



**SKYLINE LEAGUE**  
**DISTRICT 4-1A**  
**CONSTITUTION**  
**BY-LAWS**  
**AND**  
**APPENDICES**

**Skyline North**

Days Creek  
Elkton  
North Douglas  
Umpqua Valley Christian  
Yoncalla

**Skyline South**

Camas Valley  
Glendale  
New Hope Christian  
Pacific  
Powers  
Riddle

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**CONSTITUTION  
SKYLINE LEAGUE - DISTRICT 4-1A**

**ARTICLE I**

Name

This organization will be known as the Skyline A League. In the event that the league deems it necessary, the league will be separated into divisions to be known as the Northern and Southern Divisions. Divisional membership will be determined by a majority vote of league members.

**ARTICLE II**

Objectives

The object of this organization shall be to improve the school activity programs of the member schools through appropriate cooperation and competition.

**ARTICLE III**

Membership

This organization shall consist of the schools in District 4-A, which meet the requirements of the OSAA and the obligations of league participation.

**ARTICLE IV**

Offices

Section 1 – The officers of the league shall consist of a president, a secretary, and a treasurer. The president shall be from the school recommended by the OSAA to chair the district during that school year. The secretary shall be the next OSAA recommended chairperson and shall keep minutes of league meetings. The treasurer will reside at a designated site as long as the district is willing to retain that chair. Both the league and, if necessary, the divisional chairs will be assumed on an alphabetical basis, as per OSAA guidelines. Any deviation in this process must be approved by league or divisional vote. In the event that the president cannot chair a particular meeting, the secretary will assume the chair.

Section 2 –The league chairman will determine who will run league tournaments or meets.

**ARTICLE V**

Dues/Entry Fee/Additional Expenses

Annual dues shall be paid on or before September 15 of a current school year. The league in its first meeting of the year will determine the amount of those dues. The initiation fee is in addition to yearly dues. Any additional expenses not covered by dues, fees, and tournament revenue incurred by the league will be shared equally among the member schools.

**ARTICLE VI**

Amendments

This constitution and its by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the league by a majority vote of the member schools. Proposed amendments will be sent to the member schools for consideration at least a week in advance of the scheduled meeting.

Amendments can also be proposed and discussed at one meeting, then discussed in districts and voted on in the next regularly scheduled league meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### Voting/Quorum

Section 1 – Each member school shall have one vote, which shall be cast by the principal or his designee.

Section 2 – Majority approval is required for all matters.

Section 3 – A quorum is required before any business requiring league vote can be conducted. A majority of league members constitutes a quorum.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### Dues/Entry Fees

Dues for the Skyline A League shall be \$50.00 per year. Initial entry fees for new schools will be \$100.00, in addition to the \$50.00 league dues assessment.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### Order

League meetings shall be conducted on a formal basis, with Robert's Rules of Order being used as a guideline.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### Committees

The president may appoint any committee when he deems it necessary, or the league may direct that a committee be formed. All committees shall be ad hoc.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### Meetings

The first meeting of the year will be scheduled at the discretion of the league president, preferably during the last week in August, but at least a week prior to the first league fall contest. There shall be at least one week's notice, with an agenda included, before each meeting, and there should be at least one meeting scheduled after the completion of the fall and winter league sport seasons. All AD's shall invite their schools' administration to attend the first meeting of the year.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### League and Tournament Passes

Each school, at the beginning of the school year, will be allowed five (5) league passes that can be used at any league event. Administrators and Athletic Directors will be admitted into any league event for free.

Tournament passes for each team participating in the volleyball or basketball tournaments may be issued prior to those teams participating in the tournaments. The league chairman in consultation with league schools will decide the number of passes. Four tournament passes will also be provided to non-participating schools at a tournament. These passes are to be used by administrative or coaching staff.

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### Scheduling

Section 1 – Responsibility for determining master schedules for the respective sports will be assigned by the league chairman at the first league meeting following the end of each sport season. These schedules should then be sent as soon as possible to member schools and should

include site and start times. League game time changes that are approved by the two schools involved are allowed with notification to the rest of the league participants.

Section 2 – The master schedule will be followed, unless an emergency as outlined in Article VIII occurs, at which time the two schools involved will reschedule the contest. Any deviation from a published schedule date will require agreement by the two schools involved and a consensus of divisional or league schools involved in that sport. If the proposed change cannot be agreed upon, the team requesting the change, and unable to meet the original commitment will forfeit the contest. In no instance will schools reschedule simply to gain an advantage in scheduling over other schools.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### Scheduling Problems

Section 1 – Vehicle breakdown/hazardous weather conditions:

- a. Vehicles used to transport teams need to be properly equipped to travel in inclement weather.
- b. Drivers of these vehicles should have the instructions and the authority to make arrangements in the event of an emergency.
- c. Coaches should be prepared to notify their own school administrator, and the administrators of the school they are competing against, if there is a vehicle breakdown or weather hazard.
- d. The school that finds it is unable to meet its commitments shall immediately contact the opposing school and arrange to reschedule the event.

Section 2 – Discipline or Illness:

If a school finds itself without a sufficient number of players to participate in a contest because of illness or disciplinary action, the administrators of the school will contact the opposing school involved and forfeit the contest.

Section 3 – Strike:

Should a school become involved in a strike situation, that school will immediately notify those schools involved in any other contests and will follow the policy outlined in the OSAA Handbook.

Section 4 – Emergency:

- a. Should a home site become unsuitable for a contest, the involved school(s) should be notified as soon as possible and the contest rescheduled at the earliest possible date.
- b. School closures due to an act of God or situations not within the school's control would warrant rescheduling.

Section 5 – Closure of school due to financial difficulty will be dealt with as per current OSAA stipulations. If a school closure results in a district electing to discontinue athletics, and the discontinuation takes place between the date of qualifying for post-season competition and the date of actual competition, the next-place school or individual(s) shall represent the Skyline A League in post-season competition.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Volleyball Playoffs and All – League Selection

Section 1 – For volleyball, a tournament will decide the district seeding to meet the OSAA requirements, using the format as shown on the bracket on page 6 17. ~~Trophies will be awarded to the top teams in the tournament.~~ Teams qualifying for state will follow the state guidelines. Any expenses including facility rentals, trophies and individual awards will be divided evenly among the league schools. Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> places as well as for Sportsmanship will be presented.

### Section 2 –

- A. Seeding into the district tournament will be determined by league play and tiebreakers.
- B. Winning teams must win 3 out of 5 sets in all district tournament matches.
- C. If playoff games are needed to determine seeding, those games will be held the Monday or Tuesday of the week of the district tournament.
- D. If the South Division is hosting the second round of the district tournament, its #1 seeds will automatically get game 6. If the North Division is hosting the second round of the district tournament, its #1 seeds will automatically get game 6.
- E. The first round of the district tournament will be held at the #2 school from each division the Thursday prior to the district tournament. #2N will host the #3S and #4N teams and the #2S will host the #3N and #4S teams.
- F. ~~The first round of the district tournament shall have an admissions price of \$5 for adults, \$3 for students. The second round of the district tournament shall have admissions prices equal to the pricing guidelines set by the OSAA for state playoffs games. League passes will be honored at both rounds of the district tournament.~~
- G. ~~The second round of the district tournament will be held the Saturday of the weekend prior to the state cutoff date. Please see Appendix E for bracket.~~
- H. The site may be determined at the spring meeting. The site will be at a neutral, non-league location. The host will determine the site for the district tournament.
- I. For purposes of designating a home and away team, the higher seed will always be considered home. If both seeds playing in the same match are equal, the team at the top of the bracket will be considered the home team. (or coin flip? Or alternate)
- J. At the second round of the district tournament, all-tournament selections will be determined by the participating coaches. All coaches must vote for six opposing players, and no coach can vote for members of his or her own team. Suitable awards will be presented to selectees upon the completion of the tournament.
- K. Expenses for this tournament, if greater than the league treasury shall pay the gate receipts. If insufficient funds are available in the league treasury, all league schools will share the expenses equally. The league treasury will retain any profit realized.

### Volleyball All – League Selection

- A. Each school must have a representative at the All – League meeting, which will be held the day of the district tournament, before the start of the tournament. If they do not, they will be allowed only 1 player to be placed on the All – League team. This player can be placed no higher than honorable mention.
- B. The All – League Selection Meeting will be held at the conclusion of the district tournament on Saturday.

- C. Each school can nominate any varsity player for All – League recognition. Each coach will submit names of the nominees as he/she sees deserving to the sport chair prior to the All – League meeting.
- D. Voting Procedures:
1. All nominations will be taken before the voting begins.
  2. All voting will be by secret ballot.
  3. A coach or representative cannot vote for a player from his/her school.
  4. Coaches may discuss nominations by stats, strong points, etc., before voting.
  5. Only one vote will be taken.
  6. First team players will receive 3 points per vote, second team players will receive 1 point per vote.
  7. The 7 players receiving the most points will be the first team, the next 7 players receiving the most points will be the second team.
  8. Any player earning points but not making the first or second team will automatically be on the honorable mention list.
  9. Ties will be broken by a vote of all coaches. If the tie still remains after 1 vote, both athletes will make the respective team.
  10. Any school's coach or representative may add 1 athlete's name to the honorable mention list from his/her school, if their school did not have an athlete on the first, second, or honorable mention team AND the player deserves mention.
  11. Coaches are allowed to vote for their own players for Player of the Year.
- E. Coaches will select, in a separate vote from the All – League teams, and support a Libero of the Year, Player of the Year and Coach of the Year.

## ARTICLE IX

### Basketball Playoffs and All – League Selections

Section 1 – For basketball, a tournament will be played to determine seeding into regional play. The first and second seeds will be designated as league champion and runner-up, respectively, and will receive a trophy or plaque by the league.

#### Section 2 –

- A. The site may be determined at the spring or fall meeting. The site will be at a neutral, non-league location. The host will determine the site for the district tournament.
- B. ~~The first round of the district tournament shall have an admissions price of \$5 for adults, \$3 for students. The second and third rounds of the district tournament shall have admissions prices equal to the pricing guidelines set by the OSAA for state playoffs games. League passes will be honored at both rounds of the district tournament.~~
- C. In the event of tie for seeding into the district tournaments, **play-off** games will be used to determine the seeds. Those games will occur either the **Saturday**, Monday or Tuesday before the start of the district tournament.
- D. The tournament will be a ~~three~~ **two** day event, involving the top three boys teams and the top three girls teams from each division. ~~For the first round of the district tournament, the games will take place on Friday for girls on Tuesday and boys on Wednesday in odd numbered years and boys on Tuesday and girls on Wednesday for even numbered years. These games will be held previous to the state cut – off date at the #2 seed's gym. The second and third first and second rounds of the district tournament will occur the Friday and Saturday previous to the state cut – off date used to complete district tournament play. For the tournament bracket, please see Appendix F.~~
- E. On odd numbered years the North #2 team will play game #1 on Friday vs. the South #3 team, the South #2 team will play game #2 on Friday vs. the North #3 team. On even numbered years the South #2 team will play game #1 on Friday vs. the North #3 team, the North #2 team will play game #2 vs. the South #3 team.**
- F. For purposes of designating a home and away team, the higher seed will always be considered home. If the same seeds are playing in the same game, the team at the top of the bracket will be considered the home team. (or coin flip? Or alternate)**
- G. Tournament format and considerations:
  - ~~1. If the South Division is hosting the second and third rounds of the district tournament, their #1 seeds will automatically get the last timeslots of the second round for both boys and girls games. If the North is hosting the second and third rounds of the district tournament, their #1 seeds will automatically get the last timeslots of the second round for both boys and girls games.~~
  2. Losers of first round contests are eliminated from further play. The second and third rounds ~~are~~ is used to determine seeding into the OSAA state play – offs.
- H. The participating coaches will select all-tournament teams. Each coach will select five candidates, not to include members of his or her own team. At the close of the championship game, the league president or his designee will present the tournament trophies and suitable all-tournament awards. Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> places as well as for Sportsmanship will be presented.
- I. Officials from local associations will be used if possible; otherwise, the tournament director will attempt to employ capable officials from a ~~local~~ **nearby** association.
- J. Income from the tournament may be used to cover expenses; otherwise, all member schools will assume the deficit incurred in running the tournament equally. Forty

percent or \$500.00 (whichever is greater) of the net profit will be deposited in the league treasury. The remainder will be divided equally among the participating teams. If a school has two teams participating, that school will receive an additional half share of the tournament disbursement to teams.

#### Basketball All – League Selection and Honors

- A. Each school must have a representative at the All – League meeting, which will be held the Saturday morning of the district tournament. If they do not, they will be allowed only 1 player to be placed on the All – League team. This player can be placed no higher than honorable mention.
- B. Each school can nominate any varsity player for All – League recognition. Each coach will submit names of the nominees as he/she sees deserving to the sport chair prior to the All – League meeting.
- C. Voting Procedures:
  - 1. All nominations will be taken before the voting begins.
  - 2. All voting will be by secret ballot.
  - 3. A coach or representative cannot vote for a player from his/her school.
  - 4. Coaches may discuss nominations by stats, strong points, etc., before voting.
  - 5. Only one vote will be taken.
  - 6. First team players will receive 3 points per vote, second team players will receive 1 point per vote.
  - 7. The 6 players receiving the most points will be the first team, the next 6 players receiving the most points will be the second team.
  - 8. Any player earning points but not making the first or second team will automatically be on the honorable mention list.
  - 9. Ties will be broken by a vote of all coaches. If the tie still remains after 1 vote, both athletes will make the respective team.
  - 10. Any school's coach or representative may add 1 athlete's name to the honorable mention list from his/her school, if their school did not have an athlete on the first, second, or honorable mention team AND the player deserves mention.
  - 11. Coaches are allowed to vote for their own players for Player of the Year.
- D. Each school will have 1 nomination for an All – Defensive team. After nominations, coaches or representatives will vote for the top 5 defensive players, ranked in order. Coaches or representatives cannot vote for their own players. Players earning #1 will receive 5 points, #2 will receive 4 points, etc., to player #5 earning 1 point. The All – Defensive team will consist of the 5 players receiving the most points. Ties will be broken by a vote of all coaches. If the tie still remains after 1 vote, both athletes will make the respective team. Players nominated MUST be good defensive players...not just someone that did not make one of the All – League teams.
- E. Coaches will select, in a separate vote from the All – League teams, and support a Player of the Year and Coach of the Year.

## **ARTICLE X**

### Selection for State Basketball All-Star Games

Section 1 – The coach responsible for the selection process shall be the coach whose team from this league finished highest in further tournament play. That coach should begin the selection process within one week after the completion of the state tournament. The following stipulations are intended to be a guideline to the selection process.

Section 2 – The coach will have the responsibility of ultimately selecting six players and a first and second alternate as representatives for the all-star series.

Section 3 – A “pool” of players will be provided using the following process:

- a. Seniors of all-divisional first teams will be considered first.
- b. Seniors receiving second team consideration will be considered second.
- c. Other Seniors receiving votes or honorable mention will be considered third.
- d. Coaches will be polled by phone to add players to the “pool” as a fourth step.
- e. Coaches of players in consideration for the “pool” will check to see if players can be available before the final list of possible representatives is presented for vote.

Section 4 – A final list of available players will be sent to coaches for vote. A coach cannot vote for his or her own players. From that list, coaches will vote for six players. The ballot should then be mailed back to the coach compiling the list of representatives.

Section 5 – The coach from District 4, in consultation with the other coach(es) selected for the All-Star game, will break any ties, and will notify all coaches in the league of the final list of selected players and alternates.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### Scholar/Athlete Procedures

The aims of the Skyline Athletic League are to further athletic skills, sportsmanship, and scholarship at the high school interscholastic level. It is felt by the league that too many people fail to judge sports for the many educational values stressed and developed through sports activity. Additionally, it is the desire of the league to point out the correlation between outstanding athletic ability and academic achievement.

As one of the many ways to help in the recognition of sports, the Skyline League, each year, will solicit the nomination of varsity league participants with outstanding ability both on and off the playing fields from member schools. All Skyline League varsity athletes with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale and whose names have been submitted by their high school on a formal application will be honored with a Skyline Athletic League Scholar/Athlete certificate. Those varsity athletes whose names are formally submitted and who have a cumulative 3.50 or better G.P.A. will receive a special recognition Skyline League Commissioner’s Scholar/Athlete certificate for high achievement.

## ARTICLE XII

### Transfer/Hardship Policy

Section 1 – Timelines – All Fall sport hardship requests are due to all district hardship committee members by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in September. All Winter sport hardship requests are due to all district hardship committee members by December 1<sup>st</sup>. All Spring sport hardship requests are due to all district hardship committee members by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Exceptions will be made in extreme instances only.

Section 2 – Forms to be submitted:

- 2.1 Hardship form completely and properly filled out.
- 2.2 Transfer form
- 2.3 Support papers
- 2.3-1 Letter from existing principal, (and recommended) a letter from the former principal
- 2.3-2 Guardianship or custodial papers (if any)
- 2.3-3 Letter(s) from parent(s) or guardian(s)
- 2.3-4 Transcripts
- 2.3-5 Requests for interested parties to attend, if desired

Section 3 – Procedure:

Mail or fax completed original and one copy of the hardship request to delegate assembly representative and copies to the hardship committee members.

Committee members phone chairperson with approval/disapproval within three working days

Chairperson completes hardship form and sends originals to OSAA office, keeps a file copy and mails decision to administrator applying for hardship

Section 4 – In the case of at-risk students, there will be guidelines of indicators showing progression academically toward graduation.

*Transfer with grade deficiency hardship requests:* Student must have passed at least five classes during the previous nine weeks. The grade hardship will only be considered if the transfer hardship is approved.

Transfers must sit out one calendar year unless they have a legitimate hardship condition. If the committee approves a transfer and grade hardship, the following steps will be taken:

- a. Required classes and
- b. Monitoring system to assure compliance with OSAA regulations

Authority: OSAA Constitution rule 8-9 Hardship

OSAA Constitution Interpretations re. 8-6.18, 8-6.19 and 8-9.1 through 8-9.5.

## ARTICLE XIII

### Grievance Procedure

Section 1 – Each school will have a management plan in effect concerning home athletic events. That plan should address use of facilities by teams and crowds, crowd control and responsibility for managing the crowd, administration or staff available to deal with complaints by teams or fans, treatment and protection of officials, use of and availability of emergency vehicles, security, and other areas of potential concern at games.

Section 2 – In the event of a dispute that cannot be resolved at the contest, the following steps to resolution will be followed:

- a. The athletic directors of the two schools will attempt resolution of the issue;

- b. If the problem is not resolved at level one, the superintendents of the two schools, along with the athletic directors, will try to resolve the problem;
- c. If there is not resolution at level two, the league chairman will meet with the above-mentioned school officials and attempt to end the dispute; and,
- d. As a last recourse, the OSAA itself may be called upon to help bring the issue to a satisfactory close.

In the first two levels mentioned above, the league chairman or OSAA delegate assemblyman will act as a moderator/advisor in the attempted settlement of the dispute.

## ARTICLE XIV

### Transgender Student Participation (Adopted from OSAA)

- A. A female – to – male transgender student athlete who is not taking hormone treatment related to gender transition may participate on a boys' or girls' team, but once the transgender student selects the gender of the team on which the student wishes to participate, the student thereafter must consistently participate on teams of that gender in all sports for the duration of their high school career.
- B. A male – to – female transgender student athlete who is not taking hormone treatment related to gender transition may only participate on a boys' team.
- C. A female – to – male transgender student athlete who is taking medically prescribed testosterone for the purposes of gender transition may only participate on a boys' team.
- D. A male – to – female transgender student athlete who is taking medically prescribed hormone treatment for the purposes of gender transition may participate on a boys' team at any time, but must complete one year of hormone treatment related to gender transition before competing on a girls' team.
- E. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:
  - a. "Transgender" refers to an individual whose gender identity does not match their assigned birth gender.
  - b. "Gender identity" refers to one's inner concept of self as male or female.
  - c. "Transition" refers to the process by which a transgender person lives consistently with his or her gender identity.
- F. **Process.** A student athlete who has completed, plans to initiate, or is in the process of taking hormones as part of a gender transition shall submit the request to participate on a sports team to the athletic director of the student's school and to the OSAA when the decision to undergo hormone treatment is made. The request shall include a letter from the student's physician documenting the student's intention to transition or the student's transition status if the process has already been initiated. This letter shall identify the prescribed hormonal treatment for the student's gender transition and the date the hormone treatment was initiated. The Executive Director shall make a determination whether the student is eligible to compete under the above criteria.
- G. **Appeal.** The decision of the Executive Director may be appealed to the Executive Board.
- H. **Confidentiality.** All discussions among involved parties and required written supporting documentation shall be kept confidential.

## APPENDICES

### Appendix A: Divisional Play-Off Procedures

#### I. For all play-offs, the following format will be followed:

A. All play-offs would be at neutral sites on the first Monday or Tuesday after the conclusion of league play. If a site cannot be procured then the game(s) will be scheduled for the next available date. The two participating schools would split equally any profits or deficits, if they occur. Contests will only be held if a tie affects potential playoff opponents. If a neutral site cannot be agreed upon by the participating schools, the issue will be resolved by league chair.

#### B. Tiebreaker plan:

##### 1. For a two way tie:

- a. The record between the two teams would be considered as the first tie-breaker for seeding into the district tournament.
- b. A play-off between the two teams would be used second to determine seeding into the tournament. That play-off would occur on Monday or Tuesday evening.

##### 2. For a three way tie:

- a. The record between the three teams will be considered as the first tie-breaker. The team with the highest winning percentage against the teams involved in the tie will be the highest seed. The team with the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest winning percentage against the teams involved in the tie will be the next highest seed, or will be eliminated if that spot does not qualify for a playoff spot. The team with the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest winning percentage against the teams involved in the tie will be the lowest seed of the three, or will be eliminated if that spot does not qualify for a playoff spot.
- b. If head-to-head records remain in a three way tie, then a two night playoff format, with opponents determined using the Azzie system. (A maximum of plus or minus 10 points will be earned per game). The team with the highest Azzie point total amongst the three teams tied will be given the higher seed. The Azzie points are only accumulated between the competitions of the three teams tied.

\*If a tie cannot be broken by the Azzie point total, the team with the least amount of points scored against them in head to head competition between the tied teams allowed will receive the higher seed.

The top seed will await the winner of the first game. The loser of the first game will be the lower of the three seeds, or be eliminated, while the winner will move on to play the waiting team to determine the higher seeds to league playoffs. These contests will take place at a neutral location as soon as the location can be arranged, preferably on a Monday and a Tuesday.

##### 3. Four Way Ties

- a. A four way tie will have the opponents determined by a coin flip or draw from a hat. If no other games are necessary, the winners will be the higher seeds and the losers will be the lower seeds. If a tie remains that needs to be broken (as per established tie breaking rules under Appendix 1), a second night of games will take place featuring Winner 1vs Winner 2 and/or Loser 1 vs. Loser 2.

- C. Draws and coin flips will be conducted by a neutral member of the division. Coin flips will be conducted on the week prior to any play-off occurring. Schools concerned will be given the opportunity to attend the coin flip, or will be notified of the results by phone immediately after the coin flip.
- D. Tie breaker play-off games will only be played if they are necessary to determine seeding (ex. Since 1<sup>st</sup> plays 2<sup>nd</sup> in the District Tournament there is no need to have a play-off if two teams end up tied for first.)

Appendix B: Volleyball Warm Up Time

TO: Skyline "A" League Athletic Directors  
FROM: Ron Dunn – DCHS  
SUBJECT: Volleyball Recommendations

At our last league meeting, it was discussed that we look into creating a uniform warm-up time for volleyball matches, especially following a J.V. match. The following is a proposal that will be brought to the to the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting:

5 minutes: shared court time for stretching and ball handling  
8-8-2: eight minutes apiece for each team to have use of entire court. Two minutes for serving warm-ups

It is also going to be proposed that the host school furnish the volleyballs for the match. This would eliminate the visiting team from having to carry volleyballs to their away games.

Please check with your volleyball coaches to see if it is acceptable, or if they would like to amend it in any way.

Appendix C: Guidelines for Submitting Hardship Requests

December 8, 1998  
Updated 9/26/2006

TO: Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors  
FROM: Skyline League Hardship Committee  
RE: Guidelines for Submitting Hardship Requests

We receive many questions and comments regarding the OSAA Hardship procedure and philosophy. Written guidelines for submitting Hardship Requests to the Skyline 1 A League Hardship Committee will be outlined in this document. If passed at our November 7, 1998 meeting, they will be placed into our constitution.

Definition: A Hardship is described as a circumstance or circumstances beyond the control of the student which may have prevented the student from meeting OSAA eligibility requirements. To be considered a hardship, a student's ineligibility needs to qualify as an individual case deserving special consideration.

Requests for waiver of the number of classes a student must pass: It should be remembered that athletes are students first, and participation in athletics and activities is a privilege, not a right. All grade hardship requests are to be sent directly to the OSAA. The only exception is when there

is a transfer hardship request accompanying the grade hardship. The transfer hardship request must be considered first-before the grade hardship is considered.

When a student or parent(s) request the school that the school supports a Hardship Request, the following questions need to be considered before it is submitted:

1. What is the Hardship condition?
2. Is this student responsible for this condition or is it beyond his/her control?
3. Why do you see it as a Hardship?
4. Are you aware that just because a student likes athletics/activities, it is not a sufficient reason to agree to submit a hardship?
5. At what point does a student take control of his/her own actions?
6. Is a dysfunctional home necessarily a reason for a Hardship?
7. Is the student on track for graduation or is he/she just in school for sports reasons?
8. Is there an I.E.P. involved or other medical reasons?
9. Have previous Hardship requests been submitted on behalf of this student?
- 10.

Our attempt here is to take a serious look at what a “hardship” really is. Hardships are not for the benefit of the school, but to aid deserving students. In your first contact with the student or parent, it should be indicated that there are special cases, but these cases must be the exception, not the norm. We are asking for your help in reducing the number of unwarranted requests.

Many transfers and other hardships have been allowed, and the result is a conception that student/athletes can move from district-to-district and from out of state easily and participate in athletics. As a result of this conception, some students are moving primarily for the purpose of being involved in athletic programs in another district; and this is not a desirable situation for high school athletics in Oregon.

To avoid confusion regarding the filing of hardship requests to waive the Transfer Rule (Rule 8-6 in the OSAA Constitution), please be apprised of the following:

1. It is a consensus of the Hardship Committee that granting of waivers to the Transfer Rule is going to be more strictly construed. A discussion of that strict interpretation will surely be a part of the November 7<sup>th</sup> league meeting.
2. This committee can rule only on transfers and discrimination. Any other waivers that may have to be made, such as credits earned (Rule 8-1) can be considered only when ruling on transfers. The Transfer Rule will only be waived when a hardship has been established.
3. The District Committee may only waive the Transfer Rule when, in its opinion, “there are circumstances beyond the control of the student or parent or other circumstances whereby enforcement of the rule would work an undue hardship upon the student.”
4. Guardianship is secondary in preference to a student living in the home of his or her parents and participating in athletics in that home district. Hardship requests should include proof of guardianship, if the student is not living in the home of the parents. For purposes of participation in OSAA activities, only legal guardianship is an acceptable guardianship situation. Therefore, a power of attorney situation of a temporary guardianship would not be acceptable as proof of guardianship. See the OSAA Manual pages 30 & 33 for further distinction.

## **Dawn Nielson Scholarship Skyline “A” League**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Dawn Nielsen scholarship is to be awarded to a senior boy and girl representing a Skyline “A” league member school. This will be a monetary scholarship from contributions made during various league basketball contests. The scholarship is intended for those who excel in the classroom, athletic arena and participate in their school's cocurricular activities. The scholarship will be sent to the recipient(s) institution’s financial office upon proof of enrollment. Winners of the scholarship do not need to participate in collegiate athletics.

### **1. Varsity Interscholastic Sports Achievement**

1.0	1 <sup>st</sup> Team All-State	0.5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All-State per sport/year
1.0	1 <sup>st</sup> Team All-League	0.5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All-League per sport/year

In the case of sports without All-State/All-League selection (track, wrestling, golf, etc.) A first or second place finish in post season events such as district, division, or equivalent would constitute 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-League. Third through sixth place would constitute a 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-League. Placing in the top three at State would constitute a 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State, and fourth through sixth would constitute 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-State.

	Fall	Winter	Spring
9 <sup>th</sup> grade	_____	_____	_____
10 <sup>th</sup> grade	_____	_____	_____
11 <sup>th</sup> grade	_____	_____	_____
12 <sup>th</sup> grade	_____	_____	_____

For example: If a young lady made first team All-League in volleyball and then was placed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-State Volleyball team in the same year she would accumulate 1.5 points.

**TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS \_\_\_\_\_ /24**

### **2. Scholarship Achievement**

1. Freshman	4.0 maximum
2. Sophomore	4.0 maximum
3. Junior	4.0 maximum
4. Senior	4.0 maximum
5. Cumulative GPA	4.0 maximum
6. Valedictorian	4 points
7. Salutatorian	4 points

**TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS \_\_\_\_\_ /24**

### 3. Extra and Cocurricular Achievement

	Maximum
Student Body Officer (one point per year)	4.0 points _____
Class Officer (one point per year)	4.0 points _____
Honor Society (one point per year)	4.0 points _____
President of Honor Society	1.0 points _____
Editor of Yearbook/Newspaper	1.0 points _____
Boys/Girls State	1.0 points _____
*Other activities ( <b>please list</b> )	2.0/0.5 each _____
Community service, non school related	1 point _____

\* This category is to allow for areas not included in the list above

**TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS \_\_\_\_\_ /18**

### 4. TOTAL POINTS

Total Sports \_\_\_\_\_ /24

Total Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ /24

Total Cocurricular \_\_\_\_\_ /24

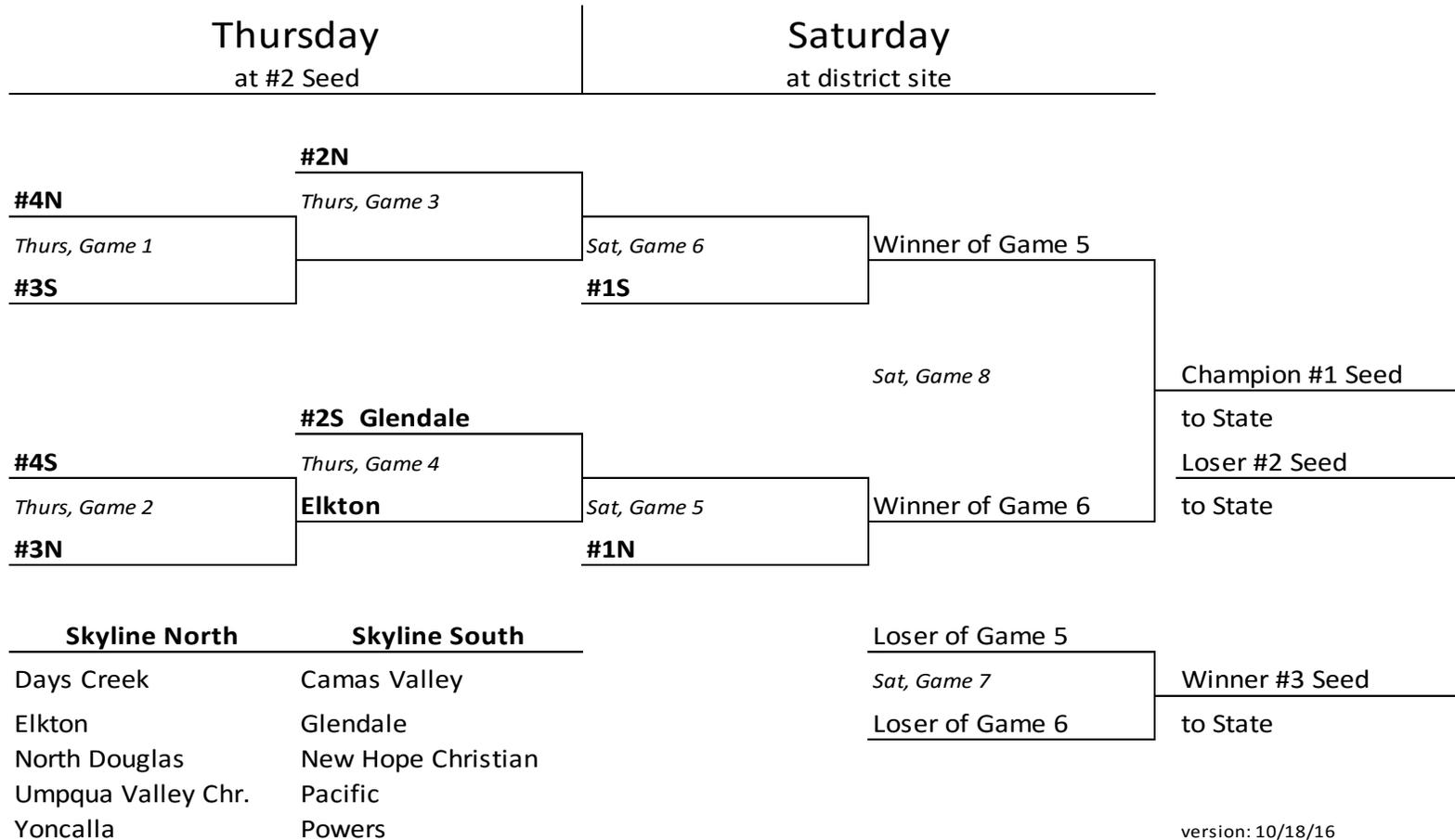
**TOTAL COMBINED \_\_\_\_\_ /66**

NOTE: Transcripts and other material indicating accomplishments should be sent to validate the nominees' scholarship application.





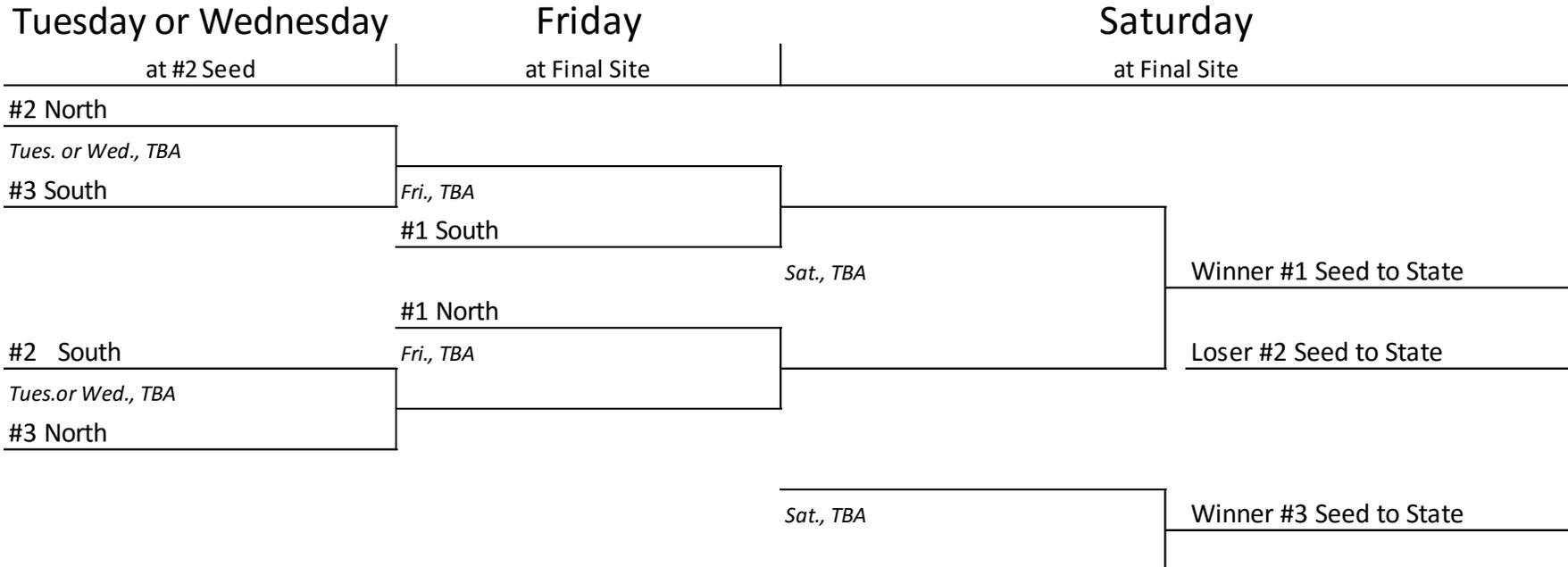
# Skyline League District Volleyball Tournament



version: 10/18/16



# Skyline League District Basketball Tournament



Home Team is the higher seed; if same seed then Northern Division team is home team in odd numbered years and Southern Division Team in even numbered years. This bracket is for the 2017-18 season, every year the early game on Friday alternates between the North #1 and the South #1.

**Skyline League North**

- Days Creek
- Elkton
- North Douglas
- Umpqua Valley Chr./Melrose Chr.
- Yoncalla

**Skyline League South**

- Camas Valley
- Glendale
- New Hope Christian
- Pacific
- Powers