

*"The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer"*

*– 2 Samuel 22:2*

# Winnebago Area Lutheran League

# WALL



# CONSTITUTION OF THE WALL

## Article I: Name

The name of the organization will be the Winnebago Area Lutheran League

## Article II: Membership

1. Members must be schools that are members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and members of the Winnebago Lutheran Academy (WLA) Association.
2. Conference membership shall consist of one voting representative from each conference school.
3. Participants at WALL events must be enrolled students at conference schools.
4. New members (*not meeting the criteria of #1*) must apply for membership in the fall for the following year. Membership will be decided in the spring. A simple majority vote of the existing members of the conference is needed for approval.
5. All members must agree to abide by the constitution and guidelines of the WALL

## Article III: Purpose of the WALL

The mission of WALL is to provide opportunities to glorify God through sports activities. To carry out this mission we will:

1. Provide opportunities for Christian sportsmanship, teamwork, and cooperation.
2. Provide opportunities for Christian fellowship among conference schools.
3. Provide opportunities to develop spiritual, physical, social, and mental characteristics of the children.
4. Provide opportunities for exposure to sports in the interscholastic setting.

## Article IV: Officers

1. Conference officers will be elected for a two-year term at the spring meeting. All WALL officers must be of the Winnebago Lutheran Academy association schools. Commissioner and Secretary will be elected in the odd numbered years. Deputy Commissioner and Treasurer will be elected in the even numbered years.
2. Duties of the officers:
  - 2.1. Commissioner - The commissioner is responsible for choosing the meeting dates, sites, preparing meeting agendas and running meetings.
  - 2.2. Deputy Commissioner - The deputy commissioner will perform the duties of the commissioner in his absence. He will also oversee the scheduling of conference sports.
  - 2.3. Secretary - The secretary is responsible for keeping records of all meetings, carrying out correspondence, and sending out the minutes of all conference meetings.
  - 2.4. Treasurer - The treasurer will pay any bills that the conference may incur.

## Article V: Regular Meetings

There will be a regular conference meeting in the Spring. At the meeting there will be a review of the past seasons, discussion on upcoming sports seasons, scheduling sports seasons, and any other items brought to the conference either by the Commissioner, or any other member. A special meeting may be called if necessary.

## Article VI: Sports of the WALL

1. Girls' Volleyball, Co-Ed Soccer, A & B Teams in Girls and Boys Basketball, and Co-Ed Softball.
2. Basketball will have 2 divisions with a flex group for league play and one tournament weekend with two divisional tournaments hosted at WLA (A-team). The sports of softball, volleyball, and soccer will have one division with one tournament. These tournaments (including B team basketball) may rotate between schools.
3. Other activities offered through WLA include - Cross Country Meet, Track Meet, and Wrestling Program.
4. Other activities available to students of the WALL, but not under the jurisdiction of the WALL include WELS Football, Jr. Vikings Basketball, and White Caps Baseball.

## Article VII: Amending or Altering of Constitution or Guidelines

This constitution and guidelines may be amended or altered at any regular meeting, special meeting, or any other time deemed necessary by the existing members of WALL by a 2/3 majority vote of the conference schools.

# WALL SPORTS GUIDELINES

## Soccer

1. Soccer matches of the WALL will follow the S.A.Y soccer rules for the current season.
2. The size of the playing field may vary with the location. However, a playing field of 100 yards by 50 yards is recommended.
3. Goals must conform to the height of 6-8 feet high by 18-24 feet wide.
4. The duration of the matches will be 2 halves of 25-minutes each.
  - a. Half time will consist of a 5-minute interval.
5. Teams will consist of 11 players on the field of play but not less than 7.
6. No sliding tackles of any kind are allowed. One warning is given. The next instance by either team results in ejection of the offending player.
7. The home team must supply at least one competent referee to officiate the match.
8. Free substitution by either team will be allowed at any time substitutions can be made.
9. In case of a tie at the end of regulation play, this tie-breaking procedure shall be used:
  - a. A shootout involving 5 players from each team will take place.
  - b. A coin flip will be held. The winner of the flip will choose whether their team will kick first or second.
  - c. The referee will choose the goal at which the shootout will take place.
  - d. The teams will shoot in alternating fashion. The winner of the shootout will have one goal added to their score.
  - e. If a tie remains after the first shootout, a second shootout using five different players will take place using the same procedure as outlined beforehand.
  - f. If a third or more shootout(s) are necessary, any five players may be used.

# WALL SPORTS GUIDELINES

## Basketball

1. The WALL will abide by the National Federation rules for the current season. This may involve any special adaptation that the state of Wisconsin may be using for the current year.
2. Two registered WIAA officials are required for each game played in the WALL. The home team is responsible for providing the game officials.
3. Adaptations to the rules agreed upon by WALL:
  - a. 14 minute halves will be played for boys' and girls' A teams.
  - b. 12 minute halves will be played for boys' and girls' B teams.
  - c. All regular season games will have 6 minute warm ups and 6 minute half times.
  - d. Overtime period(s) of three-minutes will occur if after regulation time the score is tied.
  - e. Pressing:
    - i. B-teams will not press with a lead of 10 or more points
    - ii. A-teams will not press with a lead of 15 or more points
4. By definition, an "A team" consists of 8<sup>th</sup> graders down. A "B team" consists of 6<sup>th</sup> graders on down. A "C team" consists of 4<sup>th</sup> graders on down.
5. B-Team will shoot from the 15 foot line. All WIAA free throw rules apply on free throws.
6. Box outs on the free-throw will be on the **release**. The shooter may enter when the ball hits the rim.

# WALL SPORTS GUIDELINES

## Volleyball

1. Volleyball matches of the WALL will follow the National Federation rules for the current year. This may also involve any special adaptation(s) that the state of Wisconsin may be using for the current year.
2. The home team is responsible for securing a competent referee to officiate the match(es). A competent scorekeeper is also to be provided by the home team.
3. Each match will consist of three games. The winner is determined as the team which wins two of the three games.
4. Each game will be played to 25 points, using rally-type scoring. A team must win by at least 2 points.
5. The regulations regarding uniforms are not to be strictly enforced.
  - a. Uniforms must have a number.
6. Warm-up period for both A and B teams before their respective matches:
  - a. 2 minutes joint hitting, no net use
  - b. 5 minutes home team hitting and serving
  - c. 5 minutes visiting team hitting and serving
7. Special B team rules
  - a. The serving line may be 3 feet in front of the baseline by mutual agreement of the coaches of the teams involved.
  - b. Use of a "lite" volleyball is permitted if mutually agreed upon by both coaches of the teams involved.

# WALL SPORTS GUIDELINES

## Softball

1. Softball games will follow the National Federation – Slow Pitch rules for the current season.
2. WALL games will be coed – both boys and girls constituting league teams. A minimum of 4 girls must be in the line-up at any one time. If this minimum can't be met, the coaches will agree upon a suitable equitable alternative. The first alternative batter be 5<sup>th</sup>, then 6<sup>th</sup> grade boy when minimum number of girl players is unavailable.
3. General play:
  - a. A playing team will consist of 10 players. A minimum of 9 players may be used.
  - b. Players may wear rubber spiked shoes. No metal spiked shoes will be allowed.
  - c. A game consists of 7 innings. Extra inning(s) will be allowed to break tie games.
  - d. The bases are 60 feet apart. A “double” first base consisting of white and orange colors will be used.
  - e. A mat will be used for balls and strikes. The strike zone will include the plate and the mat. The total length of the strike zone is 36 inches.
  - f. The pitcher's plate is to be 40 feet from the back edge of home plate.
  - g. A starting player may be withdrawn and reentered once, providing the player reenters in the same position in the batting order.
  - h. The home team is to supply at least one competent umpire for each match. The umpire should go over the field's ground rules before the game begins. Any special rules must be determined before the game begins.
  - i. Game balls may consist of either leather or synthetic covering.
  - j. Only one coach is allowed at first base and third base.
4. Batting
  - a. A batter will be allowed three balls and two strikes. On strikes, unlimited foul balls are allowed.
  - b. The infield fly rule is in effect:
    - i. Base runners on first and second or bases loaded and less than two outs in all situations.
    - ii. The fly ball must be able to be caught with reasonable effort by an infielder, pitcher, or catcher in fair territory.
  - c. An assigned hitter (AH- an eleventh batter) will be allowed as an option in the batting order. Another option allowed is a team may bat all players present composing the team.
  - d. A foul ball which rises above the batter's head and is caught by the catcher (or pitcher in foul territory) is an out.
    - i. A foul tip is a batted ball that goes sharply and directly from the bat to the catcher's mitt or hand and is legally caught by the catcher. It is a strike. If it is the second strike, the batter is out. The ball then becomes dead and any runner(s) may not advance.
5. Base running
  - a. A base runner may leave the base when the batter swings the bat on a pitched ball.
    - i. Any runner leaving the base before the swing is made will be called out.
  - b. A base runner is declared to be out when hit by a batted ball while off of the base.
    - i. The ball is dead and any other base runner(s) must return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch.
  - c. A base runner that interferes with a defensive player's attempt to play a ball will be called out.
    - i. The ball is dead and all runners must return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch.
  - d. A base runner may advance with liability on a caught or uncaught infield fly or caught foul ball.
  - e. A runner may advance with liability on a caught fair ball after first tagging up at the base occupied at the time of the pitch.
  - f. A base runner must touch home plate to score a run. A player touching only the mat has not scored and is liable to be tagged or forced out.

## 6. Pitching

- a. A legal pitch must rise to a minimum height of six feet from the ground but no more than twelve feet.
- b. One foot must remain in contact with the pitcher's plate upon release of the ball to the batter.
- c. The umpire must call "FLAT" or "HIGH" before the ball reaches the batter. However, the batter may choose to hit the ball. Then it is treated as a legal pitch.
- d. A strike will be called when any portion of the ball strikes any portion of the mat and/or the plate.
- e. A pitch that fails to strike any portion of the mat and/or the plate will be called a ball.

## 7. Rules adaptations 3/19/2017

- a. For the league tournament, officials should be paid and enforce all rules strictly. (Officials are to receive this information sheet before all regular season and tournament games.)
- b. Batting order should consist at any place no more than two boys batting in a row. (Generally places in the lineup- here are samples: BGBGBBBGBGB, GBGBGBGBGB, or BGBGBGBGBG-Tournament play only). Regular season can use unlimited hitters and this order to be practiced with possible exceptions made by coaches throughout the regular season only.
- c. The regular season games or season ending tournament should terminate any game after 4 innings with 15 run rule or 5 (or 6) innings 10 run rule. Exception: During the regular season, the final score will be counted, but play may continue by coaches mutually agreed upon. No score will be kept after final has been determined.
- d. Schools are recommended to have helmets for play, but not mandated. Liability remains with each individual team.
- e. Schools are recommended to fill the catcher (C) position with someone old enough and experienced enough to handle the position.
- f. In line with co-ed rules and the batting order, the WALL league will implement this rule to avoid pitching around selective batters. If a pitcher wishes to purposely walk a batter, just request to the umpire and point to walk to save time in a game. Therefore, if a boy is walked on 3 straight pitches, the next female batter may opt to hit or take a walk. If the boy batter receives one strike (or foul ball), this rule is not in effect. This rule does not apply to any batting order where a boy follows a boy in the order. (Regular season and tournament)
- g. Any ball deemed out of play by an official, all base runners will receive one extra base. (Example: hitter goes to second, 2nd base to home- a +1 mentality)

## 8. WALL Sliding Rule:

- a. When a defensive player has the ball, and the runner remains on his/her feet and deliberately crashes into the defensive player waiting to apply the tag, the runner is out, the ball is dead and all other runners must return to the last base touched at the time of the collision. Note: If the act is determined to be flagrant, the offender shall be ejected. In order to prevent a deliberate crash ruling, the runner can ***give up, slide, go around the defender, or return to the previous base touched.*** *This rule will be strictly enforced in order to prevent injury and protect the defensive player who has possession of the ball.* Fielders should not block the base without possession of the ball (that is obstruction), they should stand to the side of the base, not in front of the base, catch the ball, then apply the tag. If a defensive player is fielding a thrown ball and the flight of the ball draws the fielder into the path of the runner, this would not be a crash. If the ball, runner and the defensive player all arrive at the same time and contact is made, the umpire should not invoke the crash rule or obstruction-this is merely incidental contact.

## **TOURNAMENT HOSTS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>B-Team Basketball</b>	<b>Co-ed Softball</b>
2018-2019	St. Peters	Lomira
2019-2020	Mayville	St. Matthew's I.R.
2020-2021	Oakfield	Montello
2021-2022	Mt. Calvary	Faith
2022-2023	Green Lake	Oakfield
2023-2024	St. Matthew's, I.R.	Waucousta
2024-2025	Fox Lake	North Fond du Lac
2025-2026	Redeemer	Horicon
2026-2027	Montello	Grace
2027-2028	Brownsville	Green Lake
2028-2029	North Fond du Lac	Waucousta
2029-2030	Faith	St. Peters
2030-2031	Redeemer	Mt. Calvary
2031-2032	Grace	



## DIRECTORY: School Sports contact information

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## Driving Directions/Field Locations:

- **St. Matthew's Lutheran, Iron Ridge**
  - Address: 308 Herman Street, Iron Ridge, WI 53035
    - Herman Street is also = Hwy AY
  - Phone: (920) 387-2210
  - Sport locations:
    - Basketball & Soccer are played on site.
    - Softball is played at the Fireman's Park. Turn off of Hwy S onto Park Street.
    - Volleyball is played at Bethany Lutheran School,
      - 280 N Ridge St. Hustisford, WI 53034
- **St. John's Lutheran, Lomira**
  - Address: 558 S. Water Street, Lomira, WI 53048
  - Phone: (920) 269-4514
  - Sport Locations:
    - Basketball and Volleyball are played on site.
    - Soccer is played at Brownsville Village Park. (Dale Michels Park)
    - St. John's of Lomira plays softball at the diamond off of 3rd Street behind the high school by the tennis courts.
- **St. Paul's Lutheran, Mt. Calvary**
  - Address: N6680 Cty Rd W, Mt. Calvary, WI 53057
  - Phone: (920) 922-9056
  - Sport Locations:
    - Volleyball, Basketball, and Soccer are played at the school.
    - Softball is played at Town Forest Athletic Club fields, a few miles south on Hwy W.
- **St. Luke's Lutheran, Oakfield**
  - Address: 245 S. Second Street, Oakfield, WI 53065
  - Phone: (920) 933-4707
  - Sport Locations:
    - All sports are played on site.
- **Faith Lutheran, Fond du Lac**
  - Address: 55 Prairie Road, Fond du Lac, WI 54935
  - Phone: (920) 923-6313
  - Sport Locations:
    - All activities are played on site.
- **St. John's Lutheran, Fox Lake**
  - Address: 110 Edgelawn Drive, Fox Lake, WI 53933
  - Phone: (920) 928-3296
  - Sport Locations:
    - All games except for softball are played at the school.
    - Softball games are played behind the City Hall/ Fire station 246 E State St, Fox Lake, WI 53933
      - Please park in the West parking lot ONLY. (by the swimming pool)
- **Peace Lutheran, Green Lake**
  - Address: 435 Walker Avenue, Green Lake, WI 54941
  - Phone: (920) 294-3509

- Sport Locations:
  - All sports are played on site. There are no home soccer games at Peace.
- **St. John's Lutheran, Montello**
  - Address: 313 East Montello Street, Montello, WI 53949
  - Phone: (608) 297-2866
  - Sport Locations:
    - Basketball is played at the High School which is on Forest Lane Road. Follow 22 North. Turn left at Forest Lane Road which is just past All-Car Automotive.
    - Other activities are held at the school, behind the parking area behind the school.
- **St. Paul's Lutheran, North Fond du Lac**
  - Address: 1010 Adams Avenue, North Fond du Lac, WI 54935
  - Phone: (920) 924-9699
  - Sport Locations:
    - Basketball, volleyball and soccer are played at the school.
    - Softball is played Friendship grade school off of Thurke Ave. or Village Park right off of Winnebago street as you enter North Fond du lac.
- **Redeemer Lutheran, Fond du Lac**
  - Address: 606 Forest Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI 54935
  - Phone: (920) 921-4020
  - Sport Locations:
    - Basketball and Volleyball are played at the school.
    - For softball games are played at Evan's Field.
- **Waucousta Lutheran**
  - Address: W2011 Hwy. F, Campbellsport, WI 53010
  - Phone: (920) 533-4792
  - Sport Locations:
    - Basketball is played in Campbellsport, we will play either at Eden Public or St. Matthew's Catholic. You will find it East of Helena Road on Hwy 67.
- **St. Peter's Lutheran, Fond du Lac**
  - Address: 1600 S Main Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935
  - Phone: (920) 922-1160
  - Sport Locations:
    - All sports are played on site.
- **Grace Lutheran, Oshkosh**
  - Address: 913 Nebraska St. Oshkosh, WI 54902
  - Phone: 920-231-8957
  - Sport Locations:
    - Basketball and Volleyball are played at the school.
    - Soccer and softball are played at Winnebago County Park.
- **St. Stephen's Lutheran, Horicon**
  - Address: 505 N. Palmatory Street, Horicon, WI 53032
  - Phone: (920) 485-6687
  - Sport Locations:
    - All activities played at the school
- **St. John's Lutheran, Mayville**
  - Address: 520 Bridge St, Mayville, WI 53050
  - Phone: (920) 387-4310
  - Sport Locations:

- All sports are played on site.
- **Bethany Lutheran, Hustisford**
  - Address: 269 Lake St, Hustisford, WI 53034
  - Phone: (920) 349-3244
  - Sport Locations:
    -