

**THE
FRONTIER
LEAGUE**



CONSTITUTION
with Policies

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ARTICLE I - Name

The Frontier League

ARTICLE II – Purpose

The primary purpose of The Frontier League, hereafter referred to as the League, is to provide interscholastic athletic opportunities for junior-senior high school students. Equally important, is the continuous promotion of scholastic achievement, fair play, sportsmanship and ethical conduct. Member school districts are requested to review these important principles annually with their respective coaching staffs and school community.

This document, hereafter referred to as the Constitution, should be used to assist member schools in the administration of all League matters. School Superintendents, Administrators, Athletic Directors/Coordinators, Sports Chairpersons and Coaches should consider this document with the rules and By-laws of League Policies contained within as guidelines with regards to the organization and management of their interscholastic athletic program. Member school districts are requested to adhere to these regulations and honor the interpretations of the Executive Committee in disputed matters.

ARTICLE III – Membership

Section I - The League is comprised of seventeen (17) full, one (1) associate and zero (0) probationary member school districts. Including:

Alexandria	Beaver River	Belleville-Henderson
Carthage	Copenhagen	General Brown
Immaculate Heart	Indian River	LaFargeville
Lowville	Lyme	Sackets Harbor
Sandy Creek	South Jefferson	South Lewis
Thousand Island	Watertown	Gouverneur - associate

Section II - The League is fully sanctioned by Section III and adheres to the regulations of the N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A as well as the regulations of Section III. The League reserves the right to establish regulations more restrictive than N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. and Section III in the best interest of the League and its student athletes.

Section III - All schools conforming to the regulations of the N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. in their entirety of intent and practice may be considered for membership in the League.

- A. Full membership schools are those that participate in all league sports in which they have teams. Any exception granted must secure a majority vote from the Full League membership.
- B. Probationary membership schools are those who have been admitted on a probationary basis for a three-year period and have all rights of full membership except voting on membership matters.
- C. Associate membership schools are those who join the League for one (1) or more sports and are approved by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Full League membership. *(example: Section X Swimming - Gouverneur)*

Section IV – Admission to the League: Application for full, probationary or associate membership may be made by any school.

- A. Application for League membership or change in membership status must be in a letter form to the President and Executive Director for Fall Sports by November 1st, for Winter Sports by January 1st and for Spring Sports by March 1st. The Executive Committee will review the application and initiate a ballot vote to the Full League membership.
- B. A new school may be admitted to the League by January 1st with full, probationary or associate membership by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Full League membership.
- C. Membership commences with the Fall Sports season.
- D. Ballot vote defined - a ballot vote with signatures of the Superintendent, High School Principal, and Athletic Director/Coordinator.
- E. Probationary membership shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee and Full League membership, to be completed by October 1st of the final probationary year.

ARTICLE IV – Dues

Section I - Membership fees shall be determined each year by the J.L.H.H.O BOCES (financial caretaker for the League as of July 2015).

Section II - Since dues alone do not support the activities of the League; a pro-rated assessment is charged to each school. The balance of funds to meet budgetary needs will be assessed by the J.L.H.H.O BOCES on the basis of a school’s prior year’s League varsity contests.

ARTICLE V – Frontier League

Section I - At Full League meetings, all member schools of the League shall designate one (1) member, preferably an Athletic Director/Coordinator or the Administrator, to cast a vote as a representative of their respective schools.

Section II - Each school is represented on the Executive Committee through the following cycle: beginning in 2020-2021. Six (6) representatives from this list sit on the Committee on any given year including: President, Vice President, three (3) Season Sport Chairpersons and Past President.

<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>
2020-2021 Alexandria	Beaver River
2021-2022 Beaver River	Carthage
2022-2023 Carthage	Belleville-Henderson
2023-2024 Belleville-Henderson	Thousand Islands
2024-2025 Thousand Islands	Copenhagen
2025-2026 Copenhagen	General Brown
2026-2027 General Brown	LaFargeville
2027-2028 LaFargeville	Indian River
2028-2029 Indian River	Sackets Harbor
2029-2030 Sackets Harbor	South Jefferson
2030-2031 South Jefferson	South Lewis
2031-2032 South Lewis	Lyme
2032-2033 Lyme	Watertown
2033-2034 Watertown	Lowville
2034-2035 Lowville	Sandy Creek
2035-2036 Sandy Creek	IHC
2036-2037 IHC	Alexandria
2038-2039 Alexandria	Beaver River

Section III - Sports Chairpersons are Athletic Directors/Coordinators or Coaches nominated by their peers annually and approved by the Executive Committee to chair Pre/Post season meetings and bring considerations, via minutes and timely conversation, to the attention of the Executive Director for action. There shall be a Sports Chairperson for each sport and for each class sponsored by the League. The Chairperson in each class shall be responsible for the varsity, junior varsity and modified sports. The Sports Chairperson shall be the League representative for their specific sport with the Section III Committee meetings.

Section IV - Boys (male) and Girls (female) Sports Chairpersons are appointed annually by the President at the organizational meeting. They shall be an Administrator or Athletic Director/Coordinator. Appointment can be approved by the Executive Committee if more than one (1) candidate is presented.

Section V – The Superintendent’s representative(s) to the Executive Committee are selected by the Superintendents. The Superintendent(s) shall represent the League on the Section III CSO Committee.

Section VI – Athletic Council representatives to Section III N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. shall be recommended by the President with a simple majority approval by the Executive Committee at the organizational meeting.

Section VII – The Executive Director and Assistant Director (when applicable) shall automatically be a representative to Section III N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. The Executive Director shall coordinate League representation at the Section III meetings. (e.g. Classification Committee) Representatives will be approved annually by the Executive Committee. If the Executive Director or Assistant Director cannot fill his/her role as a representative, then an Athletic Director will be approved by the Executive Committee to serve in his/her place.

Section VIII – It is anticipated that each school will appoint an administrative representative to the Executive Committee as their turn cycles through and that the representative will remain on the Executive Committee for the duration of their term. If a school does not make the appointment or the representative vacates their position the Executive Committee may appoint a replacement.

Section IX – In the event of a merger between member schools the Executive Committee will determine placement in the cycle of representation.

ARTICLE VI – Voting

The Frontier League practices one (1) school, one (1) vote as a constitutionally defined process.

Section I - Full League and Pre/Post Season meetings:

- A. Each full and probationary member shall have one (1) vote.
- B. Each school's voting delegate should be an Administrator or in his/her absence, an Athletic Director/Coordinator or Coach should secure the delegated authority for responsible voting on all matters presented at the Full League meeting.
- C. Associate members shall have one (1) vote on matters pertaining to the schedules and by-laws affecting the conduct of the sport in which they participate.
- D. Full and Probationary members may vote on matters pertaining to the League. They may also vote on matters concerning new programs. Probationary members may not vote on membership matters, Constitutional changes or By-laws of League Policies.
- E. When voting on approval of seasonal sports schedules, and/or sports by-laws pertaining to the conduct of the individual sport, only participating schools shall vote.
- F. When voting on all other issues pertaining to individual sports; a Full League membership vote is required as directed by the Executive Committee.
- G. Minutes of all Pre/Post Season meetings shall be recorded and shared prior to the next Full League meeting. Any item affecting the conduct of the sport, such as by-laws, once approved by the Full League membership, shall be binding for a period of one (1) year and shall not be subject for future consideration unless approved by a 2/3 affirmative vote of participating schools in a particular sport.
- H. Any items concerning an individual sport should be submitted to the Executive Committee by the Athletic Director/Coordinator or an Administrator for discussion. If brought forth, from the Executive Committee, it shall be put on the agenda for the next Full League meeting for a determining vote.

Section II - Revisions to the Constitution:

- A. The Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Full League membership through a ballot vote process with a minimum 75% of the member schools casting a ballot.
- B. By-laws of League Policies to the Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the Full League membership with a minimum of 75% of the member schools casting a ballot.
- C. All revisions to the Constitution or By-laws of League Policies must be in writing and presented to the Executive Committee for discussion. The Executive Committee will consider the recommendation and will make a determination for action. A vote may be considered at the subsequent Full League meeting unless a ballot vote is called for.

Section III - While the goal of any group is to work towards consensus, all other votes that may occur conducting League business such as but not limited to: Executive Committee meetings, Pre/Post Season meetings, ad hoc subcommittees... only require a simple majority. Schools are not required to recuse themselves in voting matters relevant to their schools.

ARTICLE VII – Meetings

The League recognizes Roberts Rules of Order as the procedure invoked in determining parliamentary matters at all meetings.

Section I – Full League meetings:

- A. There shall be three (3) seasonal Full League meetings held annually: fall, winter and spring. Dates for these meetings shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director.
- B. Attendance at Full League meetings shall be limited to Administrators, Athletic Directors/Coordinators and Coaches from each school. Also included shall be Section III representatives.
- C. Only two (2) representatives from each school, one of whom will be an Administrator or Athletic Director/Coordinator, may have privilege of the floor at a Full League meeting when their names are given to the Executive Director during the roll call.
- D. If the Administrator or Athletic Director/Coordinator is a Coach of the sport being discussed, only the representative who is not the Coach may have the floor.
- E. Athletic Directors/Coordinators who coach and are Chairpersons of a sport being discussed will be allowed to report on that sport.
- F. The President or his/her first immediate officer presides over Full League meetings.

Section II – Executive Committee meetings:

- A. The Executive Committee shall meet four (4) times annually: prior to the Full League meetings and an organizational meeting pre July 1st.
- B. The President may call additional meetings of the Full League, Executive Committee or an ad hoc subcommittee as necessary.

Section III - Pre/Post Season meetings:

- A. The Coach of each sport shall attend the Pre/Post Season meetings together with the Sports Chairperson, Athletic Director representative and the Executive Director and/or Assistant Director. Other Administrators and Coaches interested in any items concerning the conduct of an individual sport may attend.
- B. All Sports Chairpersons will meet annually with the Executive Director and/or Assistant Director to discuss and review duties and responsibilities. Minutes from the Pre/Post Season meetings should be taken and turned in to the Executive Director for dissemination and to be filed for historical documentation.
- C. Recommended by-law changes by Coaches for particular sports may only originate from Post-season meetings with the Coaches voting on items affecting the conduct of their sport. These changes are then brought to the Executive Committee for review. The Executive Committee can either move the proposed changes forward to the Full League membership for approval or table it.

Section IV – Section III meetings should be attended by the League’s Section III representatives, the Executive Director and/or Assistant Director and Sports Chairpersons.

ARTICLE VIII – Quorum

A quorum shall consist of representation of a majority of schools for purposes of any meeting held under the auspices of the League. A quorum must be present at roll call and during the entire meeting to be considered official. No official business may be considered in absence of a quorum although a work session may be held in lieu of a “quorum less” meeting. All Administrators, Athletic Directors/Coordinators and Sports Chairpersons will receive timely notices of their respective pending meetings via email.

ARTICLE IX – Executive Committee Members

Section I – Officers:

- A. President (non-voting except to break a tie): presides at Full League meetings, Chairperson of the Executive Committee. Has the power to act in emergencies between Full League meetings or, as deemed appropriate by the Executive Director & Assistant Director, call special meetings of the Executive Committee, Full League or other special meetings for the good of the League. The President shall make appointments to the Executive Committee. The President must be an Administrator from a Full Membership school.
- B. Vice President: shall preside at all Full League or Executive Committee meetings in the absence of the President. Assumes role of President upon completion of previous president's term. Moved to Vice Presidency from the Fall Seasonal Sports Chairperson position within the Executive Committee.

Section II – Other Members:

- A. Seasonal Chairpersons – three (3) members on the Executive Committee. They rotate beginning with the spring chairmanship followed in subsequent years with winter and fall chairmanship culminating in the Vice President and President positions. It is the responsibility of the Seasonal Chairperson to assume the role and responsibility of the Vice President in the absence of an officer on the Executive Committee.
- B. Boys and Girls Sports Chairperson: one (1) male and one (1) female who serve in the capacity of an Athletic Director/Coordinator or Administrator shall represent their respective gender on matters relevant to the League on the Executive Committee. Annual appointment by President.
- C. The Past President has the option of serving on the Executive Committee for one (1) year. If this person chooses not to serve as Past President, the Executive Committee may appoint a replacement.
- D. Section III CSO representatives, appointed by the Superintendents: The Section III representatives shall attend Section III CSO meetings and both representatives shall be voting members of the Executive Committee.

Section III - Executive Director and Assistant Director (non-voting):

- A. The Executive Director and Assistant Director serve at the behest of the Executive Committee and follows the job description as established by past practice and those tasks created by new found needs.
- B. The Executive Director and Assistant Director shall serve as an ex-officio member of all League committees.
- C. The Executive Director and Assistant Director shall receive all complaints, protests, and emergency matters which will be reduced to writing prior to any decision or action on them. In all emergency matters, the Executive Director and Assistant Director shall immediately consult with the President. The President, Executive Director and/or Assistant Director may act on these matters.
- D. The Executive Director and Assistant Director shall be responsible for the daily management, public information, League communication, protest, requests from schools and all other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

Section IV – Secretary:

- A. The Secretary shall keep an accurate set of records of the proceedings of all Full League meetings, Executive Committee meetings and Pre/Post Season meetings. A copy of these minutes and other special reports will be sent to member schools.
- B. The Secretary will receive all monies and process all vouchers/invoices keeping an accurate record of same per J.L.H.H.O. BOCES guidelines.
- C. All financial reports will be presented to the Executive Committee at the conclusion of each sports season. The Playoff/Tournament report will include expenses and revenues through the following dates: July 1st – November 30th, July 1st – March 31st and July 1st - June 30th.
- D. The Secretary shall assist the Executive Director and Assistant Director in the daily tasks of the League office and all other duties as needed.

ARTICLE X – Executive Committee Duties / Responsibilities

Section I - The Executive Committee is an autonomous board that shall be primarily responsible for the administration of the League.

Section II – The Executive Committee shall be apprised of all emergency matters not requiring a Full League meeting and such other matters as directed by the President. All actions by the Executive Committee shall be final but shall be subject to review for future direction by the Full League membership at the next Full League meeting.

Section III – The Executive Committee will place schools in the appropriate divisions by using the Section III classification and BEDS enrollment figures. In future alignments this is the primary factor to be considered for all public schools. The Executive Committee will determine the placement of all non-public schools in each sport they participate in. Any divisional changes that could affect the approved schedules or sports by-laws must be submitted to the Executive Committee in sufficient time for the Executive Committee to make a recommendation to the Full League membership.

Section IV - The function of the Executive Committee is to serve as a clearinghouse for all proposals brought forth by the Executive Director from a Full League meeting, Post-season meetings, Section III, or an individual Executive Committee member. The Executive Committee evaluates the proposals based upon Constitutionality and fairness to all member schools. Upon Executive Committee agreement, items are brought out of committee to the appropriate body for vote.

Section V - The Executive Committee may appoint an ad hoc committee as deemed appropriate and others to serve as representatives of the League.

ARTICLE XI – Constitutional Revisions

Proposed revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws of League Policies must be presented in writing to the Executive Committee who will review and discuss the proposal. The Executive Committee can either move the proposal forward for approval or table it. If moved forward, it is taken to the Full League membership for discussion and approval of a ballot vote. Final ratification will be a ballot vote by the Full League membership, which must pass by a 2/3 affirmative vote.

ARTICLE XII – Due Process

The League recognizes the imperative for an established course to safeguard the legal rights of individuals. Procedures for due process shall be set forth by each member school district of the League.

BY-LAWS OF LEAGUE POLICIES

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THE FRONTIER LEAGUE
COMBINING POLICY AND PROCEDURES
Revised 10/2/19

- I. Frontier League philosophy is not only to provide student athletes an opportunity to participate but also for schools to have listed dates to be proactive in combining.
- II. Procedures for combining school teams in a particular sport. Public combining with Public or Public combining with Non-Public.
 - A. **Written request sent to the League President and Executive Director detailing the desired conditions and reasons for wishing to combine.**
Specific Information Needed:
 1. Condition under which you wish to combine
 2. Reasons for request
 3. Sport
 4. Number of student grades 9-11
 - B. Signature of Superintendent, High School Principal and Athletic Director of both schools verifying Board of Education approval on the appropriate League Combining Sports Policy form.
 - C. **Deadlines:**
 1. Request and approval by both Board of Education for combining of teams must be completed before the following deadlines:
 - a. **Fall Sports - December 1st of the previous school year**
 - b. **Winter Sports - March 1st of the previous school year.**
 - c. **Spring Sports – September 15th of the current school year**
 2. If unusual circumstances are involved for the **1st time** combining in a sport, schools must notify the League office within the 1st five (5) days after Section III Officials starting dates of practice pending board approval.
 3. If unusual circumstances are involved, a school may petition the League to waive the deadline.
 4. The Executive Committee will act upon all requests in a timely manner or no later than the next regularly scheduled Executive Meeting.
 5. Frontier League and Section approval is needed and is good for a **one-year** period only. Schools must re-apply each year. Any extension for the following year of a previous year's combining must meet the above deadlines.
 - D. Possible reasons for allowing schools to combine:
 1. Lack of enough participants in one or more schools in some or all sports,
 2. Fiscal problems causing the curtailing of interscholastic programs.
 3. The inability to secure qualified coaches or eliminating a sport.
 4. Lack of proper facilities (ex. swimming pool).
 5. Declining enrollment.
 - E. Items schools should be considering:
 1. Transportation - how, where, etc.
 2. Medical information - common student medical forms.
 3. Insurance - similar or the same.
 4. Joint agreement on athletic behavior codes.
 5. Joint agreement on eligibility codes.
 6. Policies on absentees being or not being allowed to participate.
 7. Advanced placement procedure exchanging copies of paperwork.
 8. Local students replaced by second school.
 9. Costs (equipment, travel, facilities, maintenance, etc.).
 10. Ticket sales and gate receipts.
 11. Coaches and salaries.
 12. Cheerleaders, mascot, colors, letter winners.
 13. Supervision responsibility.
 14. Evaluation.
 15. Sports Variation Numbers: refer to the current enrollment numbers.

THE FRONTIER LEAGUE DISQUALIFICATION POLICY

Based on Past Practice
Revised 2020

1. Policy will be the same in all sports.
2. Use the Section III Disqualification Form to email the Frontier League office and Section III office.
3. Section III Disqualification policy states if a player and/or coach is disqualified they miss the next non-league, league or sectional contest.
4. In addition to the Section III policy, the Frontier League policy will state: any player(s) and/or coach(s) disqualified for misconduct, fighting before, during, and/or immediately after a League, Playoff and/or Tournament contest will also be ineligible for the next League contest.
 - a. Both teams' coaches will notify their school's Athletic Director/Coordinator within twenty-four (24) hours.
 - b. The Athletic Director/Coordinator will immediately notify the Executive Director or Assistant Director.
 - c. The Executive Director or Assistant Director will notify the next league school to be played.
 - d. If it is the last game of the season the disqualification will carry over to the first league game of the next sport played by the player(s) and/or coach(s).
5. If an ineligible player(s) and/or coach(s), due to disqualification, plays; the contest will be forfeited.
6. Other un-sportsmanship like actions causing disqualification will be covered under Section III policy.
7. When violations of this policy cannot be resolved by the following the guidelines above the issue will be brought before the Executive Committee for review and action.
8. Individual schools may have other restrictions above and beyond the Frontier League and Section III policy.

THE FRONTIER LEAGUE DIVISIONAL CHANGE POLICY

Based on Past Practice
Revised 2020

Time line for all Divisional Change Requests:

- a. Fall Sports - December 1st of the previous school year
- b. Winter Sports - March 1st of the previous school year
- c. Spring Sports – September 15th of the current school year

1. When a division change is required by a public school for the following school year because of the Section III BEDS enrollment figures published in October, approval by the Executive Committee is **not** required. If a public school does **not** want to change division regardless of the Section III BEDS enrollment figures than an approval by the Executive Committee **is** required.
2. When a combining request changes the Section III BEDS enrollment figures enough to move a public school to a higher division the host school must request approval from the Executive Committee if they wish to remain in the same division.
3. When a division change is requested by a public school to be moved either up or down because of reasons other than the Section III BEDS enrollment figures, the school must provide the Executive Committee with the reasons for the request. All division change approvals will be for a two-year period unless circumstances warrant the Executive Committee to review and rescind the original request approval. **See timeline above.**
4. The Executive Committee will determine the placement of all non-public schools in each sport they participate in using as a guide the Section III BEDS enrollment figures, the Section III Classification Report and other recommendations (when applicable). **See timeline above.**
5. When a divisional change is requested by a non-public school to be moved either up or down the school must provide the Executive Committee with the reasons for the request. All division change approvals will be for a one-year period unless otherwise stated. **See timeline above.**
6. Any divisional changes that could affect the approved schedules or sports by-laws must be submitted to the Executive Committee in sufficient time for the Executive Committee to make a recommendation to the Full League. **See timeline above.**

THE FRONTIER LEAGUE OFFICIALS POLICY

Based on Past Practice
Revised 2020

1. No official will be assigned to officiate Varsity contests if:
 - a. Employed by either school district
 - b. Works at a school district while employed by others such as BOCES.
 - c. A relative who coaches, or plays for either district in that sport.

A-C above may be disregarded if both competing teams mutually agree per Section III policy.

2. The Frontier League will accept or reject the assignor that the Officials Board has selected.

SECTION III POLICY:

To not assign officials to varsity contests in which officials are employed in the district of either of the competing teams, or a relative of a player or coach, unless mutually agreed upon by both schools.
(2017)

3. If an official is also a coach he/she may not be assigned to officiate any Varsity or Crossover contests in the sport division he/she coaches.

**THE FRONTIER LEAGUE
ONE SPORT PER SEASON POLICY**

Based on Past Practice
Revised 2020

All Frontier League Athletes will be limited to participating in only one sport per season.

THE FRONTIER LEAGUE OUT OF SEASON COACHING POLICY

Based on Past Practice
Revised 2020

1. School sponsored activities conducted out of the sport season such as general conditioning, weight lifting and training, intramurals, camps and recreation, and open gyms are allowed providing they are not mandated by coaches or school personnel and open to all students.
2. Non-school sponsored programs are also permitted if they are not mandated by coaches or school personnel.

THE FRONTIER LEAGUE PROTEST PROCEDURES

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- A. Rule Book Protest Procedure to be followed, if any.
- B. Rule Book's interpretation of the rules to be followed.
- C. The protest must be documented and signed (in writing in the scorebook if available) by the Head Coach & Official involved in the disputed rules by the end of the contest.
- D. The Executive Director of the Frontier League will be notified verbally within forty-eight (48) hours after the contest, and he will in turn notify the League President immediately.
- E. The official letter of protest must be signed by the Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director, and Coach, and be received within five (5) school days by the following:
 - 1. League President
 - 2. Executive Director
 - 3. Season Chairperson
 - 4. Sports Chairperson
 - 5. Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director, and Coach of the opposing school(s)
- F. This protest must include all details regarding the protest: date, time, school(s) involved, and circumstances that led to the appeal, and any other pertinent information.
- G. If a decision must be made in cases of appeal when there is not time to convene the committee, the President and the Executive Director will be responsible for making a decision.
- H. The Executive Director will first determine if the correct procedures were followed; if yes then a hearing will be conducted; if no than appeal is denied. Notify the Superintendent of the protesting school and all others found in E5.
- I. The Frontier League Executive Committee will **determine who serves on the Protest Committee**. The Protest Committee will consist of the following voting members (three **(3)** are required for action):
 - 1. League President (Chairperson of the Protest Committee)
 - 2. Vice President
 - 3. Seasonal Chairperson
 - 4. Girls Sports Chairperson
 - 5. Boys Sports Chairperson
- J. **A hearing date will be determined and the Superintendent and/or Principal, Athletic Director, and all other pertinent witnesses will be informed of the date and time of the hearing.** If any of the Protest Committee members are involved or not available, they will be replaced in the following order:
 - 1st - Immediate Past President
 - 2nd - Chairperson of the following sport season
 - 3rd - Remaining seasonal chairperson
- K. The Executive Director of the Frontier League will make all necessary information available including Rule Book, Protest Procedure & Interpretation to:
 - 1. Protest Committee
 - 2. School(s) Representative(s) – Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, Coaches
 - 3. Official(s) involved
- L. Within ten (10) days after the hearing, the school(s) involved will receive the decision of the Protest Committee in writing. The decision may be appealed to Section III.
- M. The Section III decision may be appealed to NYSPHSAA.

The Protest Committee's decision will be binding on the League unless overruled by Section III or NYSPHSAA.

THE FRONTIER LEAGUE SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

Based on Past Practice
Revised 2020

It is the object of the Frontier League to promote a spirit of friendly competition among its member schools. Staff and students should devise means of developing good sportsmanship practices and wholesome activities that aid in creating respect of students toward staff and other students.

Certain practices have a deleterious effect on sportsmanship and are not to be allowed. Member schools are called upon to enforce these rules wherever their students participate representing the Frontier League.

DURING ALL SPORTING EVENTS:

1. No Noise Makers.
2. No Deleterious Signs.
3. No Visitors Signs.
4. No Signs at Playoffs.
5. No Throwing of any Objects including Paper & Pennies.
6. No Obscenities of any kind. (Written or Verbal)
7. Cheerleaders & schools should discourage Booing and other negative Cheers.
8. These Rules are supplemented by Cheering Rules in Sports' By-laws.

CHEERLEADERS AT BASKETBALL GAMES:

1. Cheerleaders are to be accompanied by an advisor.
2. No Stamp Cheers allowed in the Bleachers.
3. No Mechanical Noise Makers of any kind.
4. Organized Band (PEP), with an advisor, will be permitted to play when game is not in progress and when Cheerleaders are not cheering.
5. No organized cheering during a foul shot attempt.
6. One Floor Cheer per time out. Visiting team to cheer first and the alternate.
7. Cheerleaders are not to delay game in any way.
8. Cheerleaders are to be seated while ball is in play.
9. All schools are to provide a place in the bleachers for home and visiting Cheerleaders to sit.
10. Cue Cards are allowed for Cheerleaders only.

THE FRONTIER LEAGUE STUDENT ATHLETES CODE OF BEHAVIOR

1. To demonstrate self-control and respect for others at all times be they official, spectators or other athletes.
2. To remember that participation in athletics is a privilege that is not to be abused by unsportsmanlike conduct.
3. To deal with opponents with respect. Shake hands after the competition and congratulate them on their performance.
4. To respect the integrity and judgment of the officials.
5. To remember that improper behavior while in uniform reflects poorly upon yourself, your school and your community.
6. To understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the game.
7. To accept victory with grace and defeat with dignity.

COACHES CODE OF BEHAVIOR

1. To promote good sportsmanship, by setting a positive example while coaching your athletes.
2. To respect the integrity and judgment of the sports officials.
3. To approach competition as a healthy and constructive exercise, not as a life and death struggle that requires victory at any price.
4. To recognize that the participants in individual or team sports are young men and women with human frailties and limitations, who are capable of making mistakes.
5. To not use crude or abusive language with players, opponents, officials or spectators.
6. To instruct the players in the elements of good sportsmanship and remove players from competition who demonstrate unsportsmanlike behavior.
7. To avoid behavior that will incite players, opponents or spectators.
8. To avoid and eliminate negative comments to radio, TV and newspaper reporters.