

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE
SOCCER BY-LAWS
(Revised 11/22/11)

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, Junior Varsity, and Middle School

3. Contest Rules:
 - A. All league games will be two (2) forty minute halves. If tied at the end of two (2) periods, two (2) ten (10) minute sudden victory overtime periods must be played. If still tied, it shall be recorded in the standings as a tie.
 - B. JV games will be two (2) thirty six (36) minute halves with no OT.
 - C. Middle School Soccer will be two (2) twenty-five minute halves for the "A" team with no OT, and two (2) twenty-five minute halves for the "B" team with no OT.
 - D. At all league games the time must be kept by the home team with electric/battery clock or clocks and a sounding device other than a whistle at the timer's / scorers table
 - E. A win will count as (3) pts, a tie will count as (1) pt, a loss will count as (0) pts.

4. Special Events:
 - A. The opposing school should be contacted at least one day in advance of the scheduled special event
 - B. If the event occurs before the start of the game, a 20 minute warm-up for both teams will begin immediately after the program.

5. Uniforms:
 - A. Home teams will wear light jerseys. Away teams will wear dark jerseys.

6. Game Ball
 - A. The game ball will be a hand sewn NFHS and FIFA approved size 5 ball.
 - B. Three game balls are to be provided by the home team.
 - C. A minimum of two (2) ball persons must be furnished by the home team.

7. Bench/Sideline Protocol:
 - A. Seating on the players' bench/sideline shall be limited to authorized personnel.
 - B. The coaching staff is personally responsible for the conduct of his/her players at home and away contests.

8. 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.

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

10. End of the 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.

11. All Star Selection:
 - A. All-star nominations are due one week prior to each scheduled post-season meeting.
 - B. The designated MVC Athletic Director will put all the lists together and send them to the coaches along with a first and second team all-star ballot.
 - C. Each coach can vote for one goalkeeper, four defenders, four midfielders, and three strikers on each of the first and second team all-star ballots. Each player listed will receive 5 points for a first team vote and 2 points for a second team vote. Coaches **may not** vote for their own players.
 - D. Each coach will also bring to the post season meeting, a list of who they feel are the top ten players in the league without regard to position.
 - E. "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).

10. Playoffs/Championship:

- A. Format: Semi-Finals - Game A – 2nd Place Team vs. 3rd Place Team
Game B – 1st Place Team vs. 4th Place Team
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 goals allowed in head-to-head games (the teams tied)
- f. Least amt. of goals vs. common opponents
- g. Least amt. of goals 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

- a. The home team will be the higher seeded team.
- b. The visiting teams will be responsible for being sure that their uniforms are of contrasting color with the home team.
- c. Each team is required to furnish three game condition soccer balls.
- d. Each team is required to furnish three ball persons, not in uniform. Two should be positioned on opposite sidelines and the third behind the opposite goal posts.
- e. If there is a tie at the end of a playoff or championship game, (2) twenty minute sudden victory overtime periods shall be played. If still tied, the penalty kick procedure, as used by District 11, will be used to determine a champion.

11. Reporting Game Results:

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

media:	<u><i>The Morning Call</i></u>	<u><i>Pocono Record</i></u>
	1-800-999-5625.1	1-800-756-4237
	(610) 820-6558	(570) 421-3000
	Fax: (610) 820-8654	Fax: (570) 421-6284

	<u><i>The Express Times</i></u>	<u><i>Times News of Lehighton</i></u>
	1-800-360-3601.1	1-800-443-0377
	(610) 258-7171	(610) 377-2051
	Fax: (610) 258-7130	Fax: (610) 826-9608

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