

COLONIAL LEAGUE COLONIAL CUP GUIDELINES

Purpose:

To recognize Colonial League member schools whose athletic programs earn the best overall finish in league tournaments and regular season competition. Three Colonial League Cup winners will be recognized; the school having the most successful male athletic program, female athletic program, and the best overall program.

Criteria:

1. Only each school's ten (10) best Varsity sports count toward the final standings for the overall winner.
2. Only each school's six (6) best varsity female sports will count toward the final female standings, and the seven (7) best varsity male sports will count toward the final male standings.
3. Awarding of Points:
 - a. *League Tournament Sports* (Soccer, Field Hockey, Golf, Tennis, Basketball, Baseball, & Softball) – 1st place points will be awarded to the league tournament champion, 2nd place points will be awarded to the league tournament runner-up, 3rd place points through last place points will be awarded to the remaining teams based on their regular season final standings.
 - b. *Sports without a League Tournament* (Track & Field, Cross Country, Football, & Wrestling) – 1st place points through last place points will be awarded based on regular season final standings.
 - c. If there is a tie in the regular season standings, tied teams will split points for those places equally (i.e., Bangor and Pen Argyl tied for first place in football with 12 teams competing, Bangor and Pen Argyl split the total amount of first place and second place points = $12 + 11 = 23 / 2 = 11.5$ points per school).
4. Points are determined by number of schools participating in that sport (i.e., Soccer = 14 teams = 14 points for league champion, 13 points for league runner-up, 12 points for highest regular season ranked team of the remaining schools, etc.)
 - a. Teams with an unequal amount of league games, the points per game ratio method will be used to determine final standings (i.e., 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss, then divide total points by total games played = points per game ratio). This currently applies to boy's soccer, girl's soccer, and boy's tennis only.
5. The league historian/web-page maintainer will compile stats and post earned-points-to-date on the website at the conclusion of each sport season with a footnote stating "only the top ten point values will be used in final calculations".
6. A single acrylic trophy will be awarded to the school with the most overall points at the Colonial League Affirmation Dinner in August. The trophy will remain in that school and a new trophy will be purchased annually for the winner. Plaques will be awarded to the schools with the most points in the male and female sports.