

**Lackawanna Soccer League Constitution & By-Laws**  
**(Revised April 16, 2007)**

Article I

Name:

This organization shall be known as the **Lackawanna Soccer League**.

Article II

Objectives:

- Section 1      The league will provide schedules and operating policies for all members Schools in the sport of Varsity and Junior Boys Soccer, Varsity and Junior Varsity Girls Fall Soccer and Junior High Soccer.
- Section 2      The league will make policies and rules that are in the best interest of league member schools.
- Section 3      The league will promote ideals of good sportsmanship and cooperation among Member schools.
- Section 4      The league will provide consistency and uniformity in the arrangement and Control of contests.
- Section 5      The league will be the authority for the settlement of disputes not covered by the policies of the Lackawanna Interscholastic Athletic Association or the P.I.A.A.
- Section 6      The league will establish guidelines each year for determining league champions And qualifying standards for teams to advance to the District 2 playoffs.

Article III

Membership:

- Section 1      Applications for membership must be submitting to the President of the League by no later that January 1.
- Section 2      A majority vote of the members of the league is necessary for admission to the Lackawanna Soccer League.
- Section 3      Dues for each team will be established by the league members and collected by the Secretary-Treasurer before the start of the season. Should a deficit occur in the treasury an assessment will be levied on each member school by a Majority vote of member schools.
- Section 4      The division of the league and the league schedule shall be finalized before The Spring LIAA meeting prior to the next school year.

Article IV

Officers:

- Section 1      The officers of this league shall be President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer. They will be elected annually at the last athletic directors meeting before the Spring LIAA meeting. They will be compensated for expenses as determined by the league.
- Section 2      The President will be an Athletic Director from one of the member schools. He will preside over all league meetings. He shall enforce all league policies
- Section 3      The Secretary-Treasurer shall be directly responsible for fulfilling league policy regarding the schedule and selection of officials. He shall be responsible for correspondence. He shall record the minutes of all meetings. He will account for all finances in an annual report.

- Section 4 The league officers will document all league records and arrange and conduct league playoff games to provide qualifiers for District 2 playoffs.
- Section 5 The league officers will recommend candidates for league officials assignor, to be voted on by the member schools. Final approval and compensation amount to be paid by the league for this position is under the jurisdiction of the LIAA.
- Section 6 The league officers will be responsible to update the member schools athletic directors of annual changes for soccer in the Policies or Rules and Regulations established by the P.I.A.A., rule changes by the NFHS or procedure of playoff changes from the District 2 committee. This is in coordination with organization publications and contact with the representative of the Soccer Chairman of the District 2 Committee.
- Section 7 Each officer will assume all other duties not specified, but to be under the jurisdiction of his/her office.
- Section 8 No officer will rule on matters involving his/her school.

Article V

Amendments:

- Section 1 This Constitution may be amended at any two successive regular or special meeting of the league provided a notice in writing of the proposed amendment shall be submitted to each member school for consideration before the first meeting.
- Section 2 Amendments to this Constitution may be made by the affirmative vote of the member schools after the second reading of the amendment.

Article VI

Management:

- Section 1 The management of the league shall be vested in a body composed of one representative athletic director from each member school.
- Section 2 A quorum shall have full power to conduct the business of the league. A quorum will consist of the majority of the schools in the league.
- Section 3 A special meeting may be called at any time by the President at a member school.
- Section 4 Any misconduct by a member school or violation of any Lackawanna Soccer League policy or P.I.A.A. rules will be reported by the league officers to the Lackawanna Interscholastic Athletic Association or the District 2 Committee for an investigation or a hearing.
- Section 5 The LIAA or individual leagues are not permitted to be involved in all-star selections or contests by P.I.A.A. regulation.
- Section 6 Any financial changes within the leagues, e.g. payment of assignors, officials, league officers, or amount of dues, must be approved at the LIAA fall or spring meeting.

**LACKAWANNA SOCCER LEAGUE  
BY LAWS  
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- Article I League Match Procedure
- Section 1 All rules and regulations of LIAA, the PIAA and the NFHS rulebook by adoption of the PIAA will be enforced.
- Section 2 Officials for all league games must be PIAA registered officials. Officials will be paid the rate as listed in the Official Contract negotiated with the LIAA.
- Section 3 The home school is responsible for enforcing all league by-laws pertaining to game management.
- Section 4 For all league games, the official timer and scorer will be provided by the home school. In all instances every precautionary measure shall be taken to secure the services of competent timers and scorers. Coaches should make sure that both scorebooks match before leaving the contest. The home school is responsible for calling in the scores to the newspapers.
- Section 5 Cheerleaders must sit in the assigned area. Only cheerleaders will be allowed to use pom poms, cheering signs or banners. Fans may not have musical instruments or signs at any league soccer game.
- Section 6 Forfeits are not allowed in league scheduled contests. All member schools must complete their schedule. This is consistent with PIAA policy. Any school who forfeits a contest, which will give another school an unearned win, must show just cause to the league officers consistent with the exceptions listed in the PIAA handbook or they could face consequences as outlined in the handbook.
- Section 7 If a coach is ejected from a contest. He is prohibited by PIAA rule from coaching in the next contest at the same level. Past procedure is that if the member school wishes their coach to attend, he may, but he must sit in the stands and he may not communicate with his coach or players at any time from the time they arrive at the field until the time the match is over.
- Section 8 If a scheduled game is canceled for any reason it must be scheduled on the next day if the site and both teams are available. The site being unavailable for three days in a row could result in the site being changed to the opponent's field. Saturday is a legal play day/makeup day in Soccer. Sunday is considered a makeup day only if both schools administrations agree to it.
- Section 9 An Official Game (League, Play-Off or Play-In)
- A game is official if the first half has been completed in full.  
If play is suspended in the first half the game will be played at a later date from the point that the game was suspended.  
If play is suspended in the second half the game result will be final at the time of suspension.  
If a suspended game is tied and a winner must be determined (Play-off & Play-in) then the game will be played from the time of suspension.

- Section 10 All changes in games, based on conflicts in the school calendar, must be declared, at the August athletic directors meeting, before the season begins. Any dates that a member school will not play a game because of a conflict with school activities (e.g. Field trips, formals etc.) must be declared at this meeting.
- Section 11 Ninth graders must be placed on the Junior High or Varsity/JV level before the first game. They must appear on that eligibility sheet and remain on that team. Participation on more than one team will result in serious consequences for the member school.
- Section 12 By vote of the LIAA, there shall be one banquet per year, sponsored in part or whole by the league, for the purpose of presenting awards. No league business will be conducted at this meeting.
- Section 13 Game time and order  
**Varsity Level** –  
 Afternoon games - Varsity will play first at 4:15 (if stadium has no lights)  
  
 If the score is tied, two extra 10 minute periods of “sudden victory” will be played. This tie breaking procedure is for league games only.  
  
**Junior Varsity** will play after varsity with an attempt to play two full 30 minute halves.  
  
 Evening games - It is encouraged to play JV first followed by a Varsity game.  
 To start a Varsity @ 7:00, Full JV game needs to start @ 5:30  
  
**Junior High Level** - start @ 4:15  
 “A” games should be two 30-minute halves  
 “B” games should be two 30-minute halves  
 Or  
 “A” games should be two 30-minute halves  
 “B” one running 30-minute game  
 Or  
 One game – two 30-minute halves  
 - Saturday games are to start at 11:00
- Section 14 Determining Division Champions  
  
 Soccer standings shall be determined by the following point system:  
 3 points for a win; 1 point for a tie; 0 points for a loss. A champion will be determined by the highest number of points.  
  
 In the event of a tie for the divisional championship there will be a play-off at a neutral site at the conclusion of league play.
- Section 15 District Play-off Procedure / District Play-in and Qualifying games  
 1. Play-in dates will be established before the season. Dates will be the Friday and Tuesday before the district 2 seed meeting. Rain dates will be Saturday and Wednesday.

2. League established guidelines for determining the teams that will enter District playoffs and outlined in Article VIII (League Policy and Procedure). If it is determined after the guidelines are followed that there are teams tied for a spot in the District playoffs, the league officers will set up a play-in game. Teams may never be eliminated from playoffs without playing a game, if tied with another team.
  - a. The league officer will consult with the principal and athletic director from each school to determine a time and date,
  - b. The league will determine if admission will be charged and what the rate will be. If admission is charged, profit after expenses will be shared with the participating schools.
  - c. The home team will pay expenses for security, officials and game manger.
  - d. All rules listed in the League Match Procedure above Section 1 through Section 5 will apply to play-in games.
  - e. Principals or their designees shall be seated at the scorer's table in order to better coordinate the efforts of the game management and school representatives.

Section 16 Division Seeding Format for District 2

**AAA** We have 4 teams, WVC has 2, plus District 4 can qualify.  
Qualify by the order of finish in Division 1.

**AA** LL gets 3 teams  
First Place Division 1 (#1seed provided they are 500) and if First Place Division 2 (AA) wins the Division they are (Automatic. #2 seed0

\*First place Division 2 will be the number #1 seed if First place division 1 is under .500.

Play-in  
Third Place Division 1 plays at Second Place Division 2  
First Place Division 3 plays at Second Place Division 1 .

\*The team with the highest place in the division will be HOME for a play-in. IF teams finish in the same place in their division, the team in the higher division will get HOME Field . Division 3 team will be away to Division 1 teams.

**A** LL gets 5 teams:

Mt View will get the First A spot if they win Division 1  
The First & Second Place Division 2 teams in Division 2 will get the second and third A spots.  
The First Place Division 3 team will get the fourth spot.

Play-in  
The Third Place Division 3. plays at Third Place Division 2  
The Fourth Place Division 2 plays at Second Place Division 3.  
Winners play for the Fifth spot.  
\*See below for site to be played

If Mt View is .500 or better, they get the second spot.  
First Place Division 2 Gets the First spot.  
Second Place Division 2 will get the Third spot.  
The First Place Division 3 team will get the fourth spot.

Play-in

The Third Place Division 3 plays at Third Place Division 2.

The Fourth Place Division 2 plays at Second Place Division 3.

Winners play for the Fifth spot.

\*See below for site to be played.

If Mt View is under .500:

First, Division 2 (1<sup>st</sup> seed) Second Division 2 (2<sup>nd</sup> seed) and Third Place Division 2 (4<sup>th</sup> seed) and The First Place Division 3 (3<sup>rd</sup> seed) are Automatic.

Play-in

The Second Place Division 3 plays at Fourth Place Division 2

Mt. View plays at Third Place Division 3.

Winners play for the Fifth spot.

If teams finish in the same place in their division, the team in the higher division will get HOME field.

\*Mt View when finishing under .500 will always be AWAY.

To determine Seeding positions in the event of a tie (for play-in games):

- 1) Head to Head among the two tied teams
- 2) Team League Points earned versus mutual teams of same classification.
  - a. Win=3 points Loss= 0 Tie=1
- 3) Coin Flip

If tie breakers #1, #2, and #3 would eliminate a team from play-offs, there will be a play-off game at a neutral site.