MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE
BOYS' BASEBALL BY-LAWS
(Revised 5/23/08)

1. **Rules:**
   A. The National Federation Rule Book (as adopted by PIAA) governs.
   B. All members of the conference shall be governed by rules and interpretations adopted by the P.I.A.A.

2. **Levels of Competition:**
   A. Boys and Girls Varsity
   B. Boys and Girls Junior Varsity

3. **Contest Rules:**
   A. Junior Varsity games will start at 4:00 p.m.
   B. Varsity games will start at 4:00 p.m.
   C. Each team is to exchange rosters that include first and last names, uniform number and grade and updated league and overall records.
   D. It is mandatory that a protective-pitching screen be at each field for JV and Varsity games.

4. **Warm-ups:**
   A. 3:15 Home team batting practice concludes
      3:15 – 3:35 Visiting team batting practice
      3:35 – 3:45 Home team infield
      3:45 – 3:55 Visiting team infield
      3:55 Line-ups exchanged, ground rules
      4:00 Start of game
   B. Games scheduled other than 4:00 will follow the same routine with time adjustments.

5. **Special Events**
   A. The opposing school should be contacted at least one day in advance of the scheduled special event.

6. **Uniforms**
   A. Home teams will wear light jerseys. Away teams will wear dark jerseys.

7. **Ball**
   A. The only acceptable baseballs for game use are the following: Wilson A1010, Diamond D1, Official American or National League baseball.
   B. The home team shall provide a minimum of three (3) new balls to start each game.

8. Bench/Sideline Protocol

A. Seating on the players' bench shall be limited to authorized personnel.
B. The coaching staff is personally responsible for the conduct of his or her players at home and away contests.

9. Postponement

A. Postponement of games is up to the home team.
B. The home team is responsible to notify all parties involved.
C. The rescheduling of a game must be by mutual consent of the teams involved on the next available playing date, including Saturdays.

10. Officials

A. In the event that the correct number of officials are not present, the game can proceed only if there is a **mutual agreement** between both schools.

11. End of season meeting:

A. The meeting must be held at least one week prior to the date of the championship game.
B. Coaches must attend any meeting called by the sport chairman and must complete any forms requested. Forms include All Star nominations, officials' ratings, etc.
C. Each team **MUST** be represented by the head coach or the head coach's designee (to be approved by the school's athletic director or principal). If a school is not represented a fine of $50 will be assessed to the school.
D. Coaches will nominate their own players. They shall nominate nine players selected by position, with a (utility) and or (designated hitter) position optional.
E. Coaches will vote for one player at each position but **not their own player(s).** Coaches will vote for one person at each infield position, one pitcher, one catcher, three outfielders and a designated player. The leading vote getters at each position will be selected as First Team All League. The second highest vote getter will be named Second Team All League. Any player named on three ballots and not selected will receive Honorable Mention. When selecting All Stars, coaches will use 5-3-1 point scale, with 5 being the coaches' top choice.
F. "Most Valuable Player" voting:
    a. The night of the meeting, coaches may nominate one of their own players to be considered for the "Most Valuable Player" Award.
    b. Voting occurs at that meeting.
    c. Coaches can NOT vote for their own players.
    d. In case of a tie, coaches will re-vote once, voting for one of the athletes that were tied during the initial vote (coaches cannot vote for their own players).

e. If a tie still occurs after the second vote, “Co-MVPs” will be named.
f. A plaque will be awarded to the MVP(s).

12. Playoffs/Championship:

A. Format
   a. Semi-Finals - Game A - Second Place Team vs. Third Place Team
   b. Semi-Finals - Game B - First Place Team vs. Fourth Place Team
   c. Finals -Winner of Game A vs. Winner of Game B.

B. Tie-breaker procedures for playoff positions:
   a. Head to head competition
   b. Record against common opponents
   c. District XI Rating
   d. Overall Record
   e. Least amt. of runs allowed in head-to-head games (the teams tied)
   f. Least amt. of runs vs. common opponents
   g. Least amt. of runs allowed in league play

C. Each coach of the playoff teams shall submit a list of five preferred officials to the league school in charge of soccer. The final decision on officials will rest with the league and then be given to the league assignor.

D. For each playoff game the home team will be the higher seeded team.

E. The visiting teams will be responsible for being sure that their uniforms are of contrasting color with the home team.

13. Reporting Game Results:

A. The home team will report game results to the following media:

The Morning Call 1-800-999-5625 (610) 820-6558 Fax: (610) 820-8654	Pocono Record 1-800-756-4237 (570) 421-3000 Fax: (570) 421-6284
The Express Times 1-800-360-3601 (610) 258-7171 Fax: (610) 258-7130	Times News of Lehighton 1-800-443-0377 (610) 377-2051 Fax: (610) 826-9608

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