

EAST HUSKER CONFERENCE

BY-LAWS

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BY-LAWS OF THE EAST HUSKER CONFERENCE

GENERAL

For conference athletic events involving large crowds, the visiting team shall supply an administrator or another school official other than the coach to be responsible for crowd control. That person shall report to the home team officials prior to the game to identify himself/herself as the person so designated by the visiting team.

The East Husker Conference will consider any NSAA activity in which at least five conference teams participate. The conference may suspend their sponsorship from an activity if the number of conference teams falls below four (4).

The East Husker Conference sponsors the following activities:

1. Volleyball
2. Softball
3. Wrestling
4. Basketball
5. Jr. High & Sr. High Track
6. Golf
7. Jr. High & Sr. High Art
8. Speech
9. Play Production
10. Vocal Music
11. Scholar Recognition
12. Cross Country
13. Quiz Bowl

The following conference activities will be hosted by all conference schools participating in the activity. In the event a school doesn't have proper and adequate facilities, it will be their responsibility to secure a facility at no cost to the conference.

1. Softball Tournament
2. Vocal Music Clinic
3. Wrestling Tournament
4. Dual Wrestling Tournament
5. 1st Round of Basketball Tournament
6. Speech Contest
7. Golf
8. Cross Country
9. Play Production
10. Quiz Bowl

The following conference activities will be hosted by schools having proper and adequate facilities to host such events.

1. Volleyball Tournament
2. Basketball semi-finals and finals
3. Art Exhibit
4. Varsity Track
5. 7-8-9 Track

(SEE APPENDIX A FOR SITE AND ROTATION SCHEDULE)

In case of inclement weather or other circumstances, it will be the decision of the host school Superintendent or designee in charge of the event, as to postponement and/or rescheduling of events.

If the conference sponsors an activity, then all member schools must participate in that activity provided

that the school sponsors that activity.

VOLLEYBALL

REGULAR SEASON

Volleyball games in the Conference will consist of three matches. (C Team, B Team and Varsity) The C team and B team warm-ups will be 8 minutes (3 minutes full court each team and 2 minutes serving). The C team and B team shall play 2 out of 3 games using rally scoring. Games 1 and 2 would be played to 25 with a cap of 27. The third game if needed would be to 15 with no cap. There will be one minute break between games.

REGULAR SEASON CHAMPION

Member schools must schedule and compete against all other conference members. The regular season conference champion will be determined by conference record, not to include tournament games. In extenuating circumstances, a member school may appeal the requirement to compete against all other conference members.

CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The East Husker Conference shall conduct a volleyball tournament for its member schools to be held on the Thursday & Saturday of the 15th week of the NSAA standardized calendar. The tournament shall be played according to the East Husker Conference Volleyball Tournament Schedule found in the forms section. The tournament director shall be determined from the conference activity rotation schedule. (SEE APPRENDIX A) The tournament director shall assign hosting responsibility to the appropriate schools.

The Conference Tournament shall be seeded on Monday morning of the 14th week of the NSAA calendar after all Saturday games and wild card points have been posted on the NSAA site.

The Conference Tournament shall be seeded by wild card points as figured by Nebraska School Activities Association. In case of tie/ties, the following will be used in order to seed teams.

- A. If two teams have identical point averages, and are tied for a seed place, and the teams have played each other, the team which won the contest or the majority of contests between the two teams in question.
- B. If the two teams have not played each other, or if two or more teams have identical point averages and are tied for one or both of the qualifying spots, the team(s) playing the greatest number of first division teams will be selected.
- C. If a tie still exists, each team's wins and losses will be totaled and the winning percentages will be calculated. The team with the highest percentage based on this calculation will be chosen.
- D. If a tie still exists, the seeds will be decided by a coin flip to be arranged by the tournament director.

Wild card points for tournament purposes will not change for the duration of the tournament.

Bronze and Silver pool matches will be the best two out of three games played to 25 points and Gold pool matches will be the best three out of five games played to 25 points.

See Tournament Procedures, Admissions, Finances and Awards for additional information.

ALL CONFERENCE SELECTION

Conference Volleyball coaches will meet and select the East Husker Conference volleyball teams during the 19th week of the NSAA standardized calendar.

All-Conference teams will be announced after all East Husker Conference schools have completed State Tournament competition.

Members of the East Husker Conference Team shall be determined by the following method

1. Each coach will be allowed to nominate as many players as he or she wishes. Each coach will not be allowed to vote for the girl or girls he or she has nominated.
2. The coaches will vote for the first team selections. After the first team is selected, those girls names on first team will be removed from the board and the second team will be selected from the remaining names on the board.
3. Six (6) people will be selected to both the first and the second teams, and if there is a tie on the first or second team, the ties will be awarded that status.
4. After the first and second teams have been selected, those who have received votes will be selected to the honorable mention team.

SOFTBALL

REGULAR SEASON CHAMPION

In order to be eligible for the East Husker Conference regular season championship a member school must compete against all other conference members who have softball as an activity. The conference champion will be determined by conference record, not to include tournament games. If two or more teams tie for a regular season conference championship, a plate will be given to each team tied for the championship and no runner-up plate awarded. If two member schools play each other twice or more in regular season dual or triangular competition, the results of the first dual played shall count for regular season championship determination: if all regular season meetings are triangular competition, the results of the first triangular played shall count for regular season championship determination.

CONFERENCE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The East Husker Conference shall conduct a Softball Tournament for its member schools to be held Saturday of the 9th week of the NSAA standardized calendar. A single elimination bracket with a consolation game format will be followed.

The host school for the East Husker Conference Softball Tournament shall be determined from the conference activity rotation schedule (*SEE APPENDIX A*).

The Conference Tournament shall be seeded on Monday morning of the 9th week of the NSAA calendar after all weekend conference games and wild card points have been posted on the NSAA site.

The Conference Tournament shall be seeded by wild card points as figured by Nebraska School Activities Association. In case of tie/ties, the following will be used in order to seed teams.

- A. If two teams have identical point averages, and are tied for a seed place, and the teams have played each other, the team which won the contest or the majority of contests between the two teams in question.
- B. If the two teams have not played each other, or if two or more teams have identical point averages and are tied for one or both of the qualifying spots the team(s) playing the greatest number of first division teams are defined will be selected.
- C. If a tie still exists, each team's wins and losses will be totaled and the winning percentages will be calculated. The team with the highest percentage based on this calculation will be chosen.
- D. If a tie still exists, the seeds will be decided by a coin flip to be arranged by the tournament director.

Game Times and Brackets:

1. The higher seed in each tournament game will be the home team and will occupy the third base dugout.
2. An hour and one-half time limit will apply to each tournament game. With tiebreaker rules in effect.
3. Fifteen minutes will be allowed between games.
4. The Monday following the tournament date will be set as the rain date.
5. If Saturday tournament play is suspended due to weather, the tournament will continue on the Monday alternate date with affected games resuming from the point of suspension with respect to players, counts on the batters, and game times remaining on the clock. If a player from a suspended contest is unable to play on the Monday alternate date, a substitution must be made.

See Tournament Procedures, Admissions, Finances and Awards for additional information.

ALL CONFERENCE SELECTION

Conference softball coaches will meet and select the East Husker Conference softball team during the 15th week of the NSAA standardized calendar at West Point.

- 1 Each coach will be allowed to nominate as many players as he or she feels deserving of All-Conference recognition.
- 2 Each coach is encouraged to prepare an information sheet on each player nominated.
- 3 A coach may not vote for a member of his/her own team and must be present at the meeting to vote or send a designated person to do the voting.
- 4 Coaches shall then vote from the list of nominees. A point system shall be used to rank order the players. Coaches shall vote for only 10 players, and they shall be ranked from 1 to 10 in order of preference (1 being the top player and 10 being lowest). All points will be tabulated publicly. The top players on each ballot shall receive 10 points, 2nd - 9, 3rd - 8, 4th - 7, 5th - 6, 6th - 5, 7th - 4, 8th - 3, 9th - 2, 10th - 1.
- 5 In case of ties for the last place on an all-conference team, coaches will vote to break the tie. If after three rounds of voting a tie still remains, a coin toss to determine the position will result.
- 6 The all-conference team selected from the balloting will consist of 10 first team members. All honorees will receive awards of recognition as specified under Awards in the bylaws.
- 7 All voting for all conference will be done by secret ballot. Ballots of all coaches will be counted publicly. Any incomplete ballots will be disregarded.

BASKETBALL

REGULAR SEASON CHAMPION

Member schools must schedule and compete against all other conference members. The regular season conference champion will be determined by conference record, not to include tournament games. In extenuating circumstances, a member school may appeal the requirement to compete against all other conference members.

CONFERENCE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The East Husker Conference shall conduct a Basketball Tournament for its member schools to be held beginning the Saturday of the 30th week and continue through the 31st week of the NSAA standardized calendar.

The host school for the East Husker Conference Basketball Tournament shall be determined from the conference activity rotation schedule. (*SEE APPENDIX A*) The school hosting the finals shall be responsible for directing the entire tournament.

The Conference Tournament shall be seeded on Monday morning of the 30th week of the NSAA calendar after all weekend conference games and wild card points have been posted on the NSAA site.

The Conference Tournament shall be seeded by wild card points as figured by Nebraska School Activities Association. In case of tie/ties, the following will be used in order to seed teams.

- A. If two teams have identical point averages, and are tied for a seed place, and the teams have played each other, the team which won the contest or the majority of contests between the two teams in question.
- B. If the two teams have not played each other, or if two or more teams have identical point averages and are tied for one or both of the qualifying spots the team(s) playing the greatest number of first division teams will be selected.
- C. If a tie still exists, each team's wins and losses will be totaled and the winning percentages will be calculated. The team with the highest percentage based on this calculation will be chosen.
- D. If a tie still exists, the seeds will be decided by a coin flip to be arranged by the tournament director.

Game Times and Brackets

1. The first game of the evening shall begin promptly at 6:00 p.m., with the exception of the Thursday and Friday night consolation round starting at 5:00 p.m. in the auxiliary gym. Warm-ups for the second and subsequent games will begin as soon as possible after the conclusion of the previous game.
2. Bunny bracket games, semifinals and consolations on Thursday and Friday will be hosted according to schedule A.
3. The sites for the quarterfinal games will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd seeds respectively.
4. Third and fourth place games will be played on the finals day starting at 2:30 p.m. with the second game starting as soon as possible after the conclusion of the previous game.
5. Finals will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the second game starting as soon as possible after allowing time to cut down the nets at the conclusion of their respective championship contest.

See Tournament Procedures, Admissions, Finances and Awards for additional information.

ALL CONFERENCE SELECTION

Conference basketball coaches will meet and select the East Husker Conference basketball team during the 37th week of the NSAA standardized calendar at West Point.

1. Each coach will nominate his/her own players that he/she believes deserve consideration for all-conference first and second team.
2. Each coach is encouraged to prepare an information sheet on each player nominated, stating such things as the following: points scored, rebounds, etc.
3. A coach may not vote for a member of his/her own team and must be present at the meeting to vote or send a designated person to do the voting.
4. Coaches shall then vote from the list of nominees. A point system shall be used to rank order the players. Coaches shall vote for only twelve players, and they shall be ranked from 1 to 12 in order of preference (1 being the top player and 12 being lowest). All points will be tabulated publicly. The top players on each ballot shall receive 12 points, 2nd—11, 3rd—10, 4th—9, 5th—8, 6th—7, 7th—6, 8th—5, 9th—4, 10th—3, 11th—2, 12th—1.
5. In case of ties for the last place on an all-conference team, coaches will vote to break the tie. If after three rounds of voting a tie still remains, a coin toss to determine the position will result.
6. The all-conference team selected from the balloting will consist of six first team members, six second team members; with the next eight athletes highest in points to be awarded honorable mention. All honorees will receive awards of recognition as specified under Awards in the bylaws.
7. All voting for all conference will be done by secret written ballot. Ballots of all coaches will be counted publicly. Any incomplete ballots will be disregarded.

WRESTLING

WRESTLING DUAL

The East Husker Conference shall conduct a dual tournament for its member schools to be held on Friday of the 30th week with weigh-ins at 2:00 p.m. and wrestling to start at 3:00 p.m. of the NSAA standardized calendar.

The host school of the dual tournament shall be determined from the conference activity rotation schedule. First round will be schools seeded 1, 6 & 7 vs. each other; schools seeded 2, 5 & 8 vs. each other; and schools seeded 3, 4 & 9 vs. each other. The top 3 in each pool will then advance to the Gold Tournament, #2 in each pool will advance to the Silver Tournament, and #3 in each pool to the Bronze Tournament.

Seeding

1. All conference teams shall be seeded.
2. The dual tournament seeding will be based on the individual finish of returning freshmen, sophomores, and juniors from the previous year's regular East Husker Conference Tournament. The following point system will be used and totaled for each team to determine seeding:
 - A. 1st place = 4 points
 - B. 2nd place = 3 points
 - C. 3rd place = 2 points
 - D. 4th place = 1 point
3. Tie-breaking for the above team seeding point system:
 - a. Higher team placement in previous year's Dual Tournament if tie remains
 - b. Higher team placement in previous year's Regular Tournament if tie remains
 - c. Coin Toss

Tie Breaker Procedures for Dual Tournament

1. If two teams would end a dual in a tie score, a winner would be declared by using the tie breaker guidelines found in the National Federation of State High School Associations Wrestling Rule Book.
2. If three teams in any pool would end the competition with a record of 1-1, advancement or final placement would be declared by applying the same guidelines used in #1 above. Once a first place team is declared, head to head competition will be used to determine the advancement of the remaining two teams.

See *Tournament Procedures, Admissions, Finances and Awards for additional information.*

CONFERENCE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

The East Husker Conference shall conduct a wrestling tournament for its member schools to be held the Saturday of the 31st week of the NSAA standardized calendar.

The site of the meet will be determined on a rotation among member schools. (SEE APPENDIX A)

The criteria for the conference wrestling tournament seeding meeting shall follow those suggested in the NSAA Wrestling Manual.

Schedule

Weigh-ins 7:30-8:30 a.m.

1st Round 9:30 a.m.

1st Round Wrestlebacks, Semifinals

2nd Round Wrestlebacks

Consolation Finals, Championship Finals

1. Seeding shall take place at 8:30 a.m. on the Saturday morning of the tournament.
2. Only individual wrestling records of 5.0 or above shall be seeded and the records of wrestlers with records below 5.0 shall not be brackets.
3. The criteria for seeding shall follow those suggested in the NSAA wrestling manual.

See Tournament Procedures, Admissions, Finances and Awards for additional information.

**Use Alternate Policy for
the 2011/12 School year**

TRACK

CONFERENCE TRACK & FIELD MEET

The East Husker Conference shall conduct a Varsity track and field meet for its member schools to be held on the Saturday of the 43rd week of the NSAA standardized calendar.

The site of the meet will be determined on rotation. (*SEE APPENDIX A*) The starting time will be 9:00 a.m.

If the Varsity track and field meet is cancelled for inclement weather, the meet shall be rescheduled for the following Monday, i.e., Monday of the 44th week of the NSAA standardized calendar. The meet shall start no earlier than 2:30 p.m. and only a scratch meeting will be held prior to the meet. Any other changes shall be communicated by telephone, e-mail or other electronic means.

The Conference Track meet shall follow those guidelines suggested for District meets in the NSAA Track manual.

Entries are to be sent to the host school no later than Wednesday of the 43rd week of the NSAA standardized calendar (Reference the information sheets).

Events

See Awards

Heats will be determined according to the criteria for district meets as established in the NSAA Track manual. Prior to running the relay races a check is to be made to be sure that all ten (10) schools are competing. If less than nine (9) are competing, the schools shall be reheated into one (1) heat.

See Tournament Procedures, Admissions, Finances and Awards for additional information.

7TH, 8TH & 9TH GRADES CONFERENCE TRACK & FIELD MEET

The East Husker Conference shall conduct a 7th grade meet, 8th grade meet and 9th grade meet for its member schools to be held on Saturday of the 44th week of the NSAA standardized calendar. Each meet shall consist of a boys' division and a girls' division. If the hosting school does not have proper pole vault facilities a time and place will be determined by the host school. If the hosting school has proper facilities the pole vault will be held on Saturday of the 44th week.

The site of the meet will be determined on rotation. (*SEE APPENDIX A*) The starting time will be determined by the host school.

If the junior high track and field meet is cancelled for inclement weather, the 7th and 8th grade portions of the meet shall be rescheduled for the following Saturday, i.e., Saturday of the 45th week of the NSAA standardized calendar at the normal starting time. The 9th grade portion of the meet shall be cancelled.

Entries are to be sent to the host school no later than Wednesday of the 44th week of the NSAA standardized calendar. A team may enter three (3) athletes per event. Prior to running relay races a check is to be made to be sure that all ten (10) schools are competing. If less than nine (9) are competing the schools shall be reheated into one (1) heat. Scratches will be allowed on the day of the meet, but adds can NOT be done.

Events

See Awards

A copy of the final results shall be given to each school, to the conference secretary, and to the conference record keeper.

See Tournament Procedures, Admissions, Finances and Awards for additional information.

CROSS COUNTRY

CONFERENCE CROSS COUNTRY MEET

The East Husker Conference shall conduct a cross country meet for its member schools to be held the Thursday of the 14th week of the NSAA Standardized Calendar. The conference cross country meet shall follow those guidelines suggested for district meets in the NSAA track manual. Coaches must designate varsity runners prior to the meet.

The site of the meet will be determined on rotation among member schools that have the facilities. (*SEE APPENDIX A*) The starting time will be determined by the host school.

Entries are to be sent to the host school no later than Monday of the 14th week of the NSAA standardized calendar.

See Tournament Procedures, Admissions, Finances and Awards for additional information.

GOLF

CONFERENCE GOLF MEET

The East Husker Conference shall conduct a Girls' Golf Tournament for its member schools to be held on the Saturday of the 12th week of the NSAA standardized calendar and a Boys' Golf tournament for its member schools to be held on the Saturday of the 44th week of the NSAA standardized calendar.

The site of the meet will be determined on rotation. (*SEE APPENDIX A*)

The Conference Golf Tournaments shall follow those guidelines suggested for District tournament play in the NSAA golf manual.

See Tournament Procedures, Admissions, Finances and Awards for additional information.

MUSIC

CONFERENCE VOCAL MUSIC CLINIC

Each year the conference shall conduct a vocal music clinic for its member schools to be held during the 19th week of the NSAA standardized calendar. The concert will be at 7:00 p.m.

The host school for the East Husker Conference Vocal Music Clinic shall be determined from the conference activity rotation schedule. (*SEE APPENDIX A*)

Music instructors of member schools will act as a committee to set up the music clinic. The host director is chairman. The music committee shall determine the schedule for the vocal clinic.

Timetable

1. August/September
 - a. Conference Meeting
 1. Music Selection
6-8 Mass Choir numbers
Directors meet at Conference meeting and make music selection.
Recommended criteria for selections may include: one or more All-State pieces, Christmas selections or a patriotic number.
Recommendations from the Clinician may also be used.
It is recommended that at least one half of the music be selected from pieces in existing EHC school libraries and the remainder can be new purchases.
New purchases should not exceed five pieces in any year.
 2. Host director obtains any special equipment needed.
 3. Host director requests assistance from other schools.
2. October
 - a. Host School
 1. Secure number of voice seating arrangement.
 2. Secure number of lunch tickets needed.
 3. Individual school select honor choir members, if determined by Directors to incorporate in concert.
3. November
 - a. Host School
 1. Mail out lunch tickets, schedules, homerooms, etc.
 - b. Conference Clinic
 1. Choose Clinician for the next year. Contact will be made the day of the conference Clinic, if possible, or at the earliest convenience of next year's Host School.

Programs

1. The host school will be responsible for preparing the programs for the contest.

Clinician

1. A clinician will be hired by the conference secretary or designee. The hosting school should secure a copy of the contract from the secretary. Payment will be in accordance with the signed contract.
2. The clinician will be hired in the fall of the year for the next year's Clinic.

Expenses

1. All music is to be purchased by the participating schools for their students.

SPEECH

CONFERENCE SPEECH TOURNAMENT

The East Husker Conference shall conduct a Speech Tournament for its member schools to be held Saturday of the 34th week of the NSAA standardized calendar. If a district conflict occurs with the Saturday of the 34th week, then the Speech Tournament will be held the Wednesday of the 34th week of the NSAA standardized calendar.

The site of the tournament will be determined on rotation. (*SEE APPENDIX A*) The events and the rules for those events in the speech contest shall be those included in the NSAA Yearbook.

A point system will be used to determine the first place team. Team scoring shall include both preliminary and final round scoring. The top three speakers from each preliminary round will be placed in the final round.

Preliminary Round Points:

Superior ----- 4 points
Excellent ----- 3 points
Good----- 2 points
Fair ----- 1 point

Final Round Points:

1st place----- 6 points
2nd place----- 5 points
3rd place ----- 4 points
4th place ----- 3 points
5th place ----- 2 points
6th place ----- 1 point

The host school should send a letter to each conference school stating specific information about the contest by Wednesday of the 31st week of the NSAA standardized calendar.

Seven tournament judges are hired by the conference secretary or designee. The hosting school should secure a copy of the contracts from the secretary. Payment will be in accordance with the signed contract.

The host school will be responsible for preparing the programs for the contest.

A copy of the final results shall be given to each school, the conference secretary, conference record keeper.

Finances

1. Expenses
 - A. Judges fees & mileage
2. Send a financial statement so the host school may be reimbursed for the meet.

See Tournament Procedures, Admissions, Finances and Awards for additional information.

PLAY PRODUCTION

CONFERENCE PLAY PRODUCTION CONTEST

The East Husker Conference shall conduct a Play Production contest for its member schools to be held Tuesday of the 21st week of the NSAA standardized calendar.

The Host School will be determined by the conference rotation (*SEE APPENDIX A*). The site of the contest will be the Wisner-Pilger High School Auditorium unless the Executive Committee determines otherwise. The ranking of the Play Production shall follow the guidelines in the NSAA manual.

If all 10 schools are participating, competition shall begin at 8:00 a.m. If fewer than 10 schools participate, the host school may determine a different starting time. The host school is to send a letter to each Conference school by Wednesday of Week 18 of the NSAA standardized calendar providing specific information about the contest (stage dimensions, lighting, props available, etc.).

Two Play Production judges shall be hired by the Conference Secretary or designee. The host school should secure a copy of the judges' contracts from the Secretary to ensure that payment will be in accordance with the contract.

The host school will be responsible for preparing the programs for the One-Act Play Production Contest.

A copy of the final results will be sent to the Conference Secretary.

Receipts/Expenses

1. There is no admission charge for the Play Production contest.

See Tournament Procedures, Admissions, Finances and Awards for additional information.

ART

CONFERENCE ART SHOW

The East Husker Conference Art Display shall be held on the Thursday & Friday of the 31st week of the NSAA standardized calendar.

The host school for the East Husker Conference Art Display shall be determined from the conference activity rotation schedule. (*SEE APPENDIX A*) Times for viewing the art show will be nights of the semi-finals of the basketball tournament.

Schools need to set up displays the Wednesday of the 31st week of the NSAA standardized calendar. Each school is allowed to bring 2 sheets of 4' x 8' material hinged together and 1 card table. Each school should prepare a list of students' names and entries. This entry list should be submitted at the time the display is setup. Award Best of Show ribbon in both junior and senior high categories will be awarded. Judges will award 90 ribbons. Definition of Originality is attached.

Two judges will be hired by the conference secretary or designee. The hosting school should secure a copy of the contract from the secretary. Payment will be in accordance with the signed contract. The judges will be hired in the fall of the year for the next year's show. The judges will judge the art on Thursday prior to the semi-final games.

A copy of the final results shall be sent to the conference secretary and the conference record keeper.

ORIGINALITY

- A. All entries submitted for the Scholastic Art Awards MUST BE ORIGINAL. Copying is not acceptable. Do not submit any work copied from published photographs, magazines or book illustrations, or other artwork. If there is any doubt to the originality of a work, the teacher should not submit it. **IN SIGNING THE ENTRY FORM THE TEACHER HAS CERTIFIED THE ORIGINALITY OF THE ENTRY. AT ANY POINT IN THE PROGRAM, IF A WORK IS FOUND TO BE PLAGIARIZED, IT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND ALL AWARDS WILL BE WITHDRAWN.**
- B. No work which has been directly copied from any published source should ever be entered into a competition unless the student has creatively modified or reinterpreted the original work using the student's own vision or style. Only work which is the unique creation of the student should be entered in competitions.

Art teachers must be vigilant in making a distinction about the difference between blatant copying and inventive incorporation of borrowed motifs for a creative statement. Contemporary artists such as Andy Warhol, Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns incorporate recognizable motifs and symbols into their works, adapting the image to their own creative ends.

Students whose desire for visual representation is limited by environment or experience may have to rely on a published image as a guide when producing a work, but the student's artwork must modify or reinterpret the original idea in order to be acceptable for competition. Henri Rousseau is an example of an artist who had to interpret secondhand the experiences of others when portraying the birds and beasts in his jungle paintings.

- C. Students should not engage in reproducing other artists' visual images for the purpose of presenting them as their own creative work in competitions.
- D. The art teacher should assume the responsibility of making the ethics of art competition known to students and to refuse to approve the entry of student work which carries any doubt as to its authenticity and originality. Keeping this policy in mind will also help avoid copyright infringement problems for the student artist.

QUIZ BOWL

1. **Annual Quiz Bowl:** The East Husker Conference shall conduct a Quiz Bowl contest for its member schools to be held Monday of the 40th week of the NSAA standardized calendar for Senior High (Grades 9-12). The dates and times shall be set annually on the Master Conference Schedule of Events. The site of the Quiz Bowl shall be rotated according to the master schedule.
2. **Team Entries:** Each conference school may enter one Varsity and one Junior Varsity team. Each team shall consist of at least four players. A team roster shall be submitted before the start of the first match of competition. This roster shall include the name, grade and team (Varsity or JV) students will be competing for. Alternates must be delineated for each team. No other names may be added or subtracted to the team roster once it is submitted to the Quiz Bowl Director.
 - 2.1 A team member(s) from one team (JV or Varsity) of a school shall not be able to become a member(s) of the other team from the same school.
 - 2.2 The four team members who start the match must be the same four members that end the match. The alternates may be substituted in a later match or later round of play, but must complete the entire game. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS ARE ALLOWED DURING A GAME.**
 - 2.3 A **Team Captain** is to be identified at the beginning of each match. **ONLY** the Team Captain is allowed to answer the bonus questions and **ONLY** the Team Captain is allowed to contest a question or an answer. The Team Captain shall be the same person throughout the contest unless excused by the contest director.
 - 2.4 **Entry Deadline:** The host school shall determine a time deadline for entries and communicate the time to all conference schools. Cancellations should never be made the day of the meet, except in the rarest of emergencies.
3. **Pools:** Teams in both divisions shall be divided and placed into pools of 5 teams each.
4. **Play:** Only four students from each team shall participate in a match. The names of the participants are to be submitted to the match moderator before the match begins. The fifth and sixth members shall be alternates and may not be seated with the four representing a team in a match. The four participating individuals may vary from match to match but must always be listed among the six pre-designated members of the team. No substitutions may be made to a team during a match.
 - 4.1 **Matches:** Each match will last 15 minutes or 40 questions (Toss-Up plus Bonus = 40), whichever comes first.
 - 4.2 **Rounds of Competition:** The competition shall consist of two rounds: First round is Pool Play and the second round is Tournament Play.
 - 4.2.1 In the first-round each team will play 4 other teams in Pool Play matches. At the end of pool play all the teams from both pools shall be ranked together according to win-loss percentage.
 - 4.2.2 If undefeated teams are tied, the team with the higher 'per match average' score (total score from all matches divided by number of matches) from the first round play shall receive the higher ranking for seeding purposes in Tournament Play matches.
 - 4.2.3 If after the 'per match average' there is still a tie, a coin toss shall determine the rank order and placement of teams for the second round of competition.
 - 4.3 The second round (Tournament Play) shall consist of bracketed competition in both the Varsity and JV divisions. The bracketing shall be done according to rank order using the same seeding procedure used in conference basketball. The bunny bracket and 1st round matches are single elimination. Losers of the semifinal matches will play for 3rd and 4th place.

- 4.4 The bracketed tournament play shall follow the schedule to be found in the Rules of Play of this East Husker Quiz Bowl Constitution.
5. **Championship Match:** The championship matches in the Varsity and Junior Varsity divisions shall be played after all other matches are concluded (including consolation matches) in a venue that allows all participants at the Quiz bowl to be present and a spectator.
 6. **Procedure & Protocol:** All rules of procedure and protocol governing play shall be published by the host school and sent to all conference schools before the date of competition. These rules shall be reviewed briefly for all participants before the first match in the first round on the day of competition.
 7. **Awards:**
 - **Varsity Division:** Championship plaques shall be awarded to the First, Second, Third and Fourth Place teams. Medallions/ribbons shall be awarded individually to 6 members of both the championship and runner-up teams.
 - **Junior Varsity Division:** Certificates shall be awarded to the First, Second, Third and Fourth Place teams. Certificates shall be awarded individually to 6 members of both the championship and runner-up teams.
 8. **Questions:** The Conference Secretary shall order and purchase questions sufficient in number for all the matches and rounds of the Quiz Bowl. The host school will be the sole owner of the questions ordered and purchased in any given year.
 9. **Lights:** Each school shall furnish competition lights consisting of two sets of four lights of different colors. (Meet directors are reminded to remind schools to bring the competition lights to the Quiz Bowl site the day of the meet.)
 10. **Food & Beverages:** A meal is not required but may be served at option of host school. Concessions or beverage and snack machines should be made available.
 11. **Room Monitors/Moderators:** Competition will necessitate 10 rooms and 10 sets of lights. Each school shall provide two workers to help run the competition if the host school requests. Each room will have a moderator and a timer/score keeper. No school, other than the host school, may provide personnel for more than one of these roles in any given room. No school should moderate or time their school's team. They should switch rooms with another set of workers for that match.

QUIZ BOWL RULES OF PLAY

1. The game begins with the reading of the first question. Matches will last 15 minutes or 40 questions, whichever comes first. If the reader is reading a toss-up question when the timer signals the end of the game, the reader will stop reading immediately and no answer will be allowed. If the reader is reading a bonus question, they will finish the bonus question and give the team answering 20 seconds to answer the bonus question; then the game is over. If the timer signals “time is up” after a toss-up question has been correctly answered, but before a bonus question has begun, the team that correctly answered the toss-up question shall have the opportunity to answer a bonus question.
2. The reader is the judge of the match and his/her decision is final. There may be a dispute over an answer, but the reader must do what he/she feels is the best possible solution at the time. A dispute over a question or answer can only be made by the **Team Captain**. A question may be contested if it is felt the answer is totally inaccurate, but if the reader makes a decision to throw out the question or to accept an answer, HIS/HER DECISION IS FINAL.
3. The competition will start with a toss-up question worth 10 points. The reader will determine who buzzed in first. The team member who presses the buzzer first (as determined by the reader) must answer the question within 3 seconds and without consultation with teammates. Players may buzz in before the reader has finished reading the question, but in that case the reader will stop reading and ask the player for an answer within 3 seconds. If a player offers an answer without being acknowledged, his/her team may be disqualified from answering that question at the discretion of the reader. Any attempt to provide an answer to the player who buzzed in by others on the team or by members of the audience will result in disqualification of that team for that question. Sponsors and supporters must not attempt to mouth the answer to a competitor.
 - 3.1 After the question is read 10 seconds will be allowed for an answer with the clock stopping when he/she buzzes in. After being recognized the person buzzing in will then have 3 seconds to answer or it will be considered an incorrect answer. If the first team’s answer is wrong, the other team will have 5 seconds to provide an answer. If no one from the second team buzzes in within 5 seconds the reader will give the answer and move on to another toss-up question.
 - 3.2 When a team buzzes in to the toss-up question, only the person who buzzed in (the person whose light is on) may provide the answer. One team member cannot buzz in and another answer. If a team member other than the one who buzzed in answers the question the moderator shall so state, *“I am sorry. You answered out of turn. The game shall continue as if it were a missed question.”* The other team will then have 5 seconds to answer the question.
 - 3.3 If the person who buzzes in answers the toss-up question correctly the team will be given an opportunity to answer a bonus question worth (5) points, if answered correctly. The reader will ask the bonus question and the receiving team may discuss the answer. **ONLY THE CAPTAIN MAY ANSWER THE BONUS QUESTION.** The Captain must answer within 20 seconds. The timer will give a warning when 5 seconds remain. The timer will signal; *“time is up”* at the end of twenty 20 seconds and no answer will then be accepted. If the bonus question is answered correctly within the 20 seconds, the team is awarded five (5) points. Play then continues with another toss-up question.
 - 3.4 If a team answers a toss-up question incorrectly, the reader will turn to the other team and ask for an answer to the toss-up question. Any member of the other team may answer at that time, but he/she must first buzz in as not to confuse the reader with multiple answers. Again, only the team member that buzzed in (with light turned on) may answer the question. 5 seconds will be allowed for someone from the second team to buzz in. No discussion is allowed because it is still a toss-up question. The reader may repeat the toss-up question for the second team only if the first team buzzed in before the question was completely read. The timer will begin the ten (10) second timer when the reader completes the question. If the question was completed before the first team buzzed in and answered incorrectly, it will not be reread. In this case the 10 second timer will begin when the reader pronounces the answer from the first team as *‘incorrect’* and acknowledges the second team.

- 3.5 If the moderator inadvertently reveals the answer to a question after one team has given an incorrect answer, but before the other team has had a chance to answer, the moderator will read another toss-up question for the second team only.
- 3.6 The moderator will accept only the first answer given by a player. Harmless or inadvertent embellishment of responses will not be penalized, so long as the embellishment does not make the response wrong.
- 3.7 Last names are acceptable as answers unless a first name is needed for clarification (i.e. "Roosevelt" would require either Theodore or Franklin, whereas Grant would suffice for Ulysses S. Grant). Also, nicknames or pseudonyms that are universally known are acceptable (i.e. LBJ for Lyndon B. Johnson, or Mark Twain for Samuel Clemens), unless an exact answer is called for.
4. The scorekeeper will keep score on the official score sheet. The score sheets will be turned in by the official scorer to the Quiz Bowl Director. The team with the most points at the end of 40 questions or 15 minutes is the winner of the game. If at the end of 40 questions or 15 minutes, and the game is tied, the tie will be broken with sudden death questions. The first team to answer a question correctly will be determined the winner.

DUTIES OF MATCH OFFICIALS

Moderator: The moderator shall read the questions, recognize the contestant who buzzes in on a question, and determine whether the question is correctly answered. The moderator shall be the final judge on a contested question or answer, but may choose to confer with the timer and scorekeeper.

Scorer: The scorekeeper shall keep a running score on the official score sheet (provided by the tournament host).

Timer: The timer shall operate the buzzer system and keep the elapsed time for answers to be provided.

See Tournament Procedures, Admissions, Finances and Awards for additional information.

AWARDS

The following plaques, ribbons, medals and certificates shall be given by the Conference each year to sanctioned and championship events. The Conference president or his representative will present the championship awards at the conclusion of the championship contests. A suitable award shall be presented to the championship school in each activity warranting such a trophy.

Administrators, coaches and activity sponsors retiring after 10 years of service to the Conference shall be presented a plaque and a lifetime pass. These awards of appreciation should be presented at an appropriate activity chosen by the home school to insure that the recipient is truly honored for his/her dedication and service.

All awards and certificates shall be purchased by the conference officers. If the conference has entered into a contract with a company for the purchase of trophies or certificates, conference officers shall honor such contracts until they expire. If no contract is in effect, conference officers shall purchase such awards from companies they select.

East Husker Conference officers shall purchase the following awards:

1. Basketball Champions – Boys
2. Basketball Champions – Girls
3. Basketball Tournament – 1st and 2nd Boys
4. Basketball Tournament – 1st and 2nd Girls
5. Volleyball Champions
6. Volleyball Tournament – 1st and 2nd
7. Softball Champions
8. Softball Tournament – 1st and 2nd
9. Boys Track Meet – 1st and 2nd (V, 7th, 8th, 9th)
10. Girls Track Meet – 1st and 2nd (V, 7th, 8th, 9th)
11. Dual Wrestling Tournament Champions
12. Wrestling Tournament – 1st and 2nd
13. Boys Golf Tournament Champions – 1st and 2nd
14. Girls Golf Tournament Champions – 1st and 2nd
15. Boys Cross Country – 1st and 2nd
16. Girls Cross Country – 1st and 2nd
17. One-Act Play 1st and 2nd, medals for Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actor, Best Supporting Actress.
18. Speech Contest – 1st and 2nd
19. Art Ribbons
20. All-Conference medals
21. Retirement plaque and lifetime pass
22. Academic – Activities medals
23. Quiz Bowl – Champions/Runner-up plates (6 gold & 6 silver medals)

Each conference school will have to purchase two (2) “Blank” award plaques to present champion and runner-up plates.

Varsity track medals will be awarded for places 1 through 6 for the following events.

BOYS

100 Meter Dash
110 Meter High Hurdles
200 Meter Dash
300 Meter Int. Hurdles
400 Meter Dash
400 meter relay
800 Meter Run
1600 Meter Run
1600 meter relay
3200 Meter Run
3200 meter relay
Long Jump
High Jump
Triple Jump
Pole Vault
Shot Put
Discus

GIRLS

100 Meter Dash
100 Meter Hurdles
200 Meter Dash
300 Meter Int. Hurdles
400 Meter Dash
400 meter relay
800 Meter Run
1600 Meter Run
1600 meter relay
3200 Meter Run
3200 meter relay
Long Jump
High Jump
Triple Jump
Pole Vault
Shot Put
Discus

Freshman track, first through sixth place ribbons in the following events:

BOYS

100 meter dash
110 meter high hurdles
200 meter dash
400 meter dash
800 meter dash
300 meter int. hurdles
1600 meter run
400 meter relay
1600 meter relay
high jump
long jump
triple jump
pole vault
shot put
discus

GIRLS

100 meter dash
100 m hurdles
200 meter dash
400 meter dash
800 meter dash
300 low hurdles
1600 meter run
400 meter relay
1600 meter relay
high jump
long jump
triple jump
pole vault
shot put
discus

7th grade and 8th grade first through sixth place ribbons in the following events:

BOYS

100 meter dash
110 meter high hurdles
200 meter dash
400 meter dash
800 meter dash
195 meter int. hurdles
1600 meter run
400 meter relay
1600 meter relay
high jump
long jump
triple jump
pole vault
shot put
discus

GIRLS

100 meter dash
100 m hurdles
200 meter dash
400 meter dash
800 meter dash
195 low hurdles
1600 meter run
400 meter relay
1600 meter relay
high jump
long jump
triple jump
pole vault
shot put
discus

Brackets for the conference wrestling tournament and medals for first, second, third and fourth place for the weight classes as dictated by the NSAA.

Golf medals - 5 first place team medals, 5 second place team medals, individual medals (1-10).

All conference team members selected by the coaches will be awarded to include:

1. Basketball - 24 medals
1st team boys (6) - 1st team girls (6)
2nd team boys (6) - 2nd team girls (6)
2. Volleyball - 12 medals
1st team (6) - 2nd team (6)
3. Softball – 10 medals
1st team (10)

If a tie exists after the selection of the all-conference teams, all of the athletes tied shall be entitled to a medal which the conference shall purchase.

Certificates will be awarded to athletes selected to the all-conference teams.

Place medals will be awarded to the first four places in speech. Superior medals will be presented to all other participants earning a superior rating.

Individual medals will be awarded to all participants earning a superior rating in Play Production.

Individual ribbons will be awarded in Art.

2 Best of Show (Jr. High and Sr. High)
25 Blues
30 Reds
35 Whites

Cross Country Medals - 1st - 10th place medals for boys
1st - 10th place medals for girls

Academic-Activities Medals-Medals for all who meet the requirement set forth by the conference.

ACADEMIC/ ACTIVITIES ALL CONFERENCE AWARD

Requirements: SENIORS ONLY

1. GPA of 95% or above or a 3.5 over 7 semesters.
2. The student must have participated in school sponsored high school extra-curricular activities or organizations for 6 out of 7 semesters.

Procedure: EHC schools are to send the names to the conference secretary in March.

FINANCES

The East Husker Conference will be responsible for paying the following officials or judges for East Husker Conference Sponsored activities as contracted for by the East Husker Conference.

1. Volleyball	Tournament Officials
2. Softball	Tournament Umpires
3. Vocal Clinic	Clinician and accompanist fees
4. Play Production	Meet Judges
5. Girls & Boys Basketball	Tournament Officials
6. Art Show	Art Show Judges
7. Wrestling	Tournament Officials
8. Speech	Tournament Judges
9. Girls and Boys Track	Meet Starter

DIVISION OF GATE RECEIPTS FOR ALL CONFERENCE ATHLETIC TOURNAMENTS OR MEETS

1. Host schools for Conference events shall receive a host school allowance as determined by the Host Fee Schedule. The host school allowance shall be, used to cover the costs of workers (except for event officials and mileage as allowed in the Conference constitution or bylaws for the event), programs, hospitality, and all other miscellaneous expenses.
2. Host sites for conference events shall receive a host site allowance as determine by the Site Hosting Fee Schedule.
3. Balance to conference (send a financial statement with check to conference secretary).

Host Fee Schedule

1. Volleyball Tournament	\$100/game + \$50/match
2. Softball Tournament	\$250/tournament
3. Cross Country Meet	\$125/meet
4. Golf Tournament	\$100/tournament
5. Basketball Tournament	\$100/night + \$25/game
6. Wrestling Tournament	\$250/tournament
7. Dual Wrestling Tournament	\$250/tournament
8. Track	\$250/meet
9. 7, 8 & 9 Track	\$250/meet
10. Vocal Music Clinic	\$150/clinic
11. Speech Tournament	\$150/tournament
12. One Act Play Contest	\$100/event
13. Quiz Bowl	\$100/event
14. Art Display	\$50/event

Site Hosting Fee Schedule

1. One Act Play	\$250/event
2. Golf Greens Fees	Varies/course

Vocal Clinic

1. Clinician's fee	\$275.00
2. Mileage as paid by NSAA	
3. Accompanist	\$85.00
4. Balance to conference (Send a financial statement with check to Conference Treasurer.)	

Play Production And Speech Contests

1. Judges fees (Paid according to current NSAA district rates.)
2. Mileage as paid by NSAA

Workers - each conference school is required to furnish necessary personnel, according to needs indicated by meet director, on an equitable basis.

Send a financial statement to the Conference secretary.

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

ADVERTISEMENT

1. Program information shall be sent to the host school(s) two (2) weeks prior to the tournament.
2. The hosting school(s) will produce flyers for all conference schools. Each school will receive 5 flyers.
3. The host school will contact the following papers:

Omaha World Herald	Fremont Tribune
Norfolk Daily News	Lincoln Journal
Sioux City Journal	

PROGRAMS

1. For all conference tournaments, the host school is responsible for the creation and distribution of programs.
2. Programs can be distributed electronically to the competition site hosts where they shall be reproduced at no cost to the conference.

OFFICIALS & ADDITIONAL STAFF NEEDS

1. Game Officials

Game officials/track starters are NSAA approved and are hired by the conference secretary or designee. The hosting school should secure a copy of the contracts from the secretary. Payment will be in accordance with the signed contract.

The cross country starter is secured and paid by the host school.

2. Additional Staff Needs

The host shall provide all workers for the Tournament at no cost to the conference.

- * Volleyball – Timer, Bookkeeper, Line Judges, Libero Tracker, ticket takers
- * Softball – Bookkeeper, ticket takers, scoreboard operator
- * Basketball – Timer, Bookkeeper, ticket takers
- * Wrestling – Scorers, Timers (Adults familiar with their responsibility), ticket takers
- * Track – Clerk of the Course, Clerk of the Finish, Announcer, Scorer, Typists (2), Award Distributors (2), Hurdle Setters, Block Movers, ticket takers
- * Cross Country – Clerk of Course, Head Timer, Recorder, Finish Workers (clerks), Flag Judges
- * Speech & Play Production – Additional workers

The conference schools shall provide at no cost to the conference.

- * Track – Timers (9), Pickers (8), Field Event Workers (15), Curve Judges (4), Exchange Zone Judges (6)

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

1. Bus parking
2. Locker rooms
3. Fan seating
4. Team benches

HOSPITALITY ROOM

1. A hospitality room will be provided at the expense of the host school.

CONCESSIONS

1. Concessions will be provided with expenses and profits being assumed by the host school.

AWARDS

1. Plaques, wall brackets and/or medals are to be picked up at the first conference meeting held during the 8th week of the NSAA standardized calendar (All Sports).
2. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the championship game (Volleyball, Softball & Basketball).
3. There will be a 1st and a 2nd place plates (Volleyball, Softball, Basketball, Wrestling, Track, Cross Country, Golf, Speech, Play Production & Quiz Bowl).
4. Medals will be presented for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place winners (Wrestling).
5. Medals will be awarded for places 1st – 6th in all events.
6. Ribbons will be awarded for places 1st – 6th (7th, 8th & 9th Grades Track).
7. Medals will be awarded for places 1st – 10th (Cross Country).
8. Place medals will be awarded to the first six places. Superior medals will be presented to all other participants earning a superior rating (Speech).
9. Medals will be presented to the Outstanding Actor/Actress and Best Supporting Actor/Actress as selected by the judges (Play Production).
10. Conference Certificates will be awarded to those selected by the judges for recognition for Superior Acting (Play Production).
11. Ribbon awards (Art).

TOURNAMENT/MEET RESULTS

1. The enclosed press sheet may be handed out to coaches prior to their games. They are to be returned to the official scorer after each game. These stats can be used in calling the press.
2. A copy of the final results shall be sent to the conference secretary.
3. Suggested press to call:

AP Prep Score Center----- 1-800-300-8340
Norfolk Daily News----- 1-800-672-8351
Sioux City Journal----- 1-800-831-4877
Omaha World Herald ----- 1-800-284-6397
Lincoln Journal Star----- 1-800-742-7315
Fremont Tribune----- 1-800-927-7598

ADMISSIONS

Conference passes may be given to Board of Education members and employees of member school districts. In addition, each conference school will be given an extra ten passes to be dispersed however the conference school chooses. The pass will be good for the holder and spouse only.

ADMISSION FOR REGULAR SEASON CONFERENCE EVENTS

1. Adults – \$5.00
2. Students – \$3.00
3. Participants will be admitted free.
4. East Husker Conference passes will be honored.
5. Cheerleaders in uniform will be admitted free.
6. Pep band are welcome. Band members will pay regular admission.

ADMISSION FOR CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS AND CLINICS

(Volleyball Tournament, Softball Tournament, Boys Basketball Tournament, Girls Basketball Tournament, Varsity Track Meet, Vocal Clinic Concert, Dual Wrestling Tournament, Wrestling Tournament, Junior High and 9th Grade Track Meet)

1. Adults – \$5.00
2. Students – \$3.00
3. Participants will be admitted free with a tournament pass.
4. East Husker Conference passes will be honored.
5. Cheerleaders in uniform will be admitted free.
6. Pep band are welcome. Band members will pay regular admission.
7. Host schools shall post a sign that says “Admission good for this site only”.
8. The conference art show is part of the conference basketball tournament event. However, those wishing to view the art show only will NOT be charged admission.

Tournament participant passes for volleyball, softball, basketball and wrestling will be distributed as prescribed by NSAA guidelines. A basketball tournament pass is good for both the boys' and girls' tournaments.

MINUTES AND HANDBOOK

AUTHORITY OF MINUTES

All rulings of the Conference as recorded in the approved minutes of its meetings together with Constitution and By-Laws, shall be equally binding upon its members.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Following each meeting, the President or Secretary of the Conference will distribute a copy of the minutes to each conference school's Superintendent.

BY-LAW CHANGE PROCEDURE

PROCEDURE

The Superintendent or his/her designee may propose a by-law change at any time. In order for a proposal to be considered by the Executive Committee, the proposer must:

1. Download the current by-law
2. Mark clearly additions and/or deletions.
3. Distribute revised by-law to all members of the executive committee by attaching proposal to an email at least one week prior to the next executive committee meeting.