

APPENDIX B
CHAMPIONSHIP DETERMINATION

The Colonial Interscholastic Athletic League is composed of 12 PIAA District XI high schools and two associate members. The 12 full members are Bangor, Catasauqua, Northern Lehigh, Notre Dame (Green Pond), Northwestern, Palisades, Palmerton, Pen Argyl, Salisbury, Saucon Valley, Southern Lehigh, and Wilson. Moravian Academy is an associate member participating in cross country, field hockey, golf, soccer, and tennis. Notre Dame (East Stroudsburg) is an associate member participating in cross country, soccer, tennis, and golf.

Championships in the sports of cross country, football and track will be decided in a one-division (whole league) format. Championships in baseball, basketball, boys' tennis, girls' tennis, golf, field hockey, soccer, softball and wrestling will be determined utilizing a two division/wild card tournament format.

A two division league structure will consist of the following divisions and schools:

North Division	South Division
Bangor	Notre Dame GP
Catasauqua	Palisades
Northern Lehigh	Salisbury
Northwestern Lehigh	Saucon Valley
Palmerton	Southern Lehigh
Pen Argyl	Wilson
Notre Dame ES (associate)	Moravian Academy (associate)

All Colonial Interscholastic Athletic League member schools are required to compete at the minimum PIAA "AA" classification in all participating league sponsored sports.

FOOTBALL

League Champion - Best overall league record.

- Co-champions will be declared if two or more teams are tied.

CROSS COUNTRY

League Champion - Best overall league record.

- Co-Champions will be declared if two or more teams are tied.
- A League meet will also be held to declare individual champions and place winners and league meet team champions will be recognized.

TRACK

League Champions (boys and girls) - Best overall league record.

- Co-champions will be declared if two or more teams are tied.
- A League meet will also be held to declare individual event champions and place winners and meet team champions (boys and girls) will also be recognized.

GOLF

League Champion/Tournament Format –The championship and the league tournament will be played on the same day. The two division winners and the wild card schools will each have eight golfers enter the championship match. The lowest five scores will count for the team championship. The first eight flights will be composed of golfers from these four schools. The remaining flights would be composed of five golfers from each of the schools who are not in the team championship match.

BASEBALL, BASKETBALL (boys and girls), FIELD HOCKEY, GOLF, SOCCER (boys' and girls'), SOFTBALL, TENNIS (boys' and girls') and WRESTLING League champions in these sports will be determined by a four-team tournament consisting of two divisional champions and two wild card entries. The criteria for declaring divisional champions, the wild card entries, and seeding will be based on the following:

After a tie breaker determination has been made for a divisional champion or a wild card entry revert back to step one of the applicable 2-3 team determination format, if an additional playoff spot(s) needs to be determined.

Divisional Champion Determination

1. Best overall league record
2. Head to head competition (of all tied teams)
3. Best record - within division
4. W/L record of all tied teams against all other teams qualified for the tournament.
5. When the two division/wild card format is used and two teams in one division have qualified for the tournament but are tied after applying the four tie-breakers the two teams shall be declared co-division champions.
6. When the two division/wild card format is used and two teams in one division have not qualified for the tournament but are tied after applying the four tie-breakers a one game playoff is required to determine division champion and tournament qualifier.
7. If three or more teams are tied after the first four criteria are applied the following format shall be used:
 - a. Records against common non-divisional league opponents.
 - b. Home record versus league opponents
 - c. One game playoff, if tie breaker has narrowed to two teams after applying "a" through "b."

Wild Card Determination (for ties between two teams)

1. Best overall league record
2. Head-to-head competition
3. Best W/L record against divisional opponents
4. W/L record of all tied teams against all other teams qualified for the tournament.
5. Play-off (if first four criteria does not break tie)

Wild Card Determination (for ties between three or more teams)

Break any existing ties within a division using the divisional championship criteria:

1. Determine and use the win/loss record of the head-to-head records of all teams tied for the wild card position.
2. W/L record of all tied teams against all other teams qualified for the tournament.
3. Head-to-head record of the remaining tied teams (2)
4. Playoff if necessary

Tournament Seeding (2 teams)

1. Seeding will be based on the best overall league record
2. Head to head competition
3. Tied teams against all other teams already qualified for the tournament
4. A coin toss will break ties that have not been played-off for seeding purposes only.

NOTE: This would mean that a top seeded team may play the wild card team from the same division. Once the teams qualifying for the playoffs have been determined, seeding will begin anew without any preferential seeding for division winners.

Tournament Seeding (3 teams)

1. Overall league record
2. Head to head competition of all tied teams
3. W/L record of head to head record of all tied teams
4. Head to head record of remaining tied teams
5. W/L record of tied teams against all other teams already qualified for the tournament
6. A lottery will break ties that have not been played-off for seeding purposes only

NOTE: This would mean that a top seeded team may play the wild card team from the same division.

Seeding will NOT be used to determine playoff site locations.

Any tiebreaker situation which cannot be determined using the criteria listed above will be referred to the Colonial League's Sports Chairperson to make a determination with approval by the League Officers.