or degrading cheers or gestures.

Use of profanity or inappropriate displays of anger.

Laughing or name-calling to distract an opponent.

Booing, criticizing, heckling, or displaying anger at an official's call.

Yelling or waving arms during opponent's free-throws.

During all Cloverbelt Conference contests, any body paint on any part of the body other than the face is prohibited. If a body part has body paint on it, the body paint must be covered with clothing at all times. Spectators who do not conform to these regulations will be removed from the contest.

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THE CLOVERBELT CONFERENCE PROHIBITS STOMPING
OR POUNDING ON BLEACHERS.

THROWING PROJECTILES WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE
EJECTION FROM THE CONTEST!

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Please be positive in support of your team. Fans who insist on using
unacceptable behavior will be ejected from the gym.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR POSITIVE SUPPORT!

10. CONFERENCE COMMISSIONER:

- a. There will be a Conference Commissioner whose salary will be set by the Conference, and whose duties shall be as follows:
 - 1) Coordinate Conference athletic meetings and attend regular Conference meetings.
 - 2) Coordinate and direct the selection of All-Conference teams. The Commissioner will attend Coaches meetings where all Conference selections are being made and will supervise the portion of the Coaches meeting relating to All-Conference selections to ensure that the Conference bylaws are followed.
 - 3) Select, purchase and disseminate Conference awards and trophies.
 - 4) Act as correspondent to the news media in regard to appropriate Conference events, activities, and All-Conference teams.
 - 5) Hire officials for league contests in the following varsity level sports: football, basketball, wrestling, volleyball, baseball and softball; also hire tourney/playoff officials for cross country, volleyball, basketball, wrestling and track.

- 6) Develop league schedules for the following athletic events and Cloverbelt tournaments: varsity and JV football, varsity basketball, varsity volleyball, varsity wrestling, varsity baseball and varsity softball.
- 7) Keep the constitution updated.
- 8) Compile Conference standings.
- 9) Prepare a budget to be presented at the annual meeting.
- 10) Prepare a yearly calendar of Conference events and meetings.
- 11) File for a two year period all reports of violations by member schools.
- 15) The commissioner will give the conference approval to the WIAA for purpose of allowing the 5th quarter rule in basketball.

11. COACHES AS OFFICIALS:

- a. Head coaches cannot officiate games that involve their own school in their own sport.

12. AWARDS:

- a. It is understood that a minimum of five schools must sponsor a full team in any particular sport to be included in the Conference awards program. Co-op teams will be considered as one school.
- b. All Conference purchased awards will be awarded and dispensed through the Commissioner. The conference will pay for two trophies per sport per gender. Coop teams that win a Conference trophy may request that the Commissioner order an additional trophy(s), the cost of which will be split by the schools involved in the coop.

- c. The Conference will provide a 15” Divisional Champions Trophy to all teams that finish in a tie for first place in their division.
- d. The selection of All-Conference teams will be directed and coordinated by the Commissioner.

13. SCHOLAR/ATHLETE AWARD:

- a. The Conference will annually award scholar/athlete certificates and medallions to one boy and one girl from each Conference school using the following criteria:
 - 1) Grade level – Seniors preferred, juniors may be elected only if there are no qualified seniors.
 - 2) Grade point average – Must have a 3.0 cumulative.
 - 3) Activities – Participation in academic and athletic leadership shall weigh in the selection process.
- b. Upon request, the names will be submitted each year to the principal of the school hosting the banquet.
- c. All Conference schools will host the banquet in an alphabetical rotation with **McDonnell hosting in 2023**. The rotation will be as per the alphabetical listing under III A of the constitution.
- d. The Conference will buy a maximum of 10 tickets per school.
- e. The Scholar Athletic Banquet should be held on the 1st Wednesday in April. If the banquet conflicts with Easter/Spring break, the banquet will be held on the 3rd Wednesday in April.
- f. The host school will submit a financial statement to the Commissioner at the completion of the event.
- g. The Conference will contribute a maximum of \$2,500.00 to sponsor the Scholar Athlete banquet. Expenditures above this amount will be the host school’s responsibility.

14. ALL-CONFERENCE ACADEMIC AWARD

- a. Each school principal will select two students.
- b. Qualifications:
 - 1. Grade Level – Seniors preferred, juniors may be elected only if there are no qualified seniors.
 - 2. Grade Point Average - 3.5 cumulative, based on 5 or 7 semesters.
 - 3. Activities - Participation in academic and/or leadership activities shall weigh in the selection process.
 - 4. Selection Process - Each school shall establish its own process for selecting students according to the above criteria.
- c. Awards - Certificate and medallion to be awarded at a banquet in April.
- d. Host - Conference schools to host the banquet alphabetically with **Stanley-Boyd hosting in 2023**. The rotation will be as per the alphabetical list under III A of the constitution.
- e. The Conference will buy a maximum of 10 tickets per school.
- f. The Scholar Banquet should be held on the 2nd Wednesday in April. If the banquet conflicts with Easter/Spring break, the banquet will be held on the 3rd Wednesday in April.
- g. The host school will submit a financial statement to the Commissioner at the completion of the event.
- h. The Cloverbelt Conference will contribute a maximum of \$2,500.00 to sponsor the Academic banquet. Expenditures above this amount will be the host school's responsibility.

15. OFFICIALS:

- a. The Commissioner will contract officials for Conference contests in the following varsity sports: football, volleyball (both varsity and J.V.), boys' and girls' basketball, wrestling, baseball and softball.
- b. The Commissioner will contract officials for all Conference playoffs and tournaments. The Commissioner will write checks for the following officials: 1st place Volleyball, 1st and 2nd place Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Conference Cross Country, Wrestling and Track Tournaments.
- c. Schools are welcome to recommend officials who they believe do a good job.
- d. Officials may be prevented from working at a particular school only if such recommendation is sent in writing to the Commissioner and such request is signed by both the coach of the sport and the high school principal. It is understood, however, that should the official already be under contract for the following season when the letter arrives, the official will be allowed to work the contest. The request will then be honored during the next season.
- e. A form listing the dates of home contests, officials' names, and amount of payment will be sent to each school prior to the football-volleyball season, prior to the basketball-wrestling season and before the baseball-softball season. Schools will write their own checks for football, volleyball, boys and girls basketball, wrestling, baseball and softball.
- f. The fee schedule for officials will be determined at the Conference Annual Meeting. The fee is **\$100.00** per official, (**\$120 for football officials**) with no mileage being paid. The exception to this is wrestling officials working conference dual meets will be paid **\$100.00** plus mileage of \$.40 per mile with a cap of \$40.

- f1. Volleyball officials will be paid **\$145.00** per official (**\$90** for varsity and \$45 for JV), no mileage, to work the JV match of 3 games and Varsity, 3 of 5 games.
16. SCHEDULES:
- a. Any school which chooses to change the date of a contest for any reason, must get approval and mutual agreement of the other school involved or the contest will be played when it was originally scheduled. Remember to let the Commissioner know as soon as possible of any changes.
 - b. Athletic Directors are instructed to keep loss of school time to a minimum as contest dates and times are scheduled.
17. REPORTING CONTEST RESULTS TO THE NEWS MEDIA:
- a. Because the Conference spans a variety of TV stations and daily newspapers, each school needs to devise a dependable system of reporting results of contests. It seems that a particular school's success should have no bearing on whether the results of that contest is reported or not. The constitution reads that the results shall be reported.
 - b. The home school will report results to the news media. Athletic Directors will have a list of conference schools that identify the telephone numbers for the news media.
18. CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROCESS FOR CLOVERBELT CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:
- a. Initial step: Resolve the violation between the principals of the schools involved. The principal initiating the action will also file a report with the Commissioner. The Commissioner will keep all violation reports on file for a two year period. (Copy to all parties involved.)

- b. Second step: Upon receiving a second report on the same violation for a school, the Conference Commissioner will notify the school's District Superintendent/President that a second violation has been reported. (Copy to all parties involved.)
- c. Third step: Upon receiving a third report on the same violation for a school, the Conference Commissioner will notify the president of the Conference principals' group, who will send a letter reprimanding the school to their school board. (Copies to all parties involved.)
- d. Fourth step: Upon receiving a fourth report on the same violation, the Conference Commissioner will notify the president of the principals' group, who will refer the violation to the principal for disciplinary action at their next meeting. Such action could include assessing forfeits, withholding awards, re-assigning playoffs, denying playoff berths, formal reprimand, etc. (Copies to all parties involved.)

19. APPEALS:

- a. Appeals of steps 1-3 must be filed within 5 days with the president of the principals' group. The president shall appoint a review committee of three principals from the opposite division. The committee shall rule within 15 days of their appointment.
- b. Appeals of the 4th violation shall be filed within 5 days with the president of the superintendents'/presidents' group. The president shall appoint a review committee of three superintendents/presidents from the opposite division. The committee shall rule within 15 days of appointment.

20. CHEERLEADING BYLAWS:

Pom pons may be used by cheerleaders at basketball games in any Cloverbelt Conference school, before the game or at half time.

During warm-up periods when both teams are on the playing floor, the activities of cheerleaders must be restricted from those areas of the floor usually needed by players. It will be required that no cheerleading be done at this time or that cheers be led that do not require use of the playing floor more than five (5) feet from the bleachers and between the free throw lines.

Cheerleading should refrain from, and attempt to discourage crowd yelling during the time that the opponents are shooting free throws.

At wrestling matches, cheerleaders will stay at least ten (10) feet away from the mats.

No cheers will be used that involve pounding of feet on floors and bleachers, or any cheer that might involve destruction of property.

Basketball cheerleaders must remain seated when play is in progress.

21. FORENSICS BYLAWS

When possible, the Cloverbelt Conference spring speech meet shall also be considered a sub-district contest for the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association program.

All schools participating in the spring speech meet will host the contest in alphabetical order on an East-West basis when possible, as recommended in number 1.

The rules of the Wisconsin High School Forensics Association will be followed.

22. MUSIC BYLAWS

The Cloverbelt Conference will incorporate music into the Conference program, and as far as possible will do this outside the regular school day.

The Conference will sponsor an All-Conference Band/Chorus Festival each year according to the following guidelines:

- a. The host school to be determined on an alternating east/west alphabetical rotation as listed:

East	West
2023 - Gilman	2024 – McDonell
2025 - Loyal	2026 - Osseo-Fairchild
2027 - Neillsville	2028 - Regis
2029 - Owen-Withee	2030 - Stanley-Boyd
2031 - Thorp	2032 - Bloomer
2033 - Colby	2034 - Cadott
2035 - Granton	2036 - Fall Creek
2037 - Greenwood	

- b. The festival will be held on the 3rd Saturday in January each year. The 4th Saturday in January is the alternate date.
- c. The festival manager will secure clinicians by May for the ensuing year.
- d. All directors will attend a meeting in September at the host school to select music and submit names of automatic and eligible students to the festival manager. The costs for travel and meals to be paid by their respective schools.
- e. The number of students representing each school will be equal.
- f. The festival manager will obtain the festival music by late September, with an eye toward utilizing an existing music library, or borrowing the music, if possible. The cost of the festival music will not exceed \$1,200.00. The

host school will become the owner of all music purchased for the festival. All budget items for the festival will be approved by the host school principal.

- g. The Cloverbelt Conference will pay the cost of the clinicians, accompanist (if necessary), music, and the festival manager. All other festival expenses will be paid by the host school, on the rationale that each host district must reflect its own personnel needs and the contract agreements for this event, and will provide for these on a rotational basis.
- h. The principals view this event as an outstanding showcase for the efforts of our schools' music students and directors, and support its continuation as long as the music educators feel it is a worthwhile activity. The music educators are urged to keep principals informed and involved in the progress of the Cloverbelt Conference Band/Chorus Music Festival.
- i. Admission should be charged for the event to help offset Conference expenses, and that the admission rate should be \$3.00 per ticket.
- j. The following fee payment schedule is in effect:
 - 1. Clinicians' fee is \$350.00
 - 2. Clinicians' mileage will be paid at the same rate used for Conference officials, \$0.40 per mile.
 - 3. Clinicians' room and board will be paid at a minimum rate of \$100.00 per clinician, when room and board is required. All expenditures will be supported by receipts provided to the Festival Manager for his or her approval.
 - 4. Accompanists' fee is \$150.00
 - 5. Festival Manager's fee is \$100.00
- k. Schools hosting the Music Festival will be furnished the financial statement from the previous year to use as a guide and will send their financial statement to the Commissioner upon completion of the festival.

23. BROADCAST OF CONFERENCE EVENTS

The broadcast rights to all Cloverbelt Conference sponsored are the sole possession of the Cloverbelt Conference. Any for profit group that wishes to Live Stream a conference sponsored event (crossover events, CC Meet, Track Meet, WR Meet, Golf Meet) will get permission from the conference commissioner and pay a fee of \$500. Exceptions can be made for school entities with permission of the host school.

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SPORTS BYLAWS

FALL SPORTS - CROSS COUNTRY, FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL

CROSS COUNTRY

A. Meets hosted by Cloverbelt schools.

1. The rules of the W.I.A.A. will be followed.
2. The recommended starting time is 4:30 p.m.
3. **All Cross Country meets hosted by Cloverbelt schools during the regular season will start the second race 45 minutes after the start of first race for high school and 30 minutes for jr. high/middle school races.**
4. **The recommended distance for middle school is 3200m**

B. Cloverbelt Conference Meet:

1. Commissioner Responsibilities

The Commissioner will assume the responsibility for the following:

- a. Contract officials.
- b. Send officials' checks to the meet manager.
- c. Have the awards at the site.

2. Meet Manager Responsibilities:

The meet manager will assume the responsibility for the following:

- a. Notifying the schools and the officials of all necessary information concerning the event.
- b. Sending a financial statement and a meet report to the Commissioner after the meet.
- c. Reporting results to the news media.

Conference Meet Guidelines

- a. The Conference tournament will run the Saturday before the WIAA sectionals.
- b. Any conference school that has a cross country affiliation with the WIAA may enter the conference meet, but a school must have five starters to be considered a team.
- c. The Conference meet will be hosted on an alphabetical rotation basis by all schools sponsoring the sport (boys and girls).
- d. The Conference meet will follow the WIAA Sectional guidelines and rules. This includes start times of boys and girls races and the prohibition of dogs on the course. Teams WILL be allowed to run the course or practice at the meet site, with host school approval.
- e. **Order of races will coincide with the WIAA tournament procedures. The time schedule for the meet will be as follows 10:00 AM 1st Race, 10:45 2nd race, 11:30 3rd race, Awards 60 minute after the start of the final race. The race times will never begin ahead of the scheduled times.**
- f. The junior varsity boys' and girls' meets will run after the varsity races. Combine teams when numbers dictate. **The JV race can be run with the varsity when numbers dictate.**
- g. **A timing company will be hired for the conference meet.** Contracting of the timing system is the responsibility of the conference commissioner. The conference will cover the cost of the use of the timing system.
- h. Two WIAA registered officials will be hired by the conference to run the conference meet.

- i. **Host schools will submit a financial statement and expense report to the conference commissioner to be reimbursed by the conference (meet workers, paint, etc.).**

Meet Host Rotation

2022 – Loyal	2028 - Spencer
2023 – McDonell	2029 – Stanley-Boyd
2024 – Neillsville	2030 – Thorp/Gilman
2025 – Osseo-Fairchild	2031 – Bloomer
2026 – Owen-Withee	2032 – Abby/Colby
2027 – Regis	2033 – Cadott
	2034 – Columbus Cath.
	2035 – Fall Creek

C. Awards

1. Team awards at the Conference Meet

- a. 15” Championship Trophies will be awarded to the 1st place boys team and the 1st place girls team. **An 11” trophy will be awarded to the 2nd place boys team and the 2nd place girls team**

2. Individual Awards at the Conference Meet

Medallions and Championship Certificates will be awarded to the 14 top finishers in the boy’s division and the girl’s division.

Honorable Mention Certificates will be awarded to runners placing 15th thru 21st.

The individual awards will be presented to the winners following the conference meet.

3. All Cross Country meets hosted by Cloverbelt school during the regular season will start the second race 45 minutes after the first race for high school and 30 minutes for jr. high/middle school meets.

FOOTBALL

1. The Conference, as assigned by the WIAA will consist of:

Durand	Neillsville
Elk Mound	Regis
Fall Creek	Osseo-Fairchild
Mondovi	Stanley-Boyd
2. The playing rules of the W.I.A.A. and the NFHS will be followed.
3. The home team will wear dark jerseys, while the visiting team will wear light jerseys.
4. At least three registered officials for all football games below the varsity level will be employed.
5. The starting time for varsity contests will be 7:00 p.m. The date and start times of games moved due to scheduling conflicts will be mutually agreed upon by the two school involved.
6. Frosh-Soph. or J.V. games shall normally be played at the same site, and on the Monday following the varsity game. Large school Freshmen normally play on the Thursday following the Varsity game at the opposite site.
7. Length of quarters for JV and Frosh games will be as follows:

JV 10 minutes Frosh 10 minutes
8. The visiting coach, with a representative of the host school, will check the dressing room upon arrival and before departure to insure that no vandalism has occurred, or that such vandalism is so indicated before leaving.
9. There will be no admission charge for other than varsity football games.
10. When possible, at least 10 yards shall be provided for sidelines.

11. Chain gangs and down marker personnel should be clearly distinguished.
12. No scouting will be done from the press box at any site. Only team personnel from the teams competing in the game are to be in the press box. Equal access to the press box will be provided for the two teams playing. Space for media will be provided only if it is available after team personnel are provided space.
13. All coaches in the Cloverbelt will provide access to Conference Pool Pass in HUDL if they subscribe. Schools that do not subscribe will ensure that at least two weeks of prior games will be provided. No game films will be provided to schools outside of the conference for scouting purposes.

FOOTBALL TIE-BREAKER

1. Tie breaking procedure for WIAA Football Playoffs:
 - i. Head-to-head competition - Note: If more than 2 teams are tied and this step or one of the following tie-breaking steps eliminates one of the teams and there are still 2 teams tied then the head-to-head competition would again be used as the number one step in breaking the tie between the remaining teams.
 - ii. If there are co-second place finishers, select the team that defeated the Conference champion.
 - iii. Select a Conference team whose defeated Conference opponents had the best win-loss record in the Conference.
 - iv. Select a Conference team who had lost to the higher finishing Conference opponent.
 - v. Select a Conference team based on the most quarters led (overtime is an extension of the fourth quarter).
 - vi. Flip of the coin. This procedure will be done by the Conference Commissioner and a representative from each school. The flip of the coin will take place within 24 hours of the last Conference game. Procedure for the flip of the coin will be determined

by the Conference Commissioner.

- Teams must keep quarter scoring stats for all Conference games.

PROCEDURE FOR SELECTING ALL-CONFERENCE FOOTBALL:

Coaches will meet to consider all conference selections.

Voting is on an all-opponent basis only.

All ballots must be completely filled out. An incomplete ballot will be returned to be completed.

11 1st team offense, 11 1st team defense and 2 specialist positions are selected for All-Conference 1st team.

11 2nd team offensive, 11 2nd team defensive and 2 2nd team specialist positions are selected for All-Conference 2nd team.

A Player may only be selected to one team.

Honorable Mention players are those who receive votes from one coach.

Coaches will nominate deserving players from their teams and send the names to all other coaches in the division before the last game.

Coaches will meet on the Wednesday immediately after the last conference game to vote for All-Conference players. All votes will be kept confidential.

The nominations, discussions, and voting that occurs during all-conference selection meetings will be confidential. A confidentiality statement will be read at the beginning of each meeting by the AD in charge.

If any players are tied in votes and points, the coaches will vote one more time for the tied players using a point system determined by the number of tied players (3,2,1 if there are three players tied, 3 given to the most deserving player) for the final position. If after this vote players are still tied, players involved in the tie will receive the award.

The Commissioner will release the All-Conference results after all teams have completed play in the WIAA tournament.

ALL CONFERENCE AWARDS

1. Team Awards

- a. 15” Championship Trophy will be awarded to the Conference Champion.
- b. All teams tying for a championship will receive a 15” trophy
- c. The trophies will be given to the coaches at the coaches’ meeting.

2. Individual Awards for football:

Eleven 1st team All-Conference on offense – medallions and certificates.

Eleven 1st team All-Conference on defense – medallions and certificates.

Two specialist positions All-Conference – medallions and certificates.

Eleven 2nd team All-Conference on offense – certificates only.

Eleven 2nd team All-Conference on defense – certificates only.

Two specialist positions on 2nd team All-Conference – certificates only.

Honorable mention for anyone receiving votes from one coach – certificates only.

There will be no ties in football.

The individual awards will be given to the coaches at the coaches meeting.

VOLLEYBALL

Dual Meets

1. There will be two volleyball divisions:

East

Colby
Columbus Catholic
Gilman
Greenwood
Loyal
Neillsville
Owen-Withee
Spencer

West

Bloomer
Cadott
Fall Creek
McDonell
Osseo-Fairchild
Regis
Stanley-Boyd
Thorp

2. The playing rules of the W.I.A.A. will be followed.
3. The official scorer shall be an adult, and the official scorer and timer shall be clearly distinguished.
4. Line judges will be adults at the varsity level.
5. JV and C squad will play 3 games (all 3 games will be played). Rally scoring will be used to 25 in the all three games.
6. All warm-ups will be 20 minutes.
7. The Freshman and Sophomore team will be called the "C" team.
8. Schools will start their varsity games no earlier than 7:15 p.m. The "C" team and J.V. team will start at 5:45 p.m. If "C" Team and JV matches are played at different sites they may begin at 5:45 pm. If only one court is available, the "C" Teams match will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the JV at 6:00 p.m.

9. Officials will work the Junior Varsity match consisting of 3 games, starting at 5:45 p.m. and the Varsity match consisting of 3 out of 5 games which will follow the Junior Varsity match at approximately 7:15 p.m.
10. The visiting coach, with a representative of the host school, will check the dressing room upon arrival and before departure to insure that no vandalism has occurred, or that such vandalism is so indicated before leaving.

B. Conference Playoffs

1. Commissioner Responsibilities:

The Commissioner will assume the responsibility for the following:

- Contract officials.
- Send officials' checks to the meet manager.
- Have the awards at the site.

2. Meet Manager Responsibilities:

The meet manager will assume the responsibility for the following:

- Notifying the schools and the officials of all necessary information concerning the event.
- Sending a financial statement and a meet report to the Commissioner after the playoffs.
- Reporting results to the news media.

3. Playoff ticket prices at the championship site are **\$5.00**.

C. Playoff Procedures

1. Tiebreaker: (1) head to head matches, (2) head to head games, excluding exhibition games, (3) total point average per game between the tied teams, (4) League Executive Committee.

In the event that more than two teams are tied, the teams involved in the tie will be compared according to their win/loss record among those teams. If there were a tie again for the number of wins/losses, the tie would be broken by head to head results.

The Conference Champion will be determined by a playoff match between the Division winners. Matches will consist of 3 of 5 games. The West site will be the location for the championship match in odd numbered years, while the East site will be the location for the championship match in even numbered years. The 1st place playoff games will start at 7:15 p.m. The J.V. match will start at 5:45 p.m. and will consist of 3 games. The Commissioner will contract the officials of the championship and J.V. matches. If a “C” team plays, the host school will hire the officials. Proceeds from the championship game will be sent to the Conference.

The 2nd through 8th place teams in each division will play at single sites in the West during odd numbered years, and in the East during even numbered years. Admission prices will be the host school’s regular prices, and the event shall be considered a local event. The Commissioner will contract the officials for the host schools. The contract will be \$100.00 for the varsity match and \$45.00 for the J.V. match and the host school will write the checks for the officials. If a “C” team plays, the host school will hire the officials.

In 2nd through 8th place matches, the J.V. match will start at 5:45 p.m. and the varsity match will start at 7:15 p.m. The varsity will play 3 of 5 games and the J.V. will play 3 games.

The W.I.A.A. rules will be followed in all varsity matches. The first team to win three games wins the match, and the match is concluded.

1st through 8th place playoffs will be played at the West sites in odd years and East sites in even years.

All-Conference Team Selections

1. Coaches will meet on the respective Monday before the Conference playoff to nominate and vote on All-Conference teams and Honorable Mention players.
2. 7 first team volleyball players are chosen from the East and 7 first team players from the West Division. Voting is on an all-opponent basis only.
3. Coaches will nominate players for first team.
4. Coaches will vote, based on the number of players to be selected (7-6-5 etc.), the players with the most nominations will be selected. The total points earned will only be used to break all ties.
5. If any players are tied in votes and points, the coaches will vote one more time for the tied players using a point system determined by the number of tied players (3,2,1 if there are three players tied, 3 given to the most deserving player) for the final position. If after this vote players are still tied, players involved in the tie will receive the award.
6. Coaches will re-nominate players for second team all-conference.
7. Coaches will vote, using the same procedure as used for first team selections.
8. Coaches will re-nominate players for honorable mention all-conference and vote using the same procedure as for 1st and 2nd team. Seven players will make up the HM Teams.

9. Coaches will make their nominations to the host athletic director prior to the coaches meeting. The coaches will discuss the nominee before a secret ballot is taken. Ballots must be completely filled out. An incomplete ballot will be returned to be completed.
10. At All-Conference meetings, the voting will be kept confidential; only the final names will be released.
11. The nominations, discussions, and voting that occurs during all-conference selection meetings will be confidential. A confidentiality statement will be read at the beginning of each meeting by the AD in charge.

All-Conference medallions will be presented to the players after the Volleyball Conference championship game. 2nd team All-Conference and Honorable Mention players would also be recognized after the above championship games with Certificates.

The All-Conference team results will be sent to the media after the 1st place playoff match.

Awards

1. Team Awards

The winner of each division will receive a 15” Conference Championship Trophy.

Trophies will be presented at the Conference playoff sites.

The Conference will provide a Divisional Champions Trophy to any teams that finish in a tie for first place in their division.

2. Individual Awards

East Division

7 All-Conference Medallions and Certificates will be awarded to the 7 All-Conference 1st team selections in the East.

7 Certificates will be awarded to the 7 2nd team selections.

7 Certificates will be awarded to the 7 Honorable Mention selections

West Division

7 All-Conference Medallions and Certificates will be awarded to the 7 All-Conference 1st Team selections in the West.

7 Certificates will be awarded to the 7 2nd team selections.

7 Certificates will be awarded to the 7 Honorable Mention selections

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BASKETBALL

Regular Season Games

There will be two divisions as listed below:

West

Bloomer
Cadott
Fall Creek
McDonell (Chippewa Falls)
Osseo-Fairchild
Regis (Eau Claire)
Stanley-Boyd
Thorp

East

Colby
Columbus Catholic
Gilman
Grantton
Greenwood
Loyal
Neillsville
Owen-Withee
Spencer

The playing rules of the W.I.A.A. will be followed.

All officials, including junior varsity officials, shall be in proper uniform attire, and shall be registered officials.

Locker rooms for visiting teams are to be available no later than 5:20 PM. The gym floor is to be available no later than 5:30 PM for JV/C Squad warm ups. Visiting teams are not to be in gym areas until 5:20 PM where practices are occurring.

Freshman and J.V. games will start at **5:45 p.m.** unless mutually agreed upon to start earlier. Freshman and J.V. will play 16 minute halves. Half-times will be 8 minutes, unless there are other half-time activities going on. J. V. warm-ups will be 15 minutes.

Varsity basketball games shall begin 20 minutes after the junior varsity game or at **7:15 p.m.** whichever is later. The 15 minute warm-up shall be run off on the official scoreboard clock.

Junior varsity games that end in a tie will be completed by overtime periods.

The home team shall wear light uniforms; the visiting team shall wear dark uniforms.

The official scorer and timer shall be clearly distinguished.

All-Conference players will be selected by the coaches in each division of the conference in accordance with the bylaws.

All conference schools shall operate a foul indicator from the scorers bench.

Sophomores may play with freshmen on a basketball team; this team will be called the “C” team. It is recommended that the “C” team games be played at the same time and site as J.V. games.

There 1st and 2nd place teams from each division will play on the Saturday prior to the WIAA tournament series.

The beginning of any Cloverbelt varsity basketball game should be consistent. After fifteen minutes of warm-up has elapsed on the clock, the horn should be sounded. At that time, any announcements will be made followed by the National Anthem after which the players will be introduced.

Teams will be assigned baskets so that each team will be shooting at the basket nearest their own players’ bench during the second half of play.

The use of the basketball floor by Varsity players before the J.V. game or at half-time of the J.V. game is prohibited.

The visiting coach, with a representative of the host school, will check the dressing room upon arrival and before departure to insure

that no vandalism has occurred, or that such vandalism is so indicated before leaving.

Conference Playoffs

Commissioner Responsibilities:

The Commissioner will assume the responsibility for the following:

- a. Contract officials.
- b. Send officials' checks for 1st and 2nd place playoff to the championship site and notify the officials of their assignment.
- c. Have the awards at the championship site.

Meet Manager Responsibilities:

- a. Notifying the schools and the officials of all necessary information concerning the event.
- b. Sending a financial statement and meet report to the Commissioner as well as a check in the amount of the profit or a bill indicating the loss.
- c. Reporting results to the news media.

Playoff Procedures

Because the participants in these events are often not finalized until a very short time before the playoff dates, the following procedures are in effect.

- a. Tie Breaker
 - 1. Head-to-head competition between the tied teams.
 - 2. Halves led head-to-head
 - 3. Halves led using accumulative scores for all Conference games
 - 4. 1st half points allowed head to head
 - 5. Fewest points allowed in conference games
 - 6. Flip a coin.

- b. If the host school is a western school, then all participating schools from the west are considered “home” schools and vice-versa and will wear white jerseys
- c. Locker rooms will be assigned upon arrival at the host school.

Spectator seating will be clearly designated.

Teams will be allowed a 15 minute warm-up time, and will be assigned their baskets so that each team will be shooting at the basket in front of their own players’ bench during the second half.

The host school will provide the music (a band should not assume seats if a full house is anticipated), and concessions.

All participating schools must send program information to the host school as soon as possible.

All participating schools should have a chaperon present at the event to help control their students.

- i. The boys’ basketball playoff site will be Neillsville for the championship and second place games in 2022. Boys’ basketball playoff games for 1st and 2nd place teams will be held on Saturday afternoon, with the 2nd place game starting at 1:00 p.m. and the 1st place game to follow.
- j. The girls’ basketball playoff site will be Osseo-Fairchild High School for the championship and second place games in 2022. Girls’ basketball playoff games for 1st and 2nd place will be held on Saturday evening. Starting times will be 6:00 p.m. for 2nd place and the 1st place game to follow 20 minutes after the finish of the 2nd place game.

- k. Third through eighth place teams of each division will play each other at single sites. The host school will be designated by East and West in the Constitution. Admission prices will be normal host school ticket prices and the event shall be a local event. The Commissioner will contract the officials for the host schools. The varsity starting times will be 7:15 p.m.
- l. Conference playoff sites for 2022, 2023, 2024

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
2023 Osseo-Fairchild	Neillsville
2024 Neillsville	Osseo-Fairchild
2025 Osseo-Fairchild	Neillsville

C. Host Rotation

2023 Boys - West, Girls – East 2024 Boys – East, Girls – West

D. Ticket Prices

Playoff ticket prices for the Championship site are \$5.00

E. All-Conference Team Selections:

The following guidelines are to be used for selecting All-Conference teams in basketball:

Coaches will meet on the respective Wednesday before the Conference playoff to vote on All-Conference teams and Honorable Mention players.

Prior to the coaches meeting, coaches will submit their 1st Team nomination to the host athletic director.

The coaches will discuss the nominees before a secret ballot is taken. Ballots must be completely filled out. An incomplete ballot will be returned to be completed.

Coaches will vote, based on the number of players to be selected (6-5-4 etc.), the players with the most nominations will

be selected. The total points earned will only be used to break all ties.

If any players are tied in votes and points, the coaches will vote one more time for the tied players using a point system determined by the number of tied players (3,2,1 if there are three players tied, 3 given to the most deserving player) for the final position. If after this vote players are still tied, players involved in the tie will receive the award.

Coaches will re-nominate players for second team all-conference.

Coaches will vote, using the same procedure as used for first team selections.

Coaches will re-nominate players for Honorable Mention all-conference.

Coaches will vote, using the same procedure as used for first and second team selections.

6 first team basketball players are chosen from the East and 6 first team players from the West Division. Voting is on an all-opponent basis only. 6 second team players are chosen from each division. 6 honorable mention players are chosen from each division.

At All-Conference meetings, the voting will be kept confidential; only the final names will be released.

The nominations, discussions, and voting that occurs during all-conference selection meetings will be confidential. A confidentiality statement will be read at the beginning of each meeting by the AD in charge.

All-Conference medallions will be presented to the players after the Basketball Conference championship game. 2nd team

and Honorable Mention players would receive Certificates after the above championship games.

The All-Conference team results will be sent to the media after the 1st place playoff match.

Awards

Team Awards

The Conference will provide a 15” Divisional Champions Trophy to all teams that finish in a tie for first place in their division. Trophies will be presented at the crossover championship site.

Individual Awards

- a. 6 Medallions and certificates for boys and 6 Medallions and certificates for girls will be awarded for the East and West 1st team All-Conference winners.
- b. 6 Certificates for boys and 6 Certificates for girls will be awarded to the East and West 2nd team All-Conference winners.
- c. 6 Certificates for boys and 6 Certificates for girls will be awarded to the East and West Honorable Mention team All-Conference winners.

WRESTLING

Dual Meets:

1. The Conference will organize a series of **triangulars** among the **established programs**: Abby/Colby Bloomer Neillsville/Greenwood/Loyal Cadott Spencer/Columbus Catholic Osseo-Fairchild/Augusta/Fall Creek Thorp/Owen-Withee Regis/Altoona Stanley-Boyd
2. The rules of the W.I.A.A. will be followed.
3. **The weigh-in period for wrestling shall be 4:30 p.m. Rounds of the triangular should start at 5:30pm, 6:15pm, and 7:00pm.**
4. Attempts shall be made to have the school with the furthest travel distance have a bye in the final round.
5. **Junior Varsity matches may be wrestled. Attempts should be made to schedule these matches so they do not delay the start of the scheduled varsity dual meet rounds.**
6. Bad Weather Cancellation Procedure: If a Conference Triangular Meet is canceled due to bad weather, the teams will work to reschedule to the next best date available for all teams.
7. **Conference Dual Meet Champion will be decided by best overall conference record. If there is a tie for the best conference record, the head-to-head result of those two teams will determine the champion.**
8. A 15" trophy will be presented to the Conference Dual Meet Champion. Trophies will be presented at the Conference Individual Tournament.

Individual Meet

Commissioner Responsibilities:

The Commissioner will assume the responsibility for the following:

- a. Contract officials.
- b. Have the awards at the conference meet site.

Meet Manager Responsibilities:

The meet manager of the host school will assume the responsibility for the following:

- a. Notifying the schools and the officials of all necessary information concerning the event.
- b. Sending a financial statement and meet report to the Commissioner.
- c. Reporting results to the news media.
- d. **In cooperation with the conference commissioner, hire the services of someone knowledgeable in the use of Track Wrestling. Pay will be \$250.**

3. Conference Meet Ticket Prices:

- a. Playoff ticket prices are in effect for wrestling on a two-session basis; a season ticket may be sold for a savings to the purchaser at the following rates:

All day tickets will be \$5.00.

Single session ticket rates are \$3.00 for finals only.

4. The Conference Wrestling meet will be held on the Saturday preceding the WIAA Regionals. The conference wrestling tournament will be an 8-wrestler bracket with pigtail format with weigh-ins at 8:30 AM with wrestling starting at 10:00 A.M..

5. Bad Weather Cancellation Procedure:

If the Conference Tournament is canceled due to bad weather, the meet will be held on the following Tuesday and the Regional Tournament format will be used to shorten the Tournament (first round losers would be eliminated). Weigh-ins at 3 p.m. and wrestling to start at 4:30 p.m.

6. The coaches' meeting will be held the morning of the conference meet at the meet site or the Wednesday before the conference meet if the coaches deem a longer meet is necessary.

7. The seeding meetings are to be held the day of the Conference meet.
8. Conference Wrestling Tournament Rotation:

2023 – Abby/Colby
2024 – Neillsville/Greenwood/Loyal
2025 – Osseo-Fairchild/Augusta/Altoona/Fall Creek
2026 – Spencer/Columbus Catholic
2027 – Regis/Altoona
2028 – Thorp
2029 – Spencer/Columbus Catholic
2030 – Stanley-Boyd/Owen-Withee
2031 - Bloomer
2032 - Abby/Colby
2033- Cadott
9. Seeding Guidelines for Cloverbelt Wrestling Tournament:
 - a. **PRELIMINARIES:** Only bonus points will be awarded for winners in championship or consolation preliminary-round matches. No advancement points will be scored in those rounds.
 - b. **MINIMUM MATCHES:** A minimum of 10 matches must have been wrestled by competitors with winning records in order to be considered for seeding.
 - c. **HEAD-TO-HEAD SEEDING CONSIDERATIONS:** Such considerations and other special seeding considerations will be decided by coaches for each weight bracket.
 - e. If there is one Rat tail, we will draw to see where it goes. If there are two Rat tails, we will draw to see where they go, but one **MUST** go in the top bracket and one **MUST** go in the bottom.
 - e. It should be noted that W.I.A.A. Regional Seedings may be used at the Cloverbelt Tournament if needed.

- f. The Conference Tournament shall be considered an invitational tournament, closed to all schools except Conference members.
- g. The Conference Tournament will wrestle back to 3rd place.
- h. Conference individual champions will be determined at the invitational tournament.

Awards

Team Awards

A 15” 1st place trophy will be presented to the Conference meet winner.

A 15” trophy will be presented to the Conference Dual meet champion.

All teams tying for a conference championship will receive a 15” trophy.

Trophies will be presented at the Conference meet.

Individual Awards

All-Conference medallions and certificates will be awarded to champions in each weight class at the Conference tournament.

Runner-up medallions and certificates will be awarded to the runner-up in each weight class at the Conference tournament

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BASEBALL

A. Conference Games

1. Baseball Divisions are as listed:

East

Columbus Catholic
Gilman
Granton
Greenwood
Loyal
Neillsville
Owen-Withee
Spencer

West

Bloomer
Cadott
McDonell
Osseo-Fairchild
Regis
Stanley-Boyd
Thorp

2. The playing rules of the W.I.A.A. will be followed.
3. The 10 run rule is mandatory in the Cloverbelt Conference.
4. Baseball will play same opponent on Tuesday and Thursday home and home. Softball will keep the traditional schedule. This will start in 2024
5. The starting time for varsity baseball games shall be 5:00 p.m. for all games except when softball has a scheduled double header. Then games will start at 4:30 PM.
6. The pre-game schedule procedure is as follows:
 - a. 35 minutes before game time the home team will take a 15 minute warm up on the field.

- b. After that, the visitor will take a 15 minute warm up on the field.
 - c. The coaches and umpires will then conduct their meeting at home plate
 - d. No team will be anywhere on the field while their opponent is on the field
- 7. At least three new baseballs per game must be furnished by the home team.
- 8. The visiting coach, with a representative of the host school, will check the dressing room upon arrival and before departure to insure that no vandalism has occurred, or that such vandalism is so indicated before leaving.

B. Conference Playoffs - None

C. Procedure for Selecting All-Conference:

Coaches will meet on the respective Wednesday prior to the start of the WIAA tournament to vote on All-Conference teams and Honorable Mention players.

Coaches will nominate players for first team and provide those nominations to the host athletic director prior to the coaches meeting.

The coaches will discuss the nominee before a secret ballot is taken. Ballots must be completely filled out. An incomplete ballot will be returned to be completed.

Coaches will vote, based on the number of players to be selected (10-9-8 etc.), the players with the most nominations will be selected. The total points earned will only be used to break all ties.

If any players are tied in votes and points, the coaches will vote one more time for the tied players using a point system determined by the number of tied players (3,2,1 if there are three players tied, 3 given to the most deserving player) for the

final position. If after this vote players are still tied, players involved in the tie will receive the award.

Coaches will re-nominate players for second team all-conference.

Coaches will vote, using the same procedure as used for first team selections.

Coaches will re-nominate players for honorable mention all-conference.

Coaches will vote, using the same procedure as used for first and second team selections.

10 first team baseball players are chosen from the East and 10 first team players from the West Division. Voting is on an all-opponent basis only.

10 second team baseball players are chosen from the East and 10 second team players from the West Division.

10 honorable mention baseball players are chosen from the East and 10 honorable mention players from the West Division.

At All-Conference meetings, the voting will be kept confidential; only the final names will be released.

The nominations, discussions, and voting that occurs during all-conference selection meetings will be confidential. A confidentiality statement will be read at the beginning of each meeting by the AD in charge.

The Commissioner will send the awards to the site of the coaches meeting.

The Athletic Director in charge of the meeting will send the results to the Commissioner who will release them to the media after All-Conference teams have completed WIAA tournament play.

Awards

1. Team Awards
 - a. A 15” Championship Trophy will be awarded to the 1st place winner in the West and in the East.
 - b. All teams tying for a division championship will receive a 15” trophy.
2. Individual Awards
 - a. 10 All-Conference Medallions and Certificates will be awarded to the East All-Conference 1st team winners and to the West All-Conference 1st team winners.
 - b. 10 Certificates will be awarded to East and West 2nd team All-Conference winners.
 - c. 10 Certificates will be awarded to East and West Honorable Mention All-Conference winners.
3. All awards will be distributed at the coaches’ meetings.

GOLF

Conference Meets:

The Cloverbelt Conference recognizes golf as a spring sport.

The rules of the W.I.A.A. will be followed.

Starting time for Conference matches shall be 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise mutually agreed upon or courses dictate otherwise.

A Cloverbelt Conference Golf Tournament will be arranged at a neutral site and will be exempt from the 4:30 p.m. starting time. The Conference will pay the fees for this tournament.

The 2022 Conference teams are:

Bloomer	McDonell
Cadott	Neillsville
Colby	Osseo-Fairchild
Columbus Catholic	Owen-Withee
Fall Creek	Regis
Loyal	Stanley-Boyd
	Thorp

Championship Meet:

Commissioner Responsibilities:

The Commissioner will assume the responsibility for the following:

- a. Sending a check to the host golf course.
- b. Sending the awards to the meet site.

Meet Manager Responsibilities:

The Meet Manager of the host school will assume the responsibility for the following:

Notify the schools and officials of all necessary information concerning the event.

Send a meet report to the Commissioner.

Report results to the news media.

All-Conference Selection

The top 10 scorers will be awarded points on a 10 to 1 basis for each of the 6 Conference matches, plus the Conference Tourney, which counts as two matches. (The low score gets 10 points and so on.) Ties are awarded equal points. The ten golfers with the highest totals will receive All-Conference recognition.

All Conference Awards

Team Awards

- a. 15" Championship Trophy will be awarded to the Conference Champion. An 11" trophy will be presented to the 2nd place team.

Individual Awards

- a. 10 All-Conference Medallions and Certificates will be awarded to the 10 golfers with the highest point totals earned in all Conference meets and the Conference tournament meet.
- b. Honorable Mention Certificates will be awarded to golfers who receive the 11, 12, 13 and 14th highest point totals earned in all Conference meets and the Conference tournament meet.

- c. In case of a tie for the last position in the selection of All-Conference teams, both players will be recognized as All-Conference.
- 3. Awards will be distributed at the Conference meet site.

SOFTBALL

A. Conference Games

1. Softball Division are as listed:

<u>East</u>	<u>West</u>
Colby/Abbotsford	Bloomer
Columbus Catholic	Cadott
Gilman	Fall Creek
Loyal/Greenwood	McDonell
Neillsville	Osseo-Fairchild
Owen-Withee	Regis
Spencer	Stanley-Boyd
	Thorp

2. The playing rules of the W.I.A.A. will be followed. When double-headers are played, both games will be 7 innings in length.
3. If a single game is rescheduled as part of a double header later in the season, and that doubleheader needs to be rescheduled, the doubleheader will be played at the same site as the original doubleheader.
4. The starting time for varsity softball games will be 5:00 p.m. except for scheduled double headers. Then the start time of the first game will be 4:00 p.m.
5. The pre-game schedule procedure is as follows:
 - 35 minutes before game time the home team will take a 15 minute warm up on the field.
 - After that, the visitor will take a 15 minute warm up on the field.
 - The coaches and umpires will then conduct their meeting at home plate

No team will be anywhere on the field while their opponent is on the field

5. At least 2 new softballs per game must be furnished by the home team.
6. The visiting coach, with a representative of the host school, will check the dressing room upon arrival and before departing to insure that no vandalism has occurred, or that such vandalism is so indicated before leaving.
7. The 10 run rule after 5 innings will be used in all conference games.
8. The 15 run rule after 3 innings of play will be used in all conference softball games, including doubleheaders.

B. Conference Playoffs - None

C. All-Conference Team Selections Procedures:

Coaches will meet on the respective Wednesday after the last scheduled Conference game to vote on All-Conference teams and Honorable Mention players.

Coaches will nominate players for first team and provide those nominations to the host athletic director prior to the coaches meeting.

The coaches will discuss the nominee before a secret ballot is taken. Ballots must be completely filled out. An incomplete ballot will be returned to be completed.

Coaches will vote, based on the number of players to be selected (10-9-8 etc.), the players with the most nominations will be selected. The total points earned will only be used to break all ties.

If any players are tied in votes and points, the coaches will vote one more time for the tied players using a point system determined by the number of tied players (3,2,1 if there are three players tied, 3 given to the most deserving player) for the

final position. If after this vote players are still tied, players involved in the tie will receive the award.

Coaches will re-nominate players for second team all-conference.

Coaches will vote, using the same procedure as used for first team selections.

Coaches will re-nominate players for honorable mention all-conference.

Coaches will vote, using the same procedure as used for first and second team selections.

10 first team softball players are chosen from the East and 10 first team players from the West Division. Voting is on an all-opponent basis only.

10 second team softball players are chosen from the East and 10 second team players from the West Division.

10 honorable mention softball players are chosen from the East and 10 honorable mention players from the West Division.

At All-Conference meetings, the voting will be kept confidential; only the final names will be released.

The nominations, discussions, and voting that occurs during all-conference selection meetings will be confidential. A confidentiality statement will be read at the beginning of each meeting by the AD in charge.

The Commissioner will send the awards to the site of the coaches meeting.

The Athletic Director in charge of the meeting will send the results to the Commissioner who will release them to the media after All-Conference teams have completed WIAA tournament play

D. Awards

Team Awards

A 15” Championship Trophy will be awarded to the 1st place winner in the West and in the East.

All teams tying for a division championship will receive a 15” trophy.

2. Individual Awards

10 All-Conference Medallions and Certificates will be awarded to the East All-Conference 1st team winners and to the West All-Conference 1st team winners.

10 Certificates will be awarded to the East and West 2nd team All-Conference winners.

10 Honorable Mention Certificates will be awarded to the East and West honorable mention team All-Conference winners.

3. All awards will be distributed at the coaches’ meetings.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' TRACK

Conference Track Meet

The Cloverbelt Conference meet will be run on the Tuesday prior to the WIAA Regional Track Meet. In the event of postponement, the meet will be run the Thursday prior to the regional.

Commissioner Responsibilities:

The Commissioner will assume the responsibility for the following:

Contract officials.

Send officials' checks to the meet manager.

Send awards to the meet site.

The Meet Manager of the host school will assume the responsibility for the following:

Notify the schools and officials of all necessary information.

Send a financial statement and meet report to the Commissioner.

Reporting results to the news media.

The rules of the W.I.A.A. will be followed.

Admission fee for spectators at the conference meet will be \$3.00.
Conference passes will be honored.

Starting time for Conference track meets shall be 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.

All W.I.A.A. sanctioned events will be included in the Cloverbelt Track Meets, and they will follow the recommended W.I.A.A. order of events and W.I.A.A. regional entry numbers.

In the Cloverbelt Conference Track Meet, scoring will be to 8 places, regardless of the number of teams entered.

The conference track meet must be run on an **all-weather, rubberized** track with 8 or more lanes.

Field Events—9 finalists to finals in all field events regardless of lanes on the track.

Running Event—Finals (100m, 200m, 100m/110m hurdles): The number of runner in final reflects the number of lanes on the track so only one race is run in finals. If the host school has an 8 lane track 8 runners advance to finals. If a host school has a 9 lane track 9 runners advance to finals.

Running Event Trails/Finals—When there are not enough athletes to create two or more heats to have a trial, no trials are run, only finals. Example: There are six boys entered in the 110mH. Because all entries can be run in one race only a finals race will be held, trailer races are not held. If trails are not held for a particular event (100m, 200m, 100m/110m hurdles) a ten-minute break will be inserted in the place of those races.

Preliminaries will be run in the boys & girls 100, 200, 110 Hurdles & 100 Hurdles, unless the entries are equal to or less than the number of lanes on the track.

Entries for the conference meet are due two days (11:59 PM) before the conference meet. Changes will be the same as the WIAA regional rules.

The conference commissioner will hire a fully automated timing system to time and score both the East and West Conference meets. The cost of using this system will be paid for by the conference. Contract with timing companies needs to require printed copies of results prior to leaving the meet. (one per school)

The conference track coaches will meet on the Wednesday prior to the conference meet.

C. Hosts for All-Conference Meets:

2022 – Bloomer and Gilman
2023 – Cadott and Colby
2024 – Fall Creek and Gilman
2025 – McDonell and Colby
2026 – Stanley-Boyd and Gilman
2027 –Bloomer and Colby
2028 – Cadott and Gilman
2029 – Fall Creek and Colby

D. All-Conference

The 30 Boys' Track event winners in the East and in the West are All-Conference.

The 30 Girls' Track event winners in the East and in the West are All-Conference.

Awards

Team Awards

A 15" Championship Trophy will be awarded to the winners of the Boys' West Track Meet, the Girls' West Track Meet, The Boys' East Track Meet and the Girls' East Track Meet.

Individual Awards

Championship Certificates and Medallions will be awarded to the 1st place finishers as listed below:

Event Winners

Girls West – 30
Boys West – 30
Girls East – 30
Boys East - 30

Runner-up Certificates will be issued to all 2nd place winners in the East and West boys' and girls' track events.

In case of a tie for an award, both players will receive awards.

Awards will be presented at the Conference Track Meets.

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