

KANSAS CITY PAROCHIAL LEAGUE GUIDELINES

(From the Kansas City Parochial League (PLKC), Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph (revised 07/02/09) Athletic Program Rules of Competition.

Complete text available online at www.plkc.org under the selection “Rules of Competition.

ARTICLE IX – TEAM DIVISIONS

SECTION 1: It is the responsibility of the athletic director to ensure that the all teams are divided in accordance with league rules. Any school with more than one team (1) in the 5th or 6th grade must divide their teams so that they are equal in skill and ability.

For example: If a school has two (2) 5th grade teams then the teams must be divided so they are equal in skill and ability.

SECTION 2: Teams competing at the seventh and eighth (7th and 8th) grade level will be divided into two divisions for each grade, the seventh and eighth (7th and 8th) Grade “A” Division and the seventh and eighth (7th and 8th) Grade “B” Division.

a. The seventh and eighth (7th and 8th) Grades “A”: These divisions shall be composed of players and teams considered to have developed advanced levels of skill. This division shall be considered the competitive division.

b. The seventh and eighth (7th and 8th) Grades “B”: These divisions shall be composed of players and teams whose competitive skills and/or competitive instincts are considered to be developmental.

c. It is the responsibility of the athletic director in conjunction with the school principal to assure his/her school evaluates the needs of each group of students in assigning each athlete and or team to the appropriate divisions.

d. A school that has more than one seventh and eighth (7th and 8th) grade team and chooses to place them in the same division must divide the teams equally according to skill and ability.

SECTION 3: It is the responsibility of the athletic director to assign teams to the seventh and eighth (7th and 8th) Grade “A” or seventh and eighth (7th and 8th) Grade “B” divisions. The League Director and his representatives will monitor the performance of teams in preseason tournaments to verify that teams are, in the opinion of the League Director or his representatives, appropriately assigned. The League Director may reassign teams to a different division if the League Director believes it is necessary.

SECTION 4: It is the responsibility of the athletic director to ensure that all teams are divided in accordance with League Policies for all tournaments including preseason tournaments.

***** Section 5 and Section 6 are updated and new for the 2009 – 2010 academic year *****

SECTION 5: Team selection policy for 7th & 8th grade teams any schools with coaches in violation of the policy below maybe subject to suspension.

a. At least two (2) separate sessions to evaluate all the participants together at each session. These sessions should consist of the same basic fundamentals to assist in the evaluation process.

b. The school athletic director must recruit impartial evaluators who have knowledge of basic volleyball and basketball skills and no ties to the particular grade level to assist in the selection process. Evaluators must not be the coaches of any of the teams involved.

c. No Parents Allowed at the Evaluation Sessions.

d. The selection process must take place each year, so players are not labeled A or B team players without going through the selection process.

d. Athletic Directors must have coaches in place for their teams before the selection process takes place and any teams are formed.

SECTION 6: Team selection policy for 4th- 6th grade teams any schools with coaches in violation of the policy below maybe subject to suspension.

a. At least one (1) separate session to evaluate all the participants together at each session. These sessions should consist of the same basic fundamentals to assist in the evaluation process.

b. The school athletic director must recruit impartial evaluators who have knowledge of basic volleyball and basketball skills and no ties to the particular grade level to assist in the selection process. Evaluators must not be the coaches of any of the teams involved.

c. No Parents Allowed at the Evaluation Sessions.

d. Athletic Directors must have coaches in place for their teams before the selection process takes place and any teams are formed.

Please review the St. Thomas More Athletic Handbook, which is available on the school website, for more detailed information on the STM Athletic programs.