

***CATHOLIC YOUTH APOSTOLATE***  
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**Preface**

The West County CYC District was created to provide a coordinated sports program for the youth of member organizations. It is important that every Spiritual Director, Organization Representative, Sports Coordinator, Manager and Coach be familiar with the rules and regulations set forth under this cover. It is our hope that all participants will bear in mind that we have embarked on this activity for the sole benefit of God’s children.

**West County CYC District Athletic Association Constitution**

In compliance with *Article III, Section 1* of the *Catholic Youth Council Athletic Association Constitution* of the St. Louis Archdiocese, the West County CYC District hereby issues its constitution.

**Article I – Name**

This organization shall be known as the West County CYC (Catholic Youth Council) District, hereinafter referred to as the “District”, and be affiliated with the CYC Sports Department of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

**Article II – Purpose**

The general aim of the CYC is to help a boy or girl become an ideal youth, firmly loyal to God, Church, Community, and Country: physically fit, mentally alert and morally sound. Athletics, properly regulated, play a very important role in the development of youth. The Constitution of the District Athletic Association is a sincere effort to promote good sportsmanship, skill development, teamwork, respect for rules and self-discipline amongst the contestants. With the help of God, may it serve as a medium for Catholic/Christian action. We ask the blessing of God upon this organization.

In keeping with the spirit of the program, a pre-game prayer involving both teams together will take place before all youth (Atom through Junior Division) games; the home team will be responsible for leading the prayer.

**Article III – Policies**

**Section 1 – General Policy:** The duly elected District Executive Committee shall have express authority to adopt, interpret, and enforce rules and penalties consistent with this Constitution.

**Section 2 – Championship Competition:** This Constitution does not apply during Archdiocesan Playoffs and Championship competition.

**Section 3 – Sport Committee:** Each participating organization shall provide an individual to serve on each Sport Committee in which they are participating. The responsibility of the Sport Committee is described in *Article VIII, Section 2* of this Constitution. Members of the Sport Committee are non-voting members of the District Board, unless they are the organizations’ lay representatives.

**Section 4 – Salary:** No member of the District Board or committees sanctioned by the board shall receive any compensation for said services.

**Section 5 – Financial Affairs:** The financial affairs of the District are the responsibility of the District organization and the CYC Central Office. The District Treasurer will provide a status of all accounts and disbursements at the quarterly District meeting. A calendar year-end report will be provided, in writing, to all member organizations at the first quarter District meeting.

**Section 6 – Meetings:** The District Board shall meet at least quarterly. A quorum (a simple majority of voting members) must be in attendance to conduct district business. A simple majority, of those present, is required to pass any non-constitutional motion. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the District Board Chairperson with member organizations receiving notice from the District Secretary. Hearing and Protest Sub-Committees are an exception and will only involve necessary organizations.

**Section 7 – Dual Offices:** Dual offices by the District Executive Committee members are not permitted, unless approved by the District Board.

**Section 8 – Hearing Committee:** Procedures and guidelines are contained in *Article XI* of this Constitution.

#### **Article IV – District Board**

**Section 1 – Organization Representation:** Each member organization shall designate one representative to attend the District meetings and vote on behalf of their respective organization. Representatives, and an alternate(s), will be identified to the District Executive Board at the first quarterly meeting of each calendar year.

**Section 2 – Voting Right:** Each member organization is entitled to one (1) vote on all issues brought before the District Board. The Organization Representatives must be present to cast a vote. No proxy is allowed.

**Section 3 – Representative Responsibility:** It is the sole responsibility of the Organization Representative, or Alternate(s) Representative, to report proceedings from the District meetings to their respective organization.

#### **Article V – District Executive Committee**

**Section 1 – Officers:** The Executive Committee shall be comprised of a Chairperson, First Vice-Chairperson, Second Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**Section 2 – Purpose:** The Executive Committee shall carry out the purpose of the District.

#### **Section 3 – Duties of the Officers:**

A. Chairperson:

1. Preside over and coordinate entire District program.
2. Appoints committee coordinators and individuals as needed for efficient and effective running of the District.
3. May replace officers who have resigned or otherwise cannot serve, subject to the approval of the District Board.
4. Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
5. Is empowered to authorize expenditures up to \$500.00 of District funds, not to exceed a set dollar amount per quarter as determined at the first quarterly meeting of the calendar year, as necessary and without District Board approval, to carry out the various District programs.
6. Represents the District at all Archdiocese of St. Louis CYC Athletic Association meetings.

B. First Vice-Chairperson:

1. Shall support the Chairperson, as required, to carry out District programs.
2. Shall assume duties and responsibilities of Chairperson in their absence.

- C. Second Vice-Chairperson:
  - 1. Shall support both the Chairperson and First Vice-Chairperson, as required, to carry out District programs.
  - 2. Shall Chair the District Hearing Committee.
  - 3. Shall assume the duties and responsibilities of Chairperson in the event both the Chairperson and First Vice-Chairperson are absent.
- D. Treasurer:
  - 1. Responsible for maintaining official records of all District financial transactions and reporting on status at each District meeting. Reporting will also be done as requested by the District Executive Committee.
  - 2. Shall provide all necessary financial reports to the CYC Athletic Association of the Archdiocese of St. Louis as required by the archdiocesan financial office.
  - 3. Shall provide a year-ending financial report at the first District meeting of the calendar year. It shall consist of a summary of all financial transactions itemized by sport, where appropriate.
  - 4. Checks written over \$5000.00 require two authorized signatures.
- E. Secretary:
  - 1. Will keep official minutes of all District Board and Executive Committee meetings and assist in providing necessary District correspondence.
  - 2. Will keep official calendar of District activities and will provide the same to member organizations at all District meetings.

**Section 4 – Elections and Terms of Office:**

- A. Nominations and Election of the District Executive Committee are to be made at the first District meeting of the calendar year.
- B. Chairperson, Second Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary will be elected during even-numbered calendar years, and First-Vice Chairperson and Treasurer will be elected during odd-numbered calendar years.
- C. New officers assume duties/positions at the beginning of the second quarterly District meeting.
- D. Terms of office for all Executive Committee members shall be two years.
- E. The chairperson is limited to serving two consecutive full terms.

**Article VI – District Meetings**

**Section 1 – Meeting Schedule:** The District Board shall meet at least once per quarter at a regular place and time, unless otherwise approved by the District Board at the previous meeting.

**Section 2 – Quorum:** A quorum simple majority of voting member organization representatives shall establish quorum. A quorum shall be necessary to conduct District business or issues requiring a District Board vote.

**Section 3 – Special Meetings:** The Secretary will give notice of special meetings to all members of the District Board. Should a special circumstance arise that requires a change to the regular meeting schedule, and approved as outlined in *Section 1* above is not feasible, the Secretary will give sufficient notice to District Board members of the new meeting time and location.

**Section 4 – Meeting Agenda:** All District meetings, both regularly scheduled and special, shall begin with prayer and a roll call of attendees. The Executive Committee at the first District meeting of the calendar year will establish a general agenda. The District meeting will follow this general agenda format.

**Section 5 – Procedures:** Unless otherwise provided by this constitution, generally accepted parliamentary procedures shall prevail at all meetings.

**Article VII – Committees and Sub-Committees**

**Section 1 – Committee Appointments:** Each sport committee shall elect a Commissioner for approval by the District Board for each District sport and any other committee deemed necessary to assist in carrying out the purpose of this organization.

**Section 2 – Sport Committee:**

- A. The Sport Committee will be chaired by the Sport Commissioner, as approved by the District Board, and a representative from each of the participating District Organizations.
- B. The Sport Commissioner may appoint a Schedule Coordinator who will be responsible for ensuring the District League game play schedule is completed in a timely manner.
- C. The Sport Commissioner may appoint an Official-in-Chief for game officials of the sport involved.
- D. The Sport Commissioner may appoint a Sport Committee Secretary to carry out administrative functions for the Sport Committee.
- E. The Sport Committee shall review the CYC Athletic Association rules. . The District Board must ratify the recommendations for rule changes for the next year, based on the following Sport Committees submittal schedule: Soccer and Volleyball by October 15, Basketball by February 15, Baseball and Softball by June 15.
- F. The Sport Committee shall be responsible for implementing the rules and regulations of the sport, as ratified by the District Board.
- G. The Sport Commissioner shall be responsible for ensuring the District program is run effectively, and disciplinary action is taken where appropriate. The Sport Commissioner is also a committee participant as described elsewhere in this Constitution.
- H. The Official-in-Chief shall be responsible for the training, testing and registration, and review of the District game officials for their appointed sport.
- I. The Sport Commissioner shall be a member of the District Hearing Committee as specified in *Article XI, Section 2*.
- J. The Sport Committee will be responsible for performing roster and identification card checks, on all teams, and monitoring compliance throughout the season.
- K. There will be no more than two people from any one organization in a leadership position.

**Section 3 – Protest Sub-Committee:**

- A. **Membership**  
The Sport Commissioner for each sport shall serve as Chairperson of the Protest Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee shall consist of the Sport Commissioner, the Official-in-Chief and three (3) Organization Sport Representatives. Every effort will be made to utilize organizations not involved in the protest situation. A quorum of three (3) is necessary to conduct the meeting.
- B. **Jurisdiction**  
The Protest Sub-Committee shall hear all protests relative to their respective sport any sports competition sanctioned by the District. A judgment call by an official cannot be protested and therefore is not within the jurisdiction of the Protest Sub-Committee.
- C. **Disqualification**  
A member of the Protest Sub-Committee must disqualify themselves from taking part in the hearing if they, or their Organization, might be affected by the decision or if they are biased

for or against any party to the hearing. The Chairperson of the Protest Sub-Committee is empowered to make temporary appointments to the Protest Sub-Committee for the purpose of achieving a quorum of three (3).

D. Procedures

Protest Sub-Committee Chairperson shall set the procedure for conducting the meeting.

E. Appeals

An appeal of any Protest Sub-Committee decision, by any party to the hearing, can be made to the District Chairperson. This appeal in writing must be filed or postmarked to the District Chairperson by the sixth calendar day from the date of written or verbal notification of the Protest Sub-Committee decision.

### **Article VIII – Eligibility**

**Section 1 – Eligibility Rules:** The rules of eligibility shall be those identified in *Rule III, Section 1 through Section 9 of the CYC Athletic Association, Archdiocese of St. Louis Constitution*, unless altered by the District for regular season District play only.

**Section 2 – Team Fees:** The number of teams (as defined in section 3) and respective team fees shall be submitted by the respective organizations to the Sport Commissioner by the date specified by the Sport Commissioner for each sport season.

**Section 3 – Teams Defined:** The minimum number of players to form a sports team will be determined by each Sports Committee. There is no maximum, but playing time is an important factor and teams should be structured to give all players maximum playing time.

No organization may have tryouts for the formation of their teams, with the exception of Visitation Academy and Villa Duchesne/Oak Hill. These two organizations may have evaluations for the placement of players on teams as follows:

- Only applicable to 7th and 8th grade teams
- No player may be cut
- Notification of teams created through evaluations must be given to the applicable Sports Committee.

**Section 4 – Rosters:** Rosters shall be submitted in triplicate to the Sport Commissioner at the designated schedule handout meeting. One roster, signed by the Sport Commissioner, shall be returned to the respective organization for retention by the team manager, one copy to be submitted to the CYC Office.

**Section 5 – Identification Cards:** CYC Identification Cards will be required for all Managers and Coaches identified on the official team roster. Players in the Midget Division (5<sup>th</sup> grade) through Senior Divisions must have a CYC Identification Card to participate. For younger grades, the Executive Committee will make the final decision. All Head Coaches must have completed the CYC Coaches Training Program (This requirement is for all CYC teams Kindergarten thru 8th grade). All coaches need to have attended the Archdiocesan Program titled “Protecting God’s Children” and have on file with their parish and/or the CYC Office a receipted copy of the “Missouri State Child Abuse Form” not more than two years old. (This requirement is for all CYC teams Kindergarten thru 12th grade.)

A. A roster check (with identification cards for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older) may be performed prior to the start of a District game/match under the following conditions:

1. By direction of the Sport Commissioner or the Official-in-Chief.
2. By direction of the West County District Executive Committee.
3. Upon request of either team Manager or Coach.

4. If in the opinion of the game official, a check is warranted due to peculiar circumstances. The game official shall designate the reason for the check on the game card.
5. If during the course of a game the official determines conditions exist that warrant a suspicion of player eligibility, a roster and identification check may be performed. The game official shall designate the reason for the check on the game card.

All roster and identification card checks will be performed on both participating teams. *Rule III, Section 1, Paragraphs e and f of the CYC Athletic Association, Archdiocese of St. Louis, Constitution* will remain in effect.

- B. The respective Sport Commissioner, with District Executive Committee approval may grant an identification card waiver, when extenuating circumstances exist. The waiver shall not exceed three (3) weeks in length. All waivers will be void for both West County District playoffs and Archdiocesan CYC Championships. The waiver will consist of a letter, signed by the Sport Commissioner, as proof for game purposes.
- C. Prior to the start of each sports season, each Organization shall be responsible for ensuring that Managers and Coaches have valid rosters and identification cards for each team.
- D. Any manager, coach or player that is ejected from a game, and refuses to surrender their identification card to the District or Game Official, will result in an immediate three (3) game suspension. The incident will be reviewed by the District Hearing Board to determine if further disciplinary action is appropriate.

**Section 6 – Player Jurisdiction and Waivers:** A player is expected to play with the organization that has player jurisdiction based on:

- A. Player is a student of a school that is a member organization of the District.
- B. Family/player is a member of a church that is a member organization of the District.
- C. Family/player lives within the parish boundaries of a member organization of the District.
- D. If a child lives outside the boundaries of the District, and does not meet the requirements of 1 or 2 a District waiver form needs to be signed by the Church or School where they live, as well as the CYC District where they live. This waiver must then be approved by the Church or School they would like to play for as well as the District.
- E. If a player has jurisdiction to play with more than one organization, the player can choose the organization. For example, if a player attends a private school that is a CYC organization and attends a parish that is a CYC organization, the player may choose to play on a team from either organization.
- F. **Player Waivers within the District:** A player must have a written waiver to play for an organization other than the organization in which he/she has jurisdiction to play if the organization offers that sport. The requesting Organization Representative must initiate the waiver. The releasing Organization Representative and respective Sport Commissioner have the discretion to deny such a waiver. Player waivers must be renewed each sport season.

### **Article IX – Playing Rules**

**Section 1 – Rule Incorporation:** All rules and regulations of the respective sports are subject to this Constitution and are incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein.

**Section 2 – Forfeits:** A fine, which needs to be approved by the Executive Board, may be imposed on a District organization by the Sports Committee for games forfeited repeatedly by an organization's teams. Key considerations for imposing a fine would be the percentage of forfeits by teams within an organization (relative to the number of teams playing the sport for that organization), and the organization's adherence to proper forfeit procedures.

Note: The focus of the league is to play games, and the District understands there will be rare occasions when a team cannot be fielded for a game. The intent of this rule is not to penalize

organizations who have an occasional forfeit, but rather to give the Sports Committee an avenue to address organizations whose teams cause excessive disruption to league play because of forfeits.

**Section 3 – Pre-Game Prayer:** In keeping with the spirit of the program the game official will call for a pre-game prayer, the home team will lead the prayer

### **Article X – Rules of Conduct**

**Section 1 – Participant Conduct:** All participants (managers, coaches, game officials, players and spectators) shall at all times; before, during and after any sports event, conduct themselves as true Catholic/Christian sportspersons. A sports event is not considered complete until all participants have departed the playing venue and associated facilities. Managers, Coaches, game officials and spectators shall reflect the purpose of the District: to teach the children good sportsmanship in a Catholic/Christian environment.

**Section 2 – Principles:** All that is dishonorable and unsportsmanlike is particularly and expressly condemned. The player, manager, coach, spectator or team found guilty of violating these principles shall be removed from the game at the discretion of the game official and in turn, be put on report to the respective Sport Commissioner. Additional discipline/penalties may be assessed via the District Hearing Board Guidelines.

- A. Respect for Authority: The game official is a CYC representative, and as such, has full authority on the field, court or gym of the sport venue until they depart the facility and associated grounds. Managers, coaches and team captains are the only individuals who may confer with the official, providing it is done in a civil manner and within the rules of the contest. The District considers a display of respect for officials as integral to the training of the children.
- B. Spectator's Conduct: The conduct of all spectators is the responsibility of the Manager/Coach of the respective teams.
- C. Profanity: Language deemed profane by the official will not be tolerated on or off the field, court or gym of the sport venue and associated facilities under District jurisdiction. Any individual guilty of this infraction will be ejected from the game and/or premises.
- D. Tobacco/Alcohol: The use of any tobacco or alcohol product by a manager, coach or player is not permitted during the contest. This restriction includes the warm-up period, as well as the game, and encompasses the playing surface, bench, and associated areas that are considered part of the immediate venue. Any participant that continues to violate this restriction, after a verbal warning by the official, will be immediately ejected from the game.
- E. Rules of Play: This Constitution and the respective rules of the sport, as ratified by the District Board, shall govern all contests. This pertains to District league play only.
- F. Dangerous Play: Overly aggressive and dangerous play will not be tolerated. An immediate ejection will result, if deemed necessary, by the game official.
- G. Fighting: No fighting or pushing will be tolerated. This includes aggression towards players, game officials or coaches. Any infraction will result in severe disciplinary action, which may include suspension for a season or permanent expulsion from the District.
- H. Suspension: Any person (manager, coach, player or spectator) ejected from a game will surrender their CYC identification card and will be suspended from all sports (games and practices) until such case is reviewed by the Sport Committee of the respective sport. Such review shall occur prior to the team's next game, if practical, but no later than six (6) days after the ejection occurred. The Sport Committee shall take appropriate action, at their discretion.

**Article XI – District Hearing Committee**

**Section 1 – Purpose:** The District shall establish a District Hearing Committee for the purpose of determining disciplinary action under any of the following circumstances:

- A. Upon recommendation of the Sport Commissioner for the sport involved.
- B. When an individual has been ejected on two (2) occasions in the same sport season.
- C. When the ejection is for violent conduct or involved contact with an official.
- D. Cases referred by the Protest Sub-Committee.

**Section 2 – Membership:** The District Second Vice-Chairperson shall chair the Hearing Committee. Additional members will include the Sport Commissioner and Official-in-Chief, of the sport involved. Members at-large will consist of three (3) Organization Sport Representatives, of the sport involved. Every effort will be made to acquire members at-large from organizations other than those involved with the ejection incident(s).

**Section 3 – Procedure:** The District Second Vice-Chairperson will make the meeting arrangements, including time and place. Said meeting will be coordinated and scheduled through the involved Organization Sport Representatives. Their Organization Sport Representatives and another organization official may accompany the individual involved. The meeting shall be conducted using the following agenda as a guideline:

- A. The Hearing Committee Chairperson will convene the meetings with a prayer.
- B. The Sport Commissioner shall give a statement regarding the incident in question. This may include any information gathered from participants or statements submitted through the course of the Commissioner’s investigation.
- C. The Official-in-Chief shall present information submitted from the officials associated with the incidents or any other information pertinent to the hearing. This may also include an interpretation of the sport rule(s) involved with the discipline incidents.
- D. If prior suspensions are involved, the Sport Commissioner shall brief the Board on the disciplinary actions taken previously.
- E. The individual involved in the ejection(s) will be allotted ten (10) minutes to present a statement regarding the incident(s). Written statements from non-attendees may be presented to the Hearing Board, for consideration, in addition to the above time period.
- F. Witnesses, if approved prior to the Hearing Board Meetings, will be allowed, in total ten (10) minutes to present their information.
- G. The Hearing Board shall ask questions or seek clarifications from any meeting attendee. When the Board has completed all questioning and/or all points are clarified, the meeting shall be convened.
- H. The Hearing Board will meet in private, immediately following the hearing, discuss the information presented and render a decision. Decisions on disciplinary action shall be by majority vote.
- I. The Hearing Board Chairperson shall notify the affected Organization Sport Representative of the Board decision within 24 hours of the meeting. Said notification may be verbal, if it is verbal, it will be followed up with written notification and shall include the District Secretary for record purposes.
- J. Hearing Board decisions will be considered invoked immediately upon notification to the Organization Sport Representative.

**Article XII – Protest**

**Section 1 – Official’s Decision:** On point of fact connected with the play in question, the decision of the game official shall be final. The game official’s decision must be accepted while the game is in progress.

**Section 2 – Protest Submission:** All protests must be made in writing and submitted to the team's Organization Sports Representative or Designee, after review and if approved, the team's Organization Sports Representative or Designee will forward the protest to the District Sports Commissioner, for the respective sport. The protest must be postmarked within 72 hours of the game's conclusion, and must be accompanied with a \$35.00 deposit. Only managers and coaches on the official team roster may make a protest.

**Section 3 – Notification:** The manager or coach protesting, concerning an infraction of playing rules, must make announcement to the appointed official as follows:

- a. Baseball, Softball and Volleyball – at the time of the infraction; before play is resumed.
- b. Basketball – at the first stoppage of play, after the infraction.
- c. Soccer—at half time or immediately after completion of game, whichever may occur first.
- d. In all sports protest must be noted on the scorecard.

Failure to meet the above specifications will void any possible protest.

**Section 4 – Game Card:** In all sports, the protest must be noted on the game card, with the time of the infraction, in addition to the filing with the District Sport Commissioner. A game official's refusal to note the protest will not void the protest eligibility.

**Section 5 – Void Protest:** Failure to meet any of the specifications cited in *Sections 2 or 3 of this Article* will void any potential protest. This does not apply to any protest regarding eligibility.

**Section 6 – Eligibility:** Protests concerning eligibility of players must be postmarked no later than the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) day following the game being protested and accompanied with a \$35.00 deposit. If it is that team's last scheduled district game the protest must be postmarked within 72 hours of the game's conclusion. Only the managers and coaches on the official roster may make a protest. The team's Organization Sports Representative or Designee must approve the protest prior to submission to the District.

**Section 7 – Game Forfeiture:** Protests of eligibility, which are upheld by the Protest Sub-Committee, will result in an immediate forfeiture of all games played in the previous thirty (30) day period, from the date of the protested game. Should sufficient evidence be presented, by the protesting team, which indicates the infraction extended beyond that period, the forfeiture penalty may be increased. On upheld eligibility protests, the Protest Sub-Committee may refer the offending Manager/Coach (es) to the District Hearing Board for possible reprimand.

**Section 8 – Overruled Protests:** If the protest is upheld, the deposit shall be returned. In cases where the protest is heard and overruled, or when a submitted protest failed to meet the specifications cited in *Section 2 or 3 of this Article*, the deposit will be retained by the District. If the protest is deemed invalid and a hearing is not conducted, the deposit shall be retained by the District. The disposition and/or action to be taken shall be left to the discretion of the Sport Protest Sub-Committee having jurisdiction.

**Section 9 – Protest Meeting:**

- A. Burden of proof is on the protesting team.
- B. All teams immediately involved in the protest shall be given the opportunity to be represented at the meeting.
- C. The official(s) shall submit a written report(s) and shall also be present if deemed necessary by the Protest Board Chairperson.
- D. Notice of the Protest Sub-Committee decision shall be given to the affected teams as soon as feasible following the meeting.

**Section 10 – Appeals:** The following decisions may be appealed:

- A. Protest Sub-Committee ruling
- B. District Hearing Board ruling
- C. Sport Commissioner ruling

Appeals must be made in writing by the protesting team's Sports Organization Chairperson, accompanied by an additional \$35.00 deposit, and submitted to the District Chairperson. The District Executive Committee will hear the appeal, as they deem appropriate. Appeals must be postmarked or filed with the District Chairperson by the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) day from the date of the hearing decision. All appeals must be based on the same infraction or violation as stated in the original decision.

### **Article XIII – District Playoffs**

**Playoff Format:** The Sport Commissioner shall establish the District playoff format for divisions involved in the Archdiocesan CYC Championships. The proposed playoff plan shall be submitted to the District Executive Committee, for approval, before the start of the respective season. The plan must state number of teams to be included, and tentative dates of the playoffs.

### **Article XIV – Organization Program Mergers**

**Guidelines:** All mergers must be approved by the District Executive Committee. The following requirements must be met before the Executive Board will give consideration:

- A. Both Organizations must agree.
- B. Organizations must agree and show the participants in the governing of the program.
- C. A genuine need must be shown. It must be shown that a concerted effort was made to establish a program within each organization. Mergers will also be considered for regional school programs between organizations.
- D. The entire athletic program must be merged, with players from each organization integrated on the teams.
- E. Responsibility for all CYC fees must be determined.
- F. Merger applications, in writing, must be received by the District Executive Committee at least 90 days prior to the proposed date of the merger.
- G. Pastor of any of the participating organizations may revoke a merger upon written request.
- H. Rules of eligibility apply to the merged organizations.
- I. The CYC Executive Committee must approve all mergers.

### **Article XV – Amendments**

The Constitution of the District may be amended, repealed or added to by the vote of two-thirds of the Organization Representatives present at the regular quarterly District meeting. Proposed changes must be presented to the Executive Board. Fifty percent of the Executive Board must agree to put the proposed change to a vote of the District Executive Committee. The proposed change must be submitted to the District organization sixty days prior to the District vote.

### **Article XVI – Proviso**

Any matter not covered in this Constitution shall be left to the discretion of the governing District Athletic Association Executive Board.