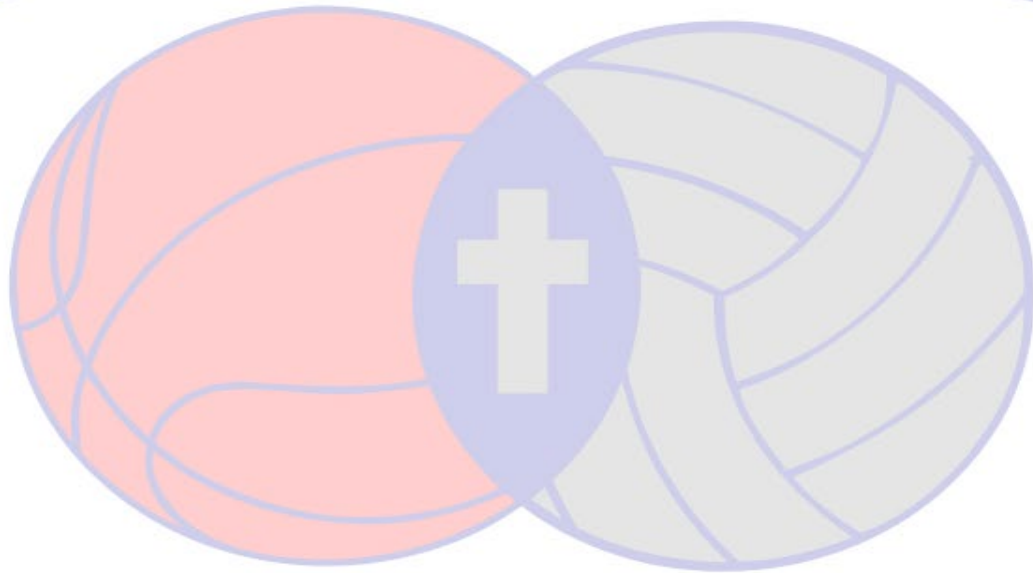


**VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL  
OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



LEAGUE

**FELLOWSHIP RECREATION  
MISSION OUTREACH**

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**PURPOSE:** The Christian Fellowship League of the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is established to promote, through recreation and ministry, the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! The League is further established to come together in assembly and share in our praise and worship to the one true God. We endeavor to share our biblical beliefs and doctrine and, through behavior and conduct, share the character of Christ. All participants are encouraged to glorify God in deed, mind, body and spirit. The official colors of the Christian Fellowship League are orange and black. The official logo is the basketball and volleyball with cross inset.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

An Executive Committee shall be established. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Youth Director, Young Adult Director, General Commissioner and the Area Commissioners from each Division. The purpose of the Executive Committee shall be: to approve or reject all suggestions made by the Rules Committee; to implement and ensure compliance with all Rules of the Christian Fellowship League; and to organize and coordinate the LRC/CFL Invitational Tournament and Championship weekends with Commissioner divisional balance during the weekends.

## **RULES COMMITTEE:**

A Rules Committee shall be established. The Committee shall consist of the Youth Director, Young Adult Director, General Commissioner and two representatives from each Division. The purpose of the Rules Committee is to review the CFL Rules and Regulations for division-wide compliance and to update and/or alter the Rules as necessary. All proposals made by the Rules Committee shall be submitted to the Area Commissioners for approval. Area Commissioners are welcome to attend the Rules Committee meeting, but will have no voting capacity. Divisional representatives shall be selected by the Area Commissioner of each Division for a period of two seasons. A representative may subsequently be retained at the expiration of his/her term by supplemental appointment by the Area Commissioner.

## **DATES:**

Basketball and Volleyball will commence in the fall, not beginning before the date of October 1<sup>st</sup>. Divisional playoffs will begin at the end of regular season play and end no later than the first weekend of March. The LRC/CFL Invitational Tournament will be considered the First round of the Conference playoffs and be held in the Central Division. Semi-final and Championship games will be hosted in alternate years by the Northern, Southern, Western and Eastern Divisions, commencing with the Eastern Division for the year 2023-2024 season. Subsequent thereto, the Northern Division will host, followed by the Southern Division, the Western Division and the Eastern Division.

## **I. ELIGIBILITY**

- A. All of the churches of the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are eligible to participate in the Christian Fellowship League, “hereinafter designated as” “Participating Church.”
- B. Any Non-Lake Region Conference Seventh-day Adventist Church may be admitted as a Participating Church by a majority vote of the Local Commissioners’ board, and will be eligible for inter-divisional tournament play.
- C. A Non-Adventist Church and/or Organization may be admitted as a Non-Adventist Participating Team (“N/A Participating Team”) by a majority vote of the Local Commissioners’ board. A N/A Participating Team **will** be eligible for inter-divisional tournament play. Any N/A Participating Team must be voted in yearly and must show an understanding and a willingness to adhere to every guideline contained herein. Each team must sign a participation form to this fact.
- D. All participants from a Participating Church of the Christian Fellowship League must be a member in **regular** standing as explained in the official Church Manual. “In Regular Standing” shall have the same meaning as that designated in the Official Church Manual at pages 193-200: “All church members are considered to be in regular standing unless they are under church discipline.”
- E. All roster participants’ names must be approved by their Church Board or their Area Commissioners. All names must be approved by the church Youth Leader **PRIOR** to being sent to the Church Board for approval.
- F. **AGES:**
- Senior Men's Basketball – 18- and older.
  - Senior Women's Basketball – 12 – and older.
  - Junior Basketball – 14 to 17 years old\*
  - Intermediate Basketball – 10 to 13 years old\*
  - Small fry Basketball – 6 to 9 years old\*
  - Volleyball – 12 and older, co-ed.
- \*A junior, intermediate or small fry basketball player may complete the season as a junior, intermediate or small fry player if and only if his/her 18th, 14th or 10th birthday will occur **AFTER September 1<sup>st</sup>**; or if the 18 year old is a senior in high school, he/she can complete the season on the junior team tho the birthday falls after September 1.
  - Younger players in lower divisions are allowed to participate in a higher division, but not play on both teams.
- G. In the interest of promoting a safe atmosphere of Christian fellowship for all members, pregnant members will not be allowed to play on any team in the CFL.

**INSURANCE:** All participants in the CFL must fill out and submit a league insurance waiver. Participants include Local Commissioners, Coaches, scorekeepers, timekeepers, and

players. Area Commissioners must secure the insurance waivers prior to participation. No one will be allowed to participate without an insurance waiver. Insurance forms will be provided by the Christian Fellowship League and must be properly completed. The top or the bottom portion of the form must be filled out. All insurance forms must be submitted to the General Commissioner by the Area Commissioner.

## **FEES:**

A registration fee shall be designated by the Youth Director in consultation with the Young Adult Director, General Commissioner and Area Commissioners. The registration fee is One Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars (\$175.00) per team participating in the senior and junior divisions and should be sent to LRC. All monies collected as registration fees shall be turned in by the Area Commissioner to the Secretary for the Lake Region Conference Adventist Youth Department no later than **December 15th**. **ALL PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: LAKE REGION CONFERENCE A.Y. DEPARTMENT.** **Payment must be made by Church check, cashier's check or money order ONLY. No personal or business checks will be accepted.** Failure to meet this deadline will result in not being able to participate.....a disciplinary fine of \$150 to the division. A continued failure to submit payment will result in a reduction of eligible teams for tournament play.

## **II. ROSTERS**

- A. Each team shall submit a participation form and roster to the Area Commissioner. The rosters are to be accompanied by an insurance waiver for each name on the roster; including, Coach, scorekeeper and timekeeper. A valid roster shall consist of the player's name and date of birth, church affiliation, and signature of the church Youth Leader, Church Clerk, Pastor, or Area Commissioner. Age verification shall be required for all small fry, intermediate and junior basketball players. Acceptable forms of age verification are birth certificate, driver's license, state identification or passport. Each Coach shall be required to submit a copy of the age verification submission, along with his/her roster, to the Area Commissioner on the normal date that rosters are due. **No team may participate without a properly executed roster accompanied by the appropriate registration fee and supporting documents.**
- B. Number of Players
1. The maximum number of players allowed on a basketball roster is 13.
    - A basketball roster may carry, in addition to its 13 players, a head Coach, two assistant Coaches, one timekeeper and one scorekeeper.
  2. The maximum number of players allowed on a volleyball roster is 13.
    - A volleyball roster may carry, in addition to its 13 players, a head Coach, an assistant Coach and one scorekeeper. **See Official Volleyball Rules.**

3. A roster that drops below eight (8) players may be restored to eight (8) players with the approval of the Area Commissioner. All requests must be in writing. [All roster change requests and subsequent changes must be submitted to the General Commissioner as a matter of record.] If an initial roster contains less than 8 players and drops below that number, players may be restored up to that initial number of players. The final date for changes to the roster is January 7<sup>th</sup> or mid-season of the actual starting date of the division.
4. Only those names appearing on the official roster are valid as official members of that team. The official roster is the roster in the possession of the General Commissioner. Teams will not be solicited for updated rosters. **Area Commissioners must forward rosters to the General Commissioner any time changes are made.** All names appearing on the official roster (including Coach, assistant Coach(es), timekeeper, scorekeeper, etc.) must be approved by the church Youth Leader **prior** to submission to the Church Board. **For N/A Participating teams**, all names appearing on the official roster (including Coach, assistant Coach(es), timekeeper, scorekeeper, etc.) must be approved by the Local Commissioners' board.
5. If a player on a team chooses to hold another position on that team, his/her name must appear as a player in addition to the other held position, i.e., listed as a player and as a Coach OR listed as a player and a scorekeeper, etc.

#### C. RECRUITING

If a Participating Church does not have enough players to fill its roster, the Coach may recruit players from another Participating Church with the approval of the Youth Leader from his/her church and the Youth Leader from the other church.

**A player (Adventist and NA) can change teams only once during the season.** He/she must submit an official letter to the Area Commissioner concerning the change of teams. The eligibility should be reviewed by the Area Commissioner and his/her board of commissioners.

### III. COACHES

- A. **Coaches are subject to all the rules and guidelines of the Christian Fellowship League.**
- B. **All Coaches are responsible for the behavior of his/her roster members. When players begin to show poor sportsmanship that may lead to extreme behavior (fighting, verbal abuse or crowd misconduct), the Coach should bench that player for a period of time. Players must control their behavior and Coaches must maintain control of its roster members. Coaches allowing poor behavior to be exhibited will be subject to suspension and dismissal for the season.**
- C. If a Coach knowingly allows an ineligible person to participate, the Coach will be immediately suspended for the duration of the season. The Coach will not sit with the team

nor sit near the team's bench during the team's remaining games. A forfeit will be assessed for every game in which the ineligible person participated.

#### IV. TIMEKEEPERS & SCOREKEEPERS

- A. Each team can have a timekeeper and a scorekeeper, **unless expressly provided** by the Commissioners.
- B. If the home team's timekeeper and/or scorekeeper are not present, and/or these positions are not being performed by a Commissioner, the visiting Coach may use his/her timekeeper and/or scorekeeper as the table officials for the game, or agree with the home Coach to allow someone else to perform these functions.

#### V. TEAM CHAPLAIN

- A. **Team chaplains and/or Coaches** are to lead out in team prayer/devotion during practice sessions.
- B. As each team participates in the Missionary Project, the Chaplain and/or Coach should be able to provide positive leadership. A report of the Missionary Project is to be made by the Chaplain and/or Coach each month, or as determined by the Area Commissioner, and submitted to the Area Commissioner. The Chaplain and/or Coach is also to share the progress of the Missionary Project during the A.Y. Program, if appropriate, at home and away.
- C. Prayer **MUST** be offered prior to the first serve or tip-off of any CFL game.

#### VI. CHEERLEADERS

- A. The Cheerleading squad must have an adult sponsor who is approved by the A.Y. Council and Church Board.
- B. Cheerleading squads are subject to all the Rules and guidelines of the Christian Fellowship League.
- C. Uniforms are to be modest in taste and fashion. There must be no over exposure of the upper thighs and bust during the performance of a routine. The League considers appropriate and sanctions attractive, loose-fitting sweat suits. If loose sweat shorts are worn, they are to be at knee length. **PLEASE COOPERATE.**
- D. Cheering routines should:
  - 1. Incorporate a welcome cheer;
  - 2. Not include sexually suggestive **dance** movements;

3. Not use abusive language; and
4. Be creative and fun.

## VII. PLAYING THE GAME

All games will be played under the guidelines of the annually **published national high school rules for Basketball and Volleyball.**

- A. Every player on the roster, in uniform and on the bench or court, must play at least two (2) minutes. The two-minute requirement applies to regular and tournament games. If a participating player does not play the full two minutes requirement, the result will be considered a forfeit of said game for that team. Player Coaches are exempt from this rule. A player Coach may dress for the game and decide not to play without penalty. If the player Coach decides to play in the game, he/she must play the required two (2) minutes.
- B. Every volleyball player on the roster, in uniform and on the court, must play at least two (2) serves of the ball per match. If a participating player does not play the full two serves, the result will be considered a forfeit of said match for that team. Player Coaches are exempt from this rule. A player Coach may dress for the game and decide not to play without penalty. If the player Coach decides to play in the game, he/she must play the required two (2) serves.
- C. Numbered and matching uniforms are mandatory for all team players. Numbers must appear on the front and the back of the top [jersey] of the uniform. Sheer, tight or revealing shorts are not to be worn. All other accessories to the uniform, excluding shoes and socks must not interfere with the officials' identification of the player. Any shirt worn beneath the jersey must match **one of the colors** of the jersey. **The one selective color choice of the team must be worn by all players when shirts are worn beneath the jersey.**
- D. For the start time of games, a 15-minute grace period is allotted and will begin at the stated start time **at the discretion of the commissioner.** If a team is not ready to play by the end of this grace period, the game will be deemed a forfeit. Its on the team to contact the commissioner to request a grace period.
- E. **A forfeiting team is responsible for all fees, including payment of the referees and the time slot; related to the game. Said fees must be paid to a Commissioner before the forfeiting team may play its next scheduled game.**
- F. If a game is to be postponed, it should be done (but not necessarily required) in writing stating the exact reason for said postponement. A suggested make-up date should be stated within 48 hours and the notification submitted by the Coach to the Area Commissioner.
- G. Said documentation should be submitted to the Area Commissioner immediately. Both teams must agree on the make-up date. Games not made up will result in a forfeit assessed to the postponing team.

## VIII. THE YOUTH PROGRAM

- A. Attendance is mandatory for all team members for monthly and Mass Youth Programs.
- B. The Area Commissioners and local commissioners are responsible for scheduling and organizing monthly and Mass Youth Programs. The Commissioners and Coaches should work closely in planning all substantive Youth Programs. Each CFL Division should plan for a Mass AY program at least 3 times during the duration of the season.
- C. Each Division should develop a positive monthly and Mass Youth Program using all teams' roster members and cheerleaders as participants.
- D. Failure of any team to meet the spiritual component is cause for an possible forfeit of the Senior Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Junior Basketball and/or Volleyball game for that evening **at the discretion of the Area Commissioner.**

### **SPIRITUAL COMPONENTS (2 components per week to stay eligible for playoffs)**

Prayer Partners

Worship at the gym

Create on-line devotion by the team

Attend prayer service at local churches

Zoom Devotional Service

Attend Mass AY programs

### E. **Travel**

1. When there is a severe weather problem or some other emergency, the Coach, Youth Leader, and/or Commissioner should contact the host church concerning late arrival or cancellation. Contact should be between Coach and Commissioner, who should thereafter contact all other necessary parties.
2. If a roster member is not present during team introductions, that member is ineligible to play in that evening's game unless a verifiable excuse is given. Automobile accidents, automobile breakdowns, and/or sudden illness are verifiable reasons for non-A.Y. attendance. Any exception to Rule F(2) rule must be approved by the Commissioner.
3. If a team fails to be present for A.Y. and/or the games without communicating a valid excuse, that team becomes responsible for all fees, including payment of the referees and the time slot, related to the game. Said fees must be paid to a Commissioner before the forfeiting team may play its next scheduled game

## IX. CFL GIVES BACK PROGRAM

- A. **Participation by each team in the CFL Gives Back Program is mandatory.** If a team fails to participate in the CFL Gives Back Program, that team will be ineligible for tournament



play. The Area Commissioner will determine the program to be used prior to the beginning of the Fellowship season.

- B. Once the program(s) or project has been determined by the Area Commissioner, reports of the progress of the team in completing it must be reported to the Area Commissioner. Missionary Project Reports are due by the time period set by the their Area Commissioner. As stated elsewhere herein, two (2) forfeits will result in elimination from tournament play. Reports should be sent to your Area Commissioner. A final synopsis report on Program participation will be sent to the Lead Commssioner by the designated Area Commissioner from each Division. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## **X. CONDUCT PROBATION AND SUSPENSION**

**ANY VIOLATION OF RULE X HEREIN WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE EJECTION FROM THE GAME AND ASSESSMENT OF SUBSEQUENT PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION. A PLAYER UNDER SUSPENSION FOR ANY REASON IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO SIT ON THE BENCH WITH THE TEAM, PARTICIPATE WITH THE TEAM DURING PLAY OR ALLOWED ON THE COURT WITH THE TEAM DURING THE ENTIRE SUSPENSION PERIOD. COACHES, A.Y. LEADERS AND PASTORS ARE ASKED TO MONITOR THIS SITUATION. ALL PERSONS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING.**

**VIOLATION OF ANY CAUSE CONTAINED IN SECTION X - THE TEAM HAS ONE OPPORTUNITY TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE (A WARNING PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME OR DURING THE GAME OR AS SOON AS THE VIOLATION IS NOTICED). IF COMPLIANCE IS NOT IMMEDIATELY MET, THE TEAM WILL FORFEIT THE GAME AND BE PLACED ON PROBATION FOR THE DURATION OF THE SEASON INCLUDING TOURNAMENT PLAY.**

The following penalties are placed in the Rules to remind and encourage all involved to practice the principles of the Christian Fellowship League and to exhibit the CHARACTER OF CHRIST. It is desired that none of the following will ever have to be applied to any member of the Christian Fellowship League. Coaches, players, Youth Leaders, Pastors, fans and Commissioners must conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner at all times.

- A. When a team, team member or team associate is involved in any misconduct, it is to be immediately reported **to a commissioner and** the Coach of the team involved. Reports shall be in writing and **submitted to the Area Commissioner within forty-eight (48) hours** of the said incident.

**All reports are to have an explanation of the incident, any important pertinent details, and names and uniform numbers of the player(s) involved. If misconduct involves non-players, their names must be submitted in the report.**

- B. Area Commissioners will review all reports and render a decision within seventy-two (72 hours) of receipt of the report. Decisions may be communicated by telephone. However, written follow-up must occur to all parties involved. All decisions may be appealed within forty-eight (48) hours of the Commissioner's determination. Said appeal must be made in writing to the General Commissioner with a copy to the Area Commissioner and Youth

Director. The General Commissioner will render a final decision within seventy-two (72) hours of said appeal being received.

**CAUSE FOR SUSPENSION AND EXCLUSION** from League play (season schedule and tournament rounds) are as follows:

1. Cursing, obscene gestures, abusive language before, during or after the game. **A TWO GAME SUSPENSION. A SECOND OCCURRENCE OF ANY ONE OF THESE ACTIONS MAY SUBJECT THE PLAYER TO SUSPENSION FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON AND ELIMINATION FROM TOURNAMENT PLAY.**
2. Use of alcoholic beverages, drugs, marijuana and/or tobacco on or off the court. **AN IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION FROM SEASON AND TOURNAMENT PLAY.** (Must be reviewed by the Youth Director, Young Adult Director, General Commissioner and Area Commissioner prior to reinstatement).
3. When a **CHURCH** team uses a roster member who is under local church censorship. **THE PLAYER WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR DURATION OF CENSORSHIP AND THE COACH WILL BE PLACED ON PROBATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.**

**THESE ARE TO BE MONITORED BY COACHES, CHURCH YOUTH LEADERS, COMMISSIONERS AND PASTORS.**

- C. **Disciplinary Actions for Violation of Section 10C:** This action is executed by the Area Commissioner, General Commissioner, Youth Director, and/or Young Adult Director.

**FIGHTING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP LEAGUE.**

Any Player, Coach, Commissioner, or any member of an official roster who fights before, during or after a League game will be **SUSPENDED FOR FOUR (4) GAMES (AND MAY SUBJECT THE PERSON(S) TO SUSPENSION FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON AND ELIMINATION FROM TOURNAMENT PLAY)**. If the next four games are part of the tournament rounds, they become a part of the suspension time frame. A second action of fighting carries a suspension for the remainder of the season and tournament rounds, and the player will not be allowed to participate in the Christian Fellowship League during the following season.

- D. Any Commissioner has the authority to immediately eject any roster member from participation in the Christian Fellowship League for fighting, threatening of any kind before, during or after a game, or any other violation of Section X.
- E. Any roster member ejected for any reason from the Christian Fellowship League must be reviewed by the **Area and Local Commissioners** for reinstatement.

**ALL AREA COMMISSIONERS' DECISIONS REGARDING SECTION X MAY BE APPEALED. ALL APPEALS MUST BE IN WRITING TO THE GENERAL COMMISSIONER WITH A COPY TO THE AREA COMMISSIONER AND YOUTH**

**& YOUNG ADULT DIRECTORS. A DECISION WILL BE RENDERED WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS OF RECEIPT OF APPEAL.**

## **XI. YOUTH DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONERS**

- A. The Adventist Youth Director for the Lake Region Conference is directly responsible for all League activities and has full authority in all areas of League operation.
- B. Commissioners will serve as arbitrators of disputes, make decisions based on the Rules and review all concerns of players, Coaches, Church Youth Leaders and Pastors. Situations of extreme concern will be undertaken by the **Youth Director** in concert with the Young Adult Director, General Commissioner and Area Commissioner.
- C. **The General Commissioner** is appointed by and reports directly to the Youth Director. **The General Commissioner is directly responsible for the day-to-day operations of the League.**
- D. **Area Commissioners shall be appointed by the General Commissioner.** There shall be five Area Commissioners – Eastern Division Area Commissioner, Western Division Area Commissioner, Northern Division Area Commissioner, Southern Division Area Commissioner and Central Division Area Commissioner. **The Area Commissioner shall be responsible for the local day-to-day operations of their respective Division. Area Commissioners report directly to the General Commissioner.** Area Commissioners will initially review all appeals and render a decision. **Any subsequent appeal shall be reviewed by the General Commissioner.**
- E. **Local Commissioners shall be appointed by the Area Commissioner and approved by the General Commissioner, Youth Director, and Young Adult Director.** The Local Commissioners shall serve as directed by the Area Commissioner. Local Commissioners shall report directly to the Area Commissioner.
- F. **Commissioners can serve as Coaches with the expressed permission of the General Commissioner and Youth Director.** Once permission is given, the commissioner/coach cannot be part of any disciplinary action concerning his/her team or a competing team.
- G. All Commissioners are subject to the rules and guidelines of the Christian Fellowship League.

## **XII. MISCONDUCT OF A COMMISSIONER**

**NOTE: SUBJECT TO THE SPECIFIC TERMS DELINEATED HEREIN: ANY COMMISSIONER SUBJECT TO A DISCIPLINARY ACTION THAT RESULTS IN SUSPENSION FROM HIS/HER DUTIES MAY BE IMMEDIATELY RELIEVED OF HIS/HER DUTIES AS A COMMISSIONER BY THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNING AUTHORITY.**

### **A. Misconduct of General Commissioner**

When a General Commissioner is involved in any misconduct (as previously defined herein), it is to be reported immediately to the Youth Director. A written report of the alleged misconduct shall be subsequently submitted to the Youth Director and Young Adult Director within seventy-two (72) hours of its initial reporting, and must be signed by the complaining party(ies). The Youth Director, in concert with any appropriate officials as determined by the Youth Director, if necessary, shall review and investigate all details of the alleged misconduct and render a decision within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the written report. There is no appeal of the Youth Director's decision.

#### **B. Misconduct of Area Commissioner**

When an Area Commissioner is involved in any misconduct (as previously defined herein), it is to be reported, either orally or in writing, to the General Commissioner within forty-eight (48) hours of its occurrence. If an oral report is made, a written report of the alleged misconduct shall be subsequently submitted to the General Commissioner and the Youth Director, and must be done within seventy-two (72) hours of its initial reporting, and must be signed by the complaining party(ies). **The General Commissioner shall review and investigate all details of the alleged misconduct and render a decision within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the written report. The General Commissioner shall notify the Youth Director and the Area Commissioner of the decision. The General Commissioner's decision may be made orally, but must be subsequently reduced to writing within forty-eight (48) hours of notice. All decisions may be appealed within seventy-two (72) hours of the General Commissioner's determination. Said appeal must be made in writing to the Youth Director with a copy to the General Commissioner and Young Adult Director.** The Youth Director shall render a final decision within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the appeal. There is no appeal of the Youth Director's decision.

#### **C. Misconduct of Local Commissioner**

When a Local Commissioner is involved in any misconduct (as previously defined herein), it is to be reported, either orally or in writing to the Area Commissioner within forty-eight (48) hours of its occurrence. **The Area Commissioner shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of either the oral or written report, whichever occurs first, report the allegations of misconduct to the General Commissioner.** If an oral report is made, a written report of the alleged misconduct shall be subsequently submitted in writing to the Area Commissioner and General Commissioner within seventy-two (72) hours of its initial reporting, and must be signed by the complaining party(ies). **The Area Commissioner shall review and investigate all details of the alleged misconduct.** The Area Commissioner will render a decision within fourteen (14) days of the initial report. **The Area Commissioner shall notify the General Commissioner and the Local Commissioner of the decision.** The Area Commissioner's decision may be made orally, but must be subsequently reduced to writing within forty-eight (48) hours of notice. **The Local Commissioner may appeal the Area Commissioner's decision,** which must be made within seventy-two (72) hours of the Area Commissioner's determination. Said appeal must be made in writing to the General Commissioner with a copy to the Youth Director. **The General Commissioner, in concert with the Youth Director and Young Adult Director, shall render a final decision within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the appeal. The Youth Director or General Commissioner may overturn any decision made by the Area Commissioner, regardless as to whether an appeal was filed, if said decision is contrary to the Rules and fellowship of the CFL.** There is no appeal of the General Commissioner's and Youth Director's decision.

**NOTE: ANY TEAM OR ROSTER MEMBER, OR COMMISSIONER BRINGING LEGAL COURT ACTION AGAINST THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP LEAGUE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED/EJECTED FROM ALL LEAGUE ACTIVITY**

- D. Commissioners **may stop** a game if a fight threatens the safety of those on or off the court. Commissioners **may stop** a game if threats are levied toward them or any other roster member or spectator on the premises. Commissioners **may stop** a game at any time if they believe that continuation of the game presents a safety hazard to any roster member, spectator or official.
- E. Area Commissioners have the authority to suspend any team or roster member for flagrant violation of the Rules and spirit of the rules that represent the Christian Fellowship League.

### **XIII. OFFICIALS**

- A. Officials of every game are to be qualified and sanctioned by **one of the following States:** Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and/or Michigan.
- B. Before the first game of the season, officials should be given a general explanation of the Christian Fellowship League Rules. The official Rules and Regulations for the CFL can be downloaded from **lrcyouth.com** (scroll down to CFL and click).
- C. OPTIONS FOR PLAY WHEN OFFICIALS ARE NOT PRESENT:
  - 1. Play the game with a mutually agreed upon one to two persons present to officiate the game. The game will be considered official.
  - 2. Use option 6C-1 and play the game unofficially. The visiting team will win by forfeit.
  - 3. Use option 6C-1 and play the game unofficially, but reschedule the game, sign the game result form and notify your Commissioner as soon as possible.
  - 4. Do not play the game. Coaches agree to a rescheduled date. Coaches submit the game results form to the Commissioner.
  - 5. Do not play the game. Visiting team gets the win by forfeit. Coaches submit the game results form to the Commissioner.
- D. Unless otherwise specified, payment for officials, gymnasium, etc., and adjacent facilities, is done by the home team/A.Y. Department/Church.
- E. Coaches should avoid using officials who are church members of the home team's church and/or relatives of team members. Visiting Coaches have the option of playing under protest or not playing.

### **XIV. TOURNAMENT ROUNDS**

- A. The assessment of two (2) forfeits during regular season play will result in a team being declared ineligible for the Divisional and Conference play-offs.

- B. During Divisional and Conference play-offs, scorekeepers and timekeepers should be selected from the Commissioners' board. However, trusted and experienced scorekeepers and timekeepers may also be utilized.
- C. **Each Division should schedule a minimum of 6 games per season.**
- D. A player is eligible for tournament play if and only if he/she has **participated in half of the team's games played during the regular season.** Additionally, every person listed on a roster (volleyball and basketball) as a player must dress and participate as a player in at least half of the regular season games during the regular season in order for that team to be considered for tournament play.
- E. Teams eligible to participate in tournament play must submit a Tournament Playoff roster listing only their eligible players no later than **February 1<sup>st</sup>** to the Area Commissioner. Area Commissioners, or his/her delegate, shall validate each **playoff roster and submit same to the General Commissioner no later than February 10<sup>th</sup>.**
- F. For tournament rounds, each team should have an alternate jersey to wear so as to avoid teams having the same color jersey.

**ANY MATTERS NOT SPECIFICALLY DELINEATED HEREIN SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY TABLED AND A DETERMINATION MADE WITH RESPECT THERETO BY THE A.Y. DIRECTOR, GENERAL COMMISSIONER AND AREA COMMISSIONERS. A DECISION SHALL BE RENDERED WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS OF THE INCIDENT.**

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:3-5 (NIV)*