SAN JUAN CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS SPORTS HANDBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

San Juan Christian Home Educators, referred to hereafter as "SJCHE", offers competitive sports in accordance with the Association of Christian Schools of Western Colorado, referred to hereafter as "ACSWC". The mission statement of this association is:

To promote unity in Christ for the Glory of God through cooperation, fellowship, and competition among the Christian schools of Western Colorado in the area of academics, athletics, and social interaction. Psalms 133; Philippians 2:1-15; John 13:34

Participation is considered a privilege and students wishing to participate will have to abide by the rules and regulations of the ACSWC (an updated copy of its manual will be made available in the SJCHE library annually), those stated in this handbook, and those in the SJCHE Membership Handbook. The program is offered through dedicated volunteers and will continue only as long as volunteers and facilities are available.

SJCHE SPORTS BOARD MEMBERS

Board Members will meet whenever necessary to discuss new policies, to address problems which may arise, and to approve coaches and new board members. They shall remain on the board for at least **two** years. SJCHE members are encouraged to give input as desired at any time.

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PHILOSOPHY

Athletics can play an important role in teaching valuable life lessons to students as well as providing them with physical exercise, knowledge of the rules of the team sports in which they participate, and social contacts. Sportsmanship, teamwork, and how to win and lose graciously are integral parts of the SJCHE program. Lessons on perseverance, commitment, leadership, and even adversity will help strengthen the character of dedicated athletes. The opportunity to play competitive sports is seen as an extension of the homeschool.

CUTTING POLICIES

It is the desire of SJCHE to encourage students to participate, but we recognize that time, space, facilities, equipment and other factors may place limitations on team size. Thus, team cuts may become necessary. Before cuts are made, each candidate will have had the opportunity of three official practice days. The coach will inform every athlete who is cut.

REGISTRATION POLICY

Registration forms for the various sports will be mailed or provided in the SJCHE newsletter. These must be completed and sent with the registration fee (a check made out to SJCHE) to the appropriate person or meeting by the deadline stated. If it is necessary to make cuts, those who do not make the team will have all of their money returned except for \$10.00.

You must submit a <u>copy</u> of a birth certificate for each athlete, which will remain on file with SJCHE.

FEES / FUND-RAISING / SCHOLARSHIPS

Fees for each sport will be noted on the registration forms. The monies collected are used to pay for rental of facilities, insurance, referees, printing, postage, equipment, miscellaneous items, and gratuities. A financial statement is made available at the end of each sport season.

There may be fund raising activities if needed and opportunities and volunteers are available.

TAXES AND INCOME (From SJCHE Membership Handbook)

San Juan Christian Home Educators is organized as an informal community service group. For simplicity and cost reasons, we have not sought non-profit status, and we do not file tax returns. To comply with tax laws, we have been advised that we must be careful how we handle income. We are allowed to receive income from annual dues, sports participation, and special activities to reimburse expenses that will be incurred throughout the year. Occasionally, fundraising opportunities arise from which payment for services is due. To avoid having to report and pay income taxes, San Juan Christian Home Educators is unable to receive such payment in the group's name, unless payment is specifically issued as a donation. In most cases fundraising payments are considered earned income, subject to taxation, and will need to be received in the name of one of the member families (children or parents), who will be responsible for income tax reporting.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING ALL SPORTS

- 1. Official game rules will be those established by the Colorado High School Activities Association unless otherwise noted in the regulations of the ACSWC. (Some rules are altered to accommodate the facilities and size of the schools belonging to the league.)
- 2. The home team of each sporting event will have at the scorer's table a copy of the NFHSA rulebook.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY (Taken from the ACSWC manual)

- 1. The Executive Committee (of the ACSWC) will establish eligibility rules that will apply to all members.
- 2. A particular student can play for only **one academic institution** per sport.
- 3. No player may participate in a sport for more than four consecutive years from the time they enter high school. (9th grade is considered high school.)
- 4. Sixth eighth graders or those younger than 15 yr. by Sept. 15 of the present year may play junior varsity. Those who are 15 or older on Sept. 15 <u>must</u> play on the varsity team. (Note: a player is always allowed to play up. A formal written exception must be approved by the ACSWC for a player to play down.)
- 5. A student must take a minimum of 50% of his core classes with the particular school or homeschool organization for which he plays. (Core classes consist of: math, English, languages, science, history, and Bible.)
- 6. All players must practice at least three times with their team prior to competing.

- 7. A player must have been on the official roster of the team for at least 50% of the regular games to play in the tournament. A major injury may be an exception. This must be approved through the sports director and coordinator.
- 8. If an ineligible player plays in any league game, his team shall forfeit all games in which he plays.

TRANSFER POLICY (Taken from the ACSWC manual.)

- 1. A student transferring midyear to another member school in the ACSWC conference may not participate in league games for a 60 calendar-day period of time to begin with the first day a student attends classes at your school. No hardship cases will be considered.
- 2. If a player of a member school moves from one city to another, e.g. Grand Junction to Montrose, that student is immediately eligible to participate.
- 3. If a legal transfer student comes out for a sport he must have five (5) practice sessions completed before he is eligible to compete in league games.

PLAYING TIME

At the junior varsity level, coaches will play each team member for <u>some</u> time during the regular season games. Equal time is not guaranteed. At the varsity level, playing time will be left to the discretion of the coaches. In tournaments at both levels, playing time will be left to the discretion of the coaches.

TRANSPORTATION

Parents are expected to provide or arrange with other **adults** for the transportation to and supervision of their children at practices and games.

DRESS CODE (From the SJCHE Membership Handbook)

- 1. Dresses and skirts should be at least two inches below fingertip length as your hands fall to your sides.
- 2. Shorts should be at least fingertip length as your hands fall to your sides.
- 3. Blouses for girls should have modest necklines and, when sleeveless, should not reveal large sections of the girl's undergarments.
- 4. Boys' and girls' midsections (abdomen) should be covered.
- 5. Logos on T-shirts or other clothing should not be anti-Christian in theme (i.e. advertising a secular rock group who openly and aggressively blasphemes our Heavenly Father).

UNIFORMS / EQUIPMENT

The colors of SJCHE are red and white. Uniform jerseys / tee shirts are either individually purchased or borrowed from the SJCHE depending on the sport. (Presently, volleyball shirts are bought and owned by the individual athlete; basketball jerseys are provided and must be returned.) The athlete furnishes black shorts. Appropriate non-marking athletic shoes must be worn. Kneepads are encouraged for volleyball.

Some balls are provided by SJCHE, but players are encouraged to bring their own **marked** balls to practice.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS

All members of a SJCHE team and their <u>homeschooled</u> siblings will receive a SJCHE student identification card. This card allows them to enter games free and is valid for the entire school year.

VARSITY LETTER AWARD GUIDELINES

Varsity players in their first year of a given sport are <u>not</u> eligible to letter. In their second year of the <u>same</u> sport players are eligible to letter provided they have met the following criteria.

1. Athletic participation

- A. Volleyball-1/2 of official Varsity matches.
- B. Basketball-12 quarters of official games.
- C. Track- 1 official trackmeet.

2. Character

- A. Good sportsmanship, winning or losing.
- B. Respect for coaches, officials and opponents.
- C. Christ-like attitude.
- D. Leadership

3. Academics

A. Student-athletes must be satisfactorily completing their academic course work. Parents, unless we are notified by you, we will assume that your student(s) are academically eligible to letter.

4. Exceptions

Any exceptions must be submitted by the coach, and approved by the Sports Board.

SELECTION OF COACHES

All coaches will be subject to board approval.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COACHES

1. Coaches should become familiar with the rules and regulations of the ACSWC, of SJCHE, and of those pertaining to his sport.

- 2. Coaches will need to attend the mandatory meetings necessary for their particular sport. This will entail one meeting with the SJCHE parents at the beginning of the season and two with the other coaches of the ACSWC. The first meeting of the ACSWC is to get acquainted with the other coaches and to discuss the season and any rules that may be an exception for the league. The second meeting of the ACSWC is to discuss the tournament policies.
- 3. Coaches will help in determining the practice and game schedules. They will coordinate any scrimmages, extra tournaments, etc. with the athletic director. Good communication is necessary for good organization.
- 4. Coaches need to be aware of the tremendous influence they have over the student athletes entrusted to them and to help them become more Christ-like as they learn teamwork, good attitudes, and athletic skills.
- 5. Coaches are to be aware of the attendance at practices and to enforce the rules concerning unexcused absences.
- 6. Coaches are to refrain from reprimanding players in an abusive manner, and from making derogatory remarks about them.
- 7. Coaches are to set an example of good sportsmanship for players and spectators, while winning or losing, and to encourage the players and spectators to be polite, courteous, and fair to the visiting team. For basketball, no full-court press allowed if 20 points ahead.
- 8. Coaches will ask a willing player to lead the teams in prayer before a home game.
- 9. Coaches are expected to shake hands with the opposing coaches before and after the game.
- 10. Coaches need to respect and support officials at all times and to contact them for interpretations only during time periods allowed by the rules. Coaches will concentrate on controlling their team in a Godly manner.
- 11. Coaches should promote a good relationship with the media.
- 12. Coaches are expected to take proper care of all equipment and to return it to SJCHE at the end of the season. This includes the basketball jerseys.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PLAYERS

- 1. All athletes are expected to have good behavior. See guidelines for general conduct in the SJCHE Membership Handbook.
- 2. Team players are expected to support one another. At practices and games there will be no wandering in and out of buildings and classrooms.
- 3. In order to have an <u>excused</u> absence, players need to notify the coach in a timely fashion if they cannot make a practice. Any player with an unexcused absence will be unable to play in the

game that week. Moreover, the privilege of playing in the tournament will be forfeited if a player has excessive unexcused absences.

- 4. Players will treat officials and opponents with respect. They will thank the officials and greet the opponents in a sincere appropriate fashion following either victory or defeat. Unsportsmanlike conduct will <u>not</u> be tolerated and may be grounds for the removal of the offender from the team at the discretion of the athletic board. There will be no refunds.
- 5. All athletes will help with various jobs such as setting up and taking down chairs and volleyball nets, mopping floors, flipping the score charts, keeping time, postgame cleanup, etc.
- 6. A player will lead the prayer before a home game if asked <u>and</u> if willing to do so.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPECTATORS

- 1. Spectators are to encourage all athletes by positive cheering.
- 2. Spectators will respect the officials at <u>all times</u>, even when they make a mistake.
- 3. Spectators are to refrain from using profane or abusive language or gestures at all times.
- 4. Spectators will respect public property and maintain self-control at all times.
- 5. Any spectator who is disruptive and behaves in a disrespectful manner will be removed from the gym by the gym supervisor.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS

- 1. Parents are to encourage responsible and punctual attendance at practices and games. Please pick up your children promptly after practice.
- 2. All parents must volunteer or accept an assignment to help SJCHE sports program in the capacity of a scorekeeper, timekeeper, line judge, referee contactor, baby-sitter coordinator, baby-sitter for a coach's children, uniform orderer/caretaker, gym supervisor at home, gym supervisor at away games, gym setup and cleanup helpers, admission collector, student ID-maker and distributor, certificate maker, phone tree coordinator, lunch maker for officials, or drink provider for officials or any other job necessary to help the program run smoothly. Training, if necessary, will be provided. You are responsible to secure your own substitute if you become unable to fulfill your original commitment.

You will volunteer <u>several</u> hours for <u>each</u> sport in which your child participates and understand that it may be necessary to attend some games other than those in which your children are playing.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR – Valinda Meeker (VB)/Mike Brezinsky (BB)

This person is the liaison between SJCHE and the ACSWC. They are responsible for representing SJCHE at the biannual administration meetings of the ACSWC and for voting on any new policies. They will have SJCHE help at the league level if and when necessary. It is helpful for the athletic director to attend the two ACSWC meetings for each individual sport as well as conduct the mandatory meeting with the SJCHE parents. At the local level, their responsibility is to oversee all aspects of the SJCHE Sports Program. It is the Athletic Director's

job to find coaches and gym facilities, oversee all that is necessary to make the program run smoothly, get announcements into the newsletter, and administer the registration process. Other duties include buying equipment, if necessary, paying all expenses and reimbursements, keeping track of monies, and providing the necessary financial statements at the end of each sport season. The Athletic Director is accountable to the SJCHE Leadership Board.

TREASURER - Leann Hogan

This person is responsible for the collection of all sports income, the payment of all sports expenditures and all maintaining accurate bookkeeping records. He/she will work with the Athletic Director to organize and coordinate registration and the collection of registration fees. They will also work with the Volunteer Coordinator to train Admissions Takers and coordinate the collection and deposits of all admissions. In the case of special fundraisers, the Treasure will work with the Athletic Director in the collection and use of these funds. Before the season starts, the Treasurer will work with the Athletic Director to pay all ACSWC fees, facility rental fees, new equipment purchases and insurance premiums. During the season, this person is responsible to insure that all referees are paid the day of the game(s) they officiate. They are also responsible to insure payment for game gym usage and additional practice gym usage. At the end of the season the Treasurer will prepare a Sport Financial Report showing all income and expenditures for the season and our beginning and ending balance. The Treasurer is accountable to the Athletic Director

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR – Rhoda Hannenberg

This person will be responsible for coordinating the volunteers for a given sport. The athletic director will provide you with the completed volunteer sign-up sheets from registration, team lists with parent's names and phone numbers, and a copy of the volunteer spreadsheet from the prior year to use as a reference. Once you have determined a team parent for each team you must make copies of the necessary documents to be distributed to each of them. As soon as a game schedule is given to you, compile a new volunteer spreadsheet using the prior year spreadsheet as a guide. Consider who would be best suited for the different positions. Some parents have, for example, worked the electronic scoreboard during prior seasons, or maybe they were a line judge, admissions taker, etc. This is where the spreadsheet from prior years will help you. Try to put parents on positions they chose on the sign-up sheets. However, keep in mind that not all parents will be able to have the position that they chose. Talk with them and ask if they are comfortable with the position you need them to fulfill. Reassure them that there will be a scrimmage set up to train them for positions with which they are unfamiliar. If they cannot accept, look for someone else to take that position. Once you have the volunteer spreadsheet complete, present it to the athletic director for approval. Copies will then be made and distributed. If changes occur that affect a team, it will be your responsibility to call that team parent(s) and advise them of the information that needs to be passed on to the parents of said team(s). The Volunteer Coordinator is accountable to the Athletic Director

TEAM PARENT – (Assigned by Volunteer Coordinator)

- 1. Acquire the necessary information from the volunteer coordinator: team rosters with parent's names and phone numbers; and the volunteer spreadsheet. Once you receive the volunteer positions spreadsheet, forward it as soon as possible to the parents on your team.
- 2. There should be a training scrimmage at the practice prior to our first scheduled games. Check your calendar for this date and inform the parents to have their kids wear their uniforms that day. Also, let line judges, scorekeepers and electronic scoreboard operators know that this is when they will receive training, or for veterans a time to refresh their skills.

Remind parents to arrive 20 or so minutes prior to the scheduled game time. This way all the persons involved, including the game referee, know that the positions for that game are covered, that there are no last minute changes, and the games can proceed on time. Confirm every position and explain that they are responsible for their assigned job during the season and the tournament, which includes **preliminary** tournament games.

- 3. It will be your responsibility to call the coach and parents of your team for any practice/game schedule changes and preliminary tournament game information that you receive from the Volunteer Coordinator.
- 4. At the end of the season, each coach receives some type of gratuity. The Athletic Director will determine the amount of money available for these gratuities. The amount that is available varies from year to year and from sport to sport. If there is sufficient money left so that each coach receives a gratuity, you should assemble a card basket with thank you cards from the players and/or parents of your team. If funds are not available from the budget to provide monetary gratuities, you should assemble a gift basket for your coach as a "thank you". Contact the parents of your team and ask them to contribute items to the basket for presentation at the end of season tournament.

GAME SCHEDULER – Cindy Thompson (BB)

This person will be responsible for all aspects of game scheduling of a given sport and creating the game schedule spreadsheet. You will be provided with a league master schedule for contacting the other schools in our league to schedule SJCHE home and away games. Contact the practice facility to ensure available days and times for games, and check with the referee coordinator to make certain you do not create a conflict with their task of securing referees. You are the contact person for any scheduling changes and must notify the athletic director, referee coordinator, and the volunteer coordinator if any changes occur. You must contact the opponent school(s) on Monday or Tuesday of the week we will be playing that school to confirm game dates and times. All scorekeepers will report final scores to you, and it will be your responsibility to report all game scores to the League Director within one week after each game. It would be helpful to have the practice scrimmage date on the game schedule (the scrimmage should always take place at the practice prior to our first scheduled games). The completed SJCHE game schedule must be sent as soon as possible to the volunteer coordinator, referee coordinator, and practice facility. It will be your responsibility to coordinate preliminary tournament games that SJCHE is hosting. The Game Scheduler is accountable to the Athletic Director

LEAGUE COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR – Christine Brezinsky (BB) Gina Pulliam (VB)

This person is responsible to confirm weekly scheduled games and communicate all final scores to the League Sports Director. It is your responsibility to contact the opponent school(s) on Monday or Tuesday of the week we will be playing that school to confirm game dates and times. If there are any discrepancies or cancellations, you must immediately report these to the Game Scheduler so that he/she can pass communication through the organization. Weekly, you will collect all final scores from the Scorekeepers and report those to the League Sports Director. The League Communications Coordinator is accountable to the Game Scheduler

REFEREE COORDINATOR – Bonnie Baier (BB) Kristie MacGregor (VB)

This person is responsible for securing referees and/or umpires once a game schedule has been established. It is wise to contact several game officials prior to a given sport so you can let the game scheduler know of any time constraints. You must provide a referee schedule to the athletic director, and a few days before each athletic event of the season, call the officials to confirm the date and time with them. You must find substitutions as necessary. A list of referees and/or umpires will be provided to you. It will be your responsibility to secure referees for preliminary tournament games that SJCHE is hosting. The Referee Coordinator is accountable to the Athletic Director

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR - Cindy Thompson

This person is responsible for all aspects of repair and/or maintenance of the equipment owned or operated by the SJCHE sports program. This includes, but is not limited to, our volleyball net system, game balls, first aid kits and score books. Inventories and necessary purchases of medical supplies, game balls and scorebooks should be done well in advance of each sport. Periodically throughout the season, the volleyball net system should be inspected for wear or anything else that might pose a safety hazard. The Equipment Coordinator is accountable to the Athletic Director.

HOME GYM SUPERVISOR – (Assigned by Volunteer Coordinator)

This person or couple will be responsible for the rented facility during their scheduled time. It will be their responsibility to enforce the following rules and regulations: monitor spectator behavior; no food or drinks in the gym—only water; no congregating in the bathrooms. If you are gym supervisor for the first game of the evening, you should arrive thirty minutes early to help with the following setup; scorekeepers' table and chairs. If you are gym supervisor for the last game of the evening, you should help with the following clean-up: make sure the scoreboard timer control is turned off before it is unplugged so the scoreboard on the wall is not left on, then return controls and extension cord to storage; return the scorekeepers table and chairs to proper storage; put away chairs; flush all toilets to make sure they are not plugged; pick up trash in the gym, bathrooms, and spectator area. Sweep and dust mop gym floor and bathrooms. The Home Gym Supervisor is accountable to the Volunteer Coordinator.

AWAY GAME SUPERVISOR

We believe that every parent attending non-home games, in which SJCHE teams are participating, is considered a supervisor and should report any problems to the athletic director. However, the ACSWC Game Management Policy requires that we have one person assigned to each away game for the purpose of crowd/spectator control. It is this person's job to remind our spectators or proper sportsmanship and if necessary request that any offender remove him/herself from the game premises.

SCOREKEEPER – (Assigned by Volunteer Coordinator)

This person(s) keeps score for one team throughout the season <u>and the tournament</u>. They will study the duties as outlined in the scorebook and execute them to the best of their ability. Scorekeepers are responsible for recording the official score in the provided scorebook for home **and** away games. Training will be provided. Be sure to arrive approximately 20 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. Then, please check in with the game official so they are aware your position is covered. If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled task, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. It is also your responsibility to collect 1 All Conference vote for an opposing team player from our head coach. You will be required to report all final game scores and the All Conference Vote to the League Communication Coordinator within 24 hours after each game. The Score Keeper is accountable to the Volunteer Coordinator.

ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD/TIMER – (Assigned by Volunteer Coordinator)

This person is responsible for keeping time for one team throughout the season and the tournament. They will attend the training session provided, familiarize themselves with equipment before the game and carry out their responsibilities to the best of their ability. This person will run the electronic scoreboard or clock for home games during the season and at tournament. Training will be provided. Be sure to arrive approximately 20 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. Then, please check in with the game official so they are aware your position is covered. If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled task, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. The Electronic Scoreboard/Timer is accountable to the Volunteer Coordinator.

LINE JUDGE – (Assigned by Volunteer Coordinator) (VB only)

This person is responsible for line judging for one volleyball team throughout the season <u>and the tournament</u>. They attend the training session provided and carry out their responsibilities to the best of their ability. Training will be provided. The Line Judge is accountable to the Volunteer Coordinator.

UNIFORM-ORDERER / CARETAKER – Ronna Good (BB) & (VB)

This person is responsible for making sure every player of a particular sport has a uniform shirt/jersey. For volleyball this will mean ordering shirts for new players. (A list of former players with their shirt numbers will be available so duplicate numbers will be avoided.) When the shirts are ready, they will be picked up and given to the proper players after collecting the necessary money. The money and a list of players with their shirt/ jersey numbers will then be given to the athletic director. For basketball, this will mean distributing the appropriate shirts/jerseys to the players and making a list of the players and their respective numbers for the athletic director. At the end of the basketball season all shirts/jerseys will be checked in, washed if necessary, and stored for the following year. A few weeks before the end of basketball, advise the volunteer coordinator to call team parents so that players can be informed to bring a change of clothing to the tournament and leave their jerseys with you.

ADMISSIONS COLLECTOR – (Assigned by Volunteer Coordinator)

This person is responsible for collecting admissions and stamping hands during their scheduled time at SJCHE home games and some time during the ACSWC tournament. This requires arriving thirty minutes prior to their scheduled start time. The money will be given to the athletic director. It is necessary to be attentive and honest as this money helps support the SJCHE program. The admissions taker needs to be diligent in continuing to accept admissions even after the game has started. If you are inclined to be preoccupied while your child is playing, please consider switching with another admissions taker before or after your child's game. Grandparents and older, responsible siblings are welcomed. The Admissions Taker is accountable to the Treasurer

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD-MAKER AND DISTRIBUTOR

This person is responsible for obtaining a template for the ID cards from the athletic director and having them printed. They will record the appropriate names and distribute them. They will maintain a list of who has been given one and give this list to the athletic director. The Student Identification Card-Maker and Distributer is accountable to the Volunteer Coordinator.

CERTIFICATE MAKER

This person is responsible for making and printing the necessary participants' certificates for a particular sport and giving them to the athletic director. It may be necessary to purchase

appropriate paper at your own expense. The Certificate Maker is accountable to the Volunteer Coordinator.

BABY-SITTER COORDINATOR (IF NEEDED)

This person is responsible for making a schedule with time slots for baby-sitters to cover all the days of practice for a coach's children, and for games and tournament time if needed. You may need to remind the baby-sitters and find substitutions if necessary. It is vital that this person has good communication with the coach. The Baby-Sitter Coordinator is accountable to the Volunteer Coordinator.

BABY-SITTER (IF NEEDED)

This person is to baby-sit the children of the coach for <u>several</u> practice times and/or games. A schedule with time slots will be provided. They are to show up promptly or find a substitute if necessary. The Baby-Sitter is accountable to the Baby-Sitter Coordinator

PRACTICE/SCRIMMAGE

The purpose of the practice/scrimmage is to train scorekeepers, electronic scoreboard timers, and for volleyball, line judges. It also gives veterans an opportunity to refresh their memory and gives new coaches and players a feel for a real game experience. A practice/scrimmage should always take place at the practice prior to our first scheduled games. Coaches are responsible for securing referees for this event. (This can be a coach, an older athlete, or other person knowledgeable in officiating.) The team parents should inform the scorekeepers, electronic scoreboard operators, and line judges of this date. It is good to have at least two adults per team who know how to keep score and time and are comfortable with their tasks. The duties of the scorekeeper and timer will be as stated in the official rules established by the Colorado High School Activities Association with any additions or deletions determined by the ACSWC.