

WILD RICE CONFERENCE
Constitution & By-Laws
Adopted 3/5/1980
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ARTICLE I – Name

The organization shall be known as the Wild Rice Conference.

ARTICLE II – Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to promote interscholastic activities between member schools in the best interest of students and other persons concerned. In doing so, the organization will attempt to elevate the standards of good sportsmanship and encourage growth in good citizenship, not only of students, but also of all others who come in contact with school activities. In doing so, all schools will subscribe to the rules and regulations as set forth by the N.D.H.S.A.A.

ARTICLE III – Membership

1. Members shall include all schools which are active members at the time of the adoption of this constitution.
2. Application for membership may be made by non-member schools by sending written notification to the secretary-treasurer of the conference. The members of the conference shall vote upon the application at one of the regularly scheduled meetings. Approval by three-fourths of the member schools shall be necessary for admittance to the conference.
3. Member schools that wish to join in a particular sport in which they did not participate in the conference may also apply for membership in that sport by the same method as stated above. Three-fourths of the member schools in that sport must approve the admittance before the school is allowed to participate.
4. In either item 2 or 3 above, the school may not enter the conference sport during the school year the vote was made unless approval is obtained from all member schools in that particular sport.
5. A school may withdraw its membership in a particular sport or full membership by contacting the secretary-treasurer in writing prior to the beginning of the season for a particular sport or before the beginning of the next school year in the case of full membership. Additional procedures may be provided for the by-laws of the conference.

6. A member school may be expelled by the Conference Schools for:
 - a. Non-payment of dues for the previous year.
 - b. Disregard for the constitution and by-laws of the conference.
 - c. Disregard for and violation of the rules as set forth by the NDHSAA.
 - d. Nonprofessional and unethical behavior by representatives including students, school officials, and fans.
 - e. Other items as set forth in the by-laws.

Such expulsion shall be by a unanimous vote of the member schools, excluding the vote of the school whose expulsion is being considered.

ARTICLE IV – Dues

The dues shall be established as an annual assessment for each school and reviewed annually based on budget needs.

ARTICLE V – Voting

- (a) Each school shall have one vote on matters concerning the entire conference.
- (b) Each school shall have one vote on matters concerning a particular sport in which they are a participant. A majority vote of the members of the conference in (a) or sport in (b) will be necessary to carry any change in the constitution or by-laws. Other business may be carried by a simple majority if a quorum is present. Each school shall designate a voting representative and file the name of the representative with the secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting.

ARTICLE VI – Officers and Duties

1. The officers shall be a chairman, and a director. They shall be elected at the fall meeting for a term of one year. They shall be superintendent, principal, or athletic director of the school they represent to be eligible to serve. There shall be no limit to the number of terms that any officer may serve. No more than one officer shall be elected from any one school.
2. An officer leaving the area or resigning his position shall be replaced by a vote of the membership at the next regular meeting.
3. Each year the officers shall select from one of the member schools someone to serve as secretary-treasurer of the conference and establish duties for the position not outlined in the constitution or by-laws.
4. They shall select committees and transact the business of the conference as directed by the membership and constitution or by-law.
5. They shall set meeting dates for the conference.

ARTICLE VII – Meetings

At least two meetings shall be held during each school year. A fall meeting shall be held in September, and a spring meeting in March. Special meetings may be called by the chairman provided at least 5 days notice is given to each school.

Site of the meetings will be determined by the officers of the conference.

BY-LAWS

Article I – conduct of Meetings, Rules of Order

1. A majority of the member schools shall constitute a quorum to carry on the regular business of the association.
2. All business and procedures as well as matters of parliamentary procedure shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
3. Decisions shall be made by voice vote. However, any member may request that each school be polled individually and/or that a secret ballot be used.

Article II – Football (9 Teams)

1. Membership (2010)
 - a. 9-Man: Tri-State (FCT), Hankinson, Sargent Central, Wyndmere-Lidgerwood, Richland
 - b. 11-Man: Milnor-North Sargent, Kindred, Oak Grove, Central Cass
2. All-Region players from each team shall be honored at the annual spring banquet for those schools submitting dues for football. Coaches will be responsible for submitting these names to the conference secretary.
3. No conference champions will be declared due to the lack of an adequate number of teams in each division of competition.
4. Play-off teams will be selected by the NDHSAA.

Article III – Girls' Basketball (10 Teams)

1. Membership (2010)
 - a. Central Cass, Fairmount-Campbell-Tintah, Hankinson, Kindred, Lidgerwood-Wyndmere, Milnor, North Sargent, Oak Grove, Richland, Sargent Central.
2. Conference Champion Formula: (adopted spring 2003, by-law inclusion spring 2012)
The following criteria will be used for determining the conference champion for boys' and girls' basketball beginning with the 2003-2004 season:
Girls' teams must play a minimum of 7 conference opponents.
Boys' teams must play a minimum of 7 conference opponents.
Champion will be determined by a power ranking of games played within the conference.
Power formula used as follows:
Team will be awarded 100 points for each conference win, team will also receive 10 points for each game the opponent they defeated wins in conference play. This total will then be divided by the total number of conference games that team has played.

3. For scheduling the next year, make game 1 game 11 and move the remaining games up one spot and reverse the home schedule. If membership changes, adjustments will be made.
4. All conference team selected by the coaches. Each coach shall vote for 12 players other than his/her own. He/she will also nominate up to 5 players of his/her own team that are eligible. Player eligibility shall be determined by the individual school/coach. Only players nominated by his/her coach shall have their names appear on the official conference selection ballot. To qualify for selection players must receive a minimum of 5 votes. Twelve players shall be selected with a cap of 15 if ties result. If ties cause the total to exceed 15 the secretary will poll coaches to break any existing ties.

Article IV – Boys’ Basketball (10 Teams)

1. Membership (2010)
 - a. Central Cass, Fairmount/Campbell/Tintah, Hankinson, Kindred, Lidgerwood-Wyndmere, Milnor, North Sargent, Oak Grove, Richland, Sargent Central.
2. Conference Champion formula (Same as Girls’ Basketball)
3. Scheduling format (Same as Girls’ Basketball)
4. All Conference Team (Same as Girls’ Basketball)

Article V – Boys’ and Girls’ Track (6 Teams)

1. Membership (2010)
 - a. Central Cass, Hankinson-Fairmount, Kindred, Milnor-Wyndmere-Lidgerwood, Sargent County (North Sargent-Sargent Central), Oak Grove, Richland.
2. Indoor meet – A site and date shall be selected yearly. Each member school shall take a turn conducting the meet for a two-year term. Management shall receive a fee of \$150 plus a \$50 snack & beverage stipend. Medals shall be given for 1st and 2nd, with ribbons awarded to 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th places. Medals will only be awarded for 1st place in relays.
3. Outdoor meet – A site and date shall be selected yearly. Each member shall take a turn conducting the meet for a two year term. Management shall receive a fee of \$150, plus a \$50 snack & beverage stipend. Medals shall be given for 1st and 2nd, with ribbons awarded to 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th places. Medals will only be awarded for 1st place in relays.
Medals and ribbons same as for indoor.
4. Junior High Boys & Girls (Grades 7 & 8) – A site and date shall be selected yearly. Ribbons shall be awarded for first eight places in each event. A participating school shall be selected each year to conduct the meet. Management shall receive a fee of \$125, plus a \$50 snack & beverage stipend.
5. Track worker fees: \$15/hr for ticket takers, public address announcer, computer operator.

Article VI – Girls’ Volleyball (10 Teams)

1. Membership (2010)
 - a. Central Cass, Fairmount-Campbell-Tintah, Hankinson, Kindred, Milnor, North Sargent, Oak Grove, Richland, Sargent Central, Wyndmere-Lidgerwood.
2. All Conference Team (Same as Girls’ and Boys’ Basketball)

Article VII – General

1. Passes – Each school shall receive 10 passes for admission to any WRC event at each member school.
2. The WRC will not sponsor tournaments or meets for teams below the varsity level other than Junior High Track.
3. Schedules – Teams, by mutual consent, may change the playing dates from the master schedule. This change shall be reported to the conference secretary when made.
4. Secretary’s salary – The secretary shall receive \$1250 per year (2011) for his/her duties.
5. Dues – Dues shall be assessed annually with an equal payment for all schools to be based on annual budget needs.
Annual dues set at \$650.00 per school (2007-08)
6. Changes to Constitution and By-laws – Amendments may be made in the constitution by submitting the amendment at a regular meeting and voting at the next regular meeting. Approval would require a majority of the membership. An amendment to the constitution could be adopted at any meeting provided it received approval by all the members. Changes in the by-laws may be made by a majority vote of the membership. (The exception would be this paragraph, which would follow the procedure for constitutional amendments and those of Article III – Membership.)

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Respectfully Submitted by WRC Secretary
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CHANGES to be approved at Spring 2013 meeting.