BIG NINE CROSS COUNTRY
STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES

1. SCHEDULE - the schedule shall consist of multi-team meets. The schedule will be redrawn each year, allowing for equal opportunities for hosting meets.

2. LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP - The league championship shall be determined on the basis of win-loss record in multi-team meets. Each win will count one (1) and each loss zero (0) against each individual school. Teams will run against each other multiple times. Scores will be computed the first time teams run against each other.

3. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS - Each varsity team shall consist of a maximum of seven (7) members with only the first five (5) members scored. In case of a tie the sixth member of each team will be scored. The junior varsity team may consist of an unlimited number of members. Varsity and JV runners will be so designated prior to the start of the meet. To aid in scoring and meet result compilation, teams should forward the identification of their Varsity and JV team members to the host team as soon as feasible.

4. EVENT PROCEDURES

A. ORDER OF EVENTS - At league meets, the order of races will be (1) JV girls, (2) JV boys, (3) Varsity girls, and (4) Varsity boys. (The host school will fax a map of the course to competing schools at least two days prior to the meet.)

B. FINISH LINE CAMERA - It is recommended that the host team utilize a video camera at the finish line to help resolve any discrepancies which may occur in the order of finish of competitors. The camera should be at an angle to determine the correct order of finishers.

C. GAMES COMMITTEE - Prior to the meet, the visiting teams will be notified of the games committee. The host school will fax the games committee members to the other schools prior to the race. (No parents) It shall consist of at least three (3) people, none of which are cross country coaches directly connected with the competing teams.
The Meet Director and Referee shall serve on the games committee. In addition to serving as the jury of appeals, the games committee shall have those duties identified in the National Federation Track and Field Rule 3, Section 2, and Rule 9, Section 3. Protests must be made to the games committee within 20 minutes of the conclusion of the meet.

5. MEET RESULTS - The host/home Athletic Director or Head Coach will send meet results to the Big Nine Sports chairman immediately following meets.

6. ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS - First team: Individuals who place 1st through 7th in the CBBN Varsity District Championships. Second Team: Individuals who place 8th through 14th in the CBBN Varsity District Championships. Honorable Mention: who place in 15th through 21st in the CBBN Varsity District Championships.

7. DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

A. The District Championship Meet will be held following the completion of the league schedule. It shall determine the number of teams and individual runners who qualify for the Regional Cross Country Meet. The top six (6) teams and the top 10 individual runners not part of the top six (6) teams qualify for the regional meet. (There will be discussion of this with the GSL in the spring of 2004 to determine that six teams from each league will compete in the regional meet.) The J.V. Championships will be part of the District Championship Meet. Host schools will provide award for the J.V. District Meet.

B. The time schedule for the district meet will be:
   3:00 p.m.: J.V. Girls
   3:30 p.m.: J.V. Boys
   4:00 p.m.: Varsity Girls
   4:30 p.m.: Varsity Boys

C. District Awards: Varsity individual runners and varsity team champions will be determined by following the same scoring criteria as in league meets, and will receive awards as established by the YVIAA and the Big Nine Conference. Individual awards will be provided and awarded to top twenty-one (21) boys and girls finishers. J.V. awards: Medals to the top 3 and ribbons to runners 4-20.

8. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT
   Any act of unsportsmanlike conduct or any other action, which may
result in disqualification, as identified by the National Federation Rules for Track and Field and Cross Country, shall be reported to the host school administrator or designee who shall be present at the meet and acting as the meet referee. The referee shall investigate and assess the allegation, consult with the host and visiting head coaches and determine if a valid unsportsmanlike act has occurred. If so determined, the offender will be disqualified, as per National Federation Rules for Track and Field and Cross Country, and will be subject to the WIAA Expulsion Rules, which will be administered by his/her home school.

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