

3. Team Membership

3.1 Competition will be provided for the following teams:

Varsity: Made up of students from grades 11 – 12, though open to grade 9 – 12 students

Junior Varsity: Made up of students from grades 9 – 10, though open to grade 8 – 10 students

Middle Years: Made up of students from grades 7 – 8, though open to grade 6 – 8 students.

Note #1: Players, who fall in the specified teams above, may not play on any other team. (Eg. Grade 7 cannot play for a HS team – Grade 10 can not play for a MY team.)

Note #2: Any student at a school that does not field a team in the student's attended grade group league will have the option to request and play on a different school grade group league team without prejudice. A "request for transfer" form must be completed.

3.2 Players on a given school team must be attending students of that school, in the stated grade category and under 19 years of age as of September 1st of the league year.

Attending is defined as not graduated and taking a half time load or graduated and taking a half time plus load.

3.3 Registration information on each player must be submitted to the MWPA office or League Convenor prior to participating in any league game.

3.4 Imports will be discouraged, but may be considered on a one-to one basis, with the main criteria being to have athletes playing with the school team closest to their school and within the same school division. Teams will only be allowed a maximum of 2 transfers. If there is no team in the athletes' school division or the athlete attends a private school, the athlete will be placed on a team at the discretion of the committee. Stacking of teams or recruitment of athletes to school teams will not be allowed. Athletes wishing to be considered for placement on a team must submit a "request for transfer" form to MWPA Office no later than the announced deadline in order to be considered for placement. If the Management Committee approves an import request the rationale must be made public to all teams in the League. Teams have seven days to appeal an import decision that has been made by the Management Committee.

An import is defined as any student not attending that school, including middle years students, and younger.

Imports will not be assigned after the first league games have been played. Teams must make any requests for athlete transfers to the MWPA Office. Such requests will be considered by the management committee.

3.5 Athletes who change schools must play with the school they were registered with as of September 30th of that school year. Students who wish to change teams after this time will be required to file an appeal and have coaches from both the previous school and the new school provide letters to support the appeal.

Each appeal will be considered and results determined by the Management Committee.

3.6 All team members must be registered with the MWPA by the date specified to be eligible for play-offs. (If not specified date will be set for beginning of second round).

3.7 Players barred from further play by the MWPA for whatever reason are also ineligible for play within our league.

3.8 Players on a team's roster must be in attendance for 50% of the league's games in order to be eligible for play-offs. Exceptional circumstances (e.g. medical) may be brought to the attention of the Management Committee in cases where a player has not been able to play 50% of the games.

3.9 Any teams traveling must be sanctioned by the MWPA and must have the appropriate paper work filed prior to any out of town events.

3.10 All teams must have a representative present at the pre-season meeting. Failure to do so will result in a \$50 fine, payable to MWPA prior to their first game. Any unpaid fine will result in a game forfeit.