

NORTHEAST 8 PLAYER FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
GOVERNING FOOTBALL
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# **CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTHEAST 8 MAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE**

## **Article I Name**

The name of this organization shall be **Northeast 8 Player Football Conference**.

## **Article II Purpose**

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote interscholastic football competition among the schools associated in the conference.

## **Article III Membership**

The following high schools are members of the Northeast 8 Player Football Conference:

### M & O Schools

Niagara  
Wausaukee

### Northern Lakes Schools

Elcho  
Florence  
Goodman  
Laona  
Pembine  
Phelps  
Three Lakes  
Wabeno

### Other:

Faith Christian Academy

## **Article IV Leadership Structure**

### 1. Executive Committee Membership

The Executive Committee will consist of the NLC Commissioner and one representative from each school.

### 2. Executive Committee Duties

The Executive Committee shall assist the two conferences in setting the bylaws for the Northeast 8 player Football Conference by making constitutional recommendations to the Principals, or their designees, of each conference.

The Executive Committee shall decide any action items that pertain to the general business of the Northeast 8 player Football Conference. A simple majority vote of the Executive Committee is needed to pass the general business matters of the Conference.

## **Article V Voting**

1. Each school member that fields its own team will have one vote. Each co-op team will have one vote.
2. A simple majority vote in each conference is needed to pass all significant matters of conference business unless otherwise stated. The method of voting on proposals shall be by alphabetical roll call of member schools.

## **Article VI Costs**

1. There will be no specific dues for membership in the Northeast 8 player Football Conference for NLC schools. For all non-NLC schools, dues will be \$200 per year payable to the NLC. This covers administrative costs.
2. All costs shall be accounted for in the NLC budget with the exception of All-Conference awards
3. Costs for all awards (certificates, medals, plaques, and trophies) will be paid for by the specific conference the athlete is part of (NLC, M&O, or other)

## **Article VII Leadership Meetings**

1. The Executive Committee will meet with the Presidents, or their designees, of the three conferences at the end of the football season to review and discuss any issues or concerns.
2. The end-of-the season meeting shall occur on a Wednesday at a location and time determined by the Executive Committee.

## **Article VIII Amendments**

The constitution and by-laws of the Northeast 8 player Football Conference may be adopted, amended, or repealed by an affirmative two-thirds vote of each of the three conferences with all three conferences in agreement. Each school member that fields its own team will have one vote. Each co-op team will have one vote.

# **BY-LAWS OF THE NORTHEAST 8 PLAYER FOOTBALL CONFERENCE**

## **Article I General Regulations**

### **Section 1 Membership**

Members of the conference are assigned by the WIAA every two years. varsity teams.

### **Section 2 Coaches Meeting**

The post-season coaches' meetings for selection of the all-conference teams will be held no later than the fourth Wednesday of October. These meetings shall occur at a location and time determined by the Commissioner and representative from each team. An alphabetical rotation will be established for the varsity coaches to record the minutes from these meetings and provide copies of the meeting minutes to the respective

Commissioner for their division. The Commissioners will provide copies of minutes to all Athletic Directors and Principals for their division.

### **Section 3 Commissioner Duties**

The NLC Conference Commissioner will be responsible for the 8-Player Division's scheduling of varsity games, contracting varsity officials, and coordinating the coaches' post-season meetings in October.

The NLC Commissioner, the M&O Commissioner, and any other Commissioners will be responsible for the purchasing and distributing of the individual and team awards for the schools in their respective conferences.

### **Section 4 Championships**

Each Division Champion is determined by win-loss percentage. If there is a tie, all teams tied for first place receive a Division Champion trophy.

For WIAA tournament seeding purposes, the following criteria will be used to determine the Division Champion:

1. Head-to-head competition
2. Co-Champion that defeated the highest finishing division opponent
3. Co-Champion that defeated the highest finishing division opponent not involved in the championship tie
4. If more than two teams are tied and this procedure partially breaks the tie at any point, then the process returns to step one
5. If more than two teams are tied and this procedure does not break the tie at any point, then there will be a random draw conducted

### **Section 5 Cancellations & Postponements**

If a game is canceled because of inclement weather, the game will be played on a date mutually agreed upon by the schools concerned. Games should be made up as soon as practical. The Commissioners of their respective divisions should be notified immediately when a division contest has been canceled. Contests shall be postponed due to sickness only if one of both schools are closed due to sickness.

### **Section 6 All-Conference Teams**

A.) The following procedure will be used in selecting the all-conference teams for the 8-Player Division:

- 1) All nominees must be submitted to the Commissioner after the eighth week of the season on a form developed by the Commissioner. Head Coaches will nominate players from their own team. Head Coaches may nominate a maximum of 6 position players and 1 specialist for offense as well as defense.
- 2) All nomination forms must be approved by the Athletic Director and/or Principal prior to their submission to the Commissioner.
- 3) All nominees will meet the standards set forth in their respective Conference Constitutions and Associates Members' Athletic Handbook.
- 4) The All-Conference teams for the 8-Player Northeast Conference will consist of the following positions:

Offense (11 Players)	Defense (9 Players)
1 Quarterback	2 Backs
2 Backs	3 Linebackers
2 Ends	3 Linemen
2 Wide Receivers	1 Punter
3 Linemen	
1 Kicker	

- 5) The all-conference voting process will be as follows:
  - Each Head Coach will vote for opposing position players and a specialist on both offense and defense.
  - Each Head Coach will vote for first-team players by assigning them 3 points and second-team players by assigning them 1 point.
- 6) The all-conference selection process will be as follows:
  - The highest point total at each position makes up the all-conference first team, the next highest point total at each makes up the all-conference second team. All other players with points will receive honorable mention.
  - The Commissioner will tabulate the votes and present the results at the October coaches' meeting. If a tie occurs, duplicate awards will be given.
  - Players who receive all-conference recognition will receive awards (certificates, medals, and/or plaques) as designated by their specific conference. Costs for the NLC all-conference awards will be paid for by the NLC. M&O and other conferences will pay for their teams honors.
- 7) The voting and selecting process for the Player of the Year Awards for Offense and for Defense will be as follows:
  - Each head coach may nominate one player from their own team who has earned first team all-conference honors. You may not nominate a player from another team. Coaches may decide not to nominate any players.
  - Each head coach will use a rating scale based upon the number of players nominated. Points will be awarded according to the number of nominations with every player receiving a vote.
  - The player with the most points is the Player of the Year.
  - In case of a tie, all players will receive recognition as Co-Players of the Year.

## Section 7 Officials

The NLC Commissioner will be responsible for the contracting of officials for the Northeast 8 Player Football Conference.

The officiating fee for the football crews will be set by each individual conference for their home games. Host schools will contract their own officials for Junior Varsity and Freshmen football games.

## Section 8 Contest Management

Game Times:

- 1) Varsity games played in the evening will begin at 7:00 PM and afternoon games will begin at 1:00 PM.
- 2) Junior Varsity and Freshman games will begin at 5:30 PM.

Length of Games:

- 1) Varsity level games will consist of four, twelve (12) minute quarters. If overtime

is needed, it will follow the rules and policies as established by the WIAA and the NFHS.

- 2) JV level games will consist of four, ten (10) minute quarters. If overtime is needed, it will follow the rules and policies as established by the WIAA and the NFHS.

## **Section 9 Scheduling**

Varsity Level: The NLC Commissioner will be responsible for drafting the conference schedule for the 8-Player Division.

Varsity games will be scheduled for Friday evenings for schools with lighted fields and Saturday afternoons for schools without lighted fields. Competing schools may mutually agree to move their games to a different day/time because of scheduling conflicts.

Junior Varsity Level: The junior varsity schedules for 8-Player schools will be the same as the varsity schedule, playing at the same sites. All games will be played on the following Monday (Note: The same team - Varsity Friday, JV the following Monday, and MS the following Tuesday ..... Only Labor Day weekend - Varsity Friday, JV the following Tuesday, and MS the following Thursday).

All Junior Varsity games will have a 5:30 PM start time unless both schools mutually agree to change the starting time because of travel time.

## **Article II Miscellaneous Provisions**

1. All M-O, Northern Lakes, and Other Conference passes will be honored by all member schools for the conference football games.
2. Ticket prices for football games will be set individually by each Conference.
3. The constitution and bylaws established for the Northeast 8 Player Football Conference will supersede any constitution and bylaws previously established by those conferences.
4. Each school's head coach will be responsible for submitting game statistics to WisSports.net.