

BY-LAWS OF THE SOUTHERN WORCESTER COUNTY MATHEMATICS LEAGUE

SECTION I NAME

- (a) The name of this organization shall be called the "Southern Worcester County Mathematics League".
- (b) Unofficially it may be referred to as "Sowocomal".

SECTION II PURPOSE

- (a) To stimulate interest in Mathematics among students.
- (b) To expose students to experiences in Mathematics in addition to the normal classroom learning situation.

SECTION III MEMBERSHIP

- (a) The charter member high schools are Auburn, Notre Dame of Southbridge, St. Louis of Webster, St. Mary's of Southbridge, Southbridge, and Tantasqua Regional of Sturbridge.
- (b) Other schools in the area seeking admittance to the league will be graciously considered for membership by the league's executive committee.
- (c) Charlton High member, April 1964
Woodstock Academy member, April 30, 1965
Worcester Academy member, April 30, 1965
Warren member, September 30, 1965
St. Mary's and Notre Dame of Southbridge consolidated to become Marianhill Central Catholic; member September 1965
Assumption Preparatory member, October 20, 1965
Sacred Heart Academy member, October 20, 1965
Holy Name Central Catholic member, April 13, 1966
Tahanto Regional member, April 13, 1966
Wachusett Regional member, April 13, 1966

SECTION IV OFFICERS

- (a) Mathematics teachers of the member schools may serve as officers.
- (b) One office shall be that of President-Treasurer whose duties shall include:
 - (1) The Scheduling and calling of coaches' meetings
 - (2) Moderator of coaches' meetings
 - (3) Choosing and delivering of problems, with answers, to section chairman and scorers ten (10) days before a meet.
 - (4) Keeping a record of official results
 - (5) Notifying each school of official meet results
 - (6) Checking at least once a year to see what rules are currently in force and to supervise a revision of rules if need be and to advise all member schools of this revision in writing.
 - (7) Keeping the League's bank of problems.
 - (8) Keeping a record of League's dues, collected and spent.
 - (9) Assuming other duties which may arise until new officers are elected.
- (c) The President-Treasurer may appoint a member school math teacher or teachers to assist him.
- (d) There shall be a chairman for each section of the league whose duties shall include:
 - (1) Evaluating problems with the other section chairman, the scorers and the president.
 - (2) Preparing the problems in quantity for the meet.
 - (3) Direct supervision of a meet, including coaches' assignments other than official section scorer.
 - (4) Forwarding of official, signed results of section meet to president within 24 hours of meet's completion.
 - (5) Providing all coaches with a copy of meet questions at the meet.

- (e) There shall be an official scorer for each section of the league whose duty it shall be to supervise and assist in the correcting and scoring of student and team papers at a meet.
The official scorer's decisions and interpretations shall be final but the scorer may seek the opinion of the chairman.
- (f) No two or more of the officers shall be from the same school nor shall two or more offices be vested in the same person simultaneously. No officer shall succeed himself in the same calendar year. In spirit all schools shall be willing and encouraged to share the responsible offices of the league.
- (g) The duties of these offices may be changed, and other offices initiated by two-thirds vote of all member schools. (one vote per school)
- (h) Another office shall be that of recording secretary. This officer shall take the minutes at each regular and special coaches' meeting. He shall duplicate said minutes and send copies to each member school within 15 days of the meeting.
 - (1) The secretary shall take the minutes at executive committee meetings and provide a copy of said minutes to all executive committee members within 10 days of the meeting.
 - (2) The secretary may come from the school of another officer but shall abide by the other conditions. (Section IV part (f))
- (i) Another officer shall be that of Publicity Agent.
 - (1) Only he shall report to interested news media duplicate information concerning League Meets, results, etc. and he shall keep a careful written record of these reports to pass on.
 - (2) He may come from the same school as another officer but shall abide by the other conditions. (Section IV part (f))

SECTION V ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Students eligible, under the state principal's association regulations, for extra-curricular competition, shall be eligible to compete in the Southern Worcester County Mathematics League.
- (b) No school may use more than 2 senior students and must use 1 sophomore or freshman per team.
- (c) A school may enter 1 or 2 teams per varsity meet.
- (d) Co-educational institutions shall have representatives of both sexes on a team.

SECTION VI DUES

- (a) Each school shall be assessed dues of \$5.00 per school year payable to the President-Treasurer of the League on or before the first varsity meet.
- (b) Penalty for late payment - A school's results will not be officially recorded, kept, or counted.

SECTION VII STUDENT DRESS

- (a) School uniforms shall be worn if this is the individual school's custom.
- (b) Boys shall wear sport jackets or suits.
- (c) Girls' dress shall be "school best".

SECTION VIII THE MEET PROPER

The topics to be covered in each of the first 5 rounds of all scheduled varsity meets per school year shall be made known to the coaches at the September coaches' meeting. The sixth round shall be a team question. The first two rounds shall be 8 minutes each; rounds three through six shall be ten minutes each. An electric timer shall record the length of a round. In the absence of such a timer, or due to its breakdown, another timing device shall be chosen by the chairman and his judgment of the time allotted shall be binding.

Three members from each team shall compete in rounds one through five but no member shall compete in more than three of the first five rounds. All five team members shall compete in round six. Each of the rounds one through five shall consist of three written math examples and/or problems consistent with the title of the round and drawn from the bank of examples by the league President-Treasurer. Number one example in each round shall count one point per competitor, if correct, number two example two points and number three example three points. As much as is humanly possible, examples shall be listed in order of their difficulty. The sixth round, the team question, shall consist of one example subdivided into at least three parts and credit per part shall be allowed. Round six shall count a total of 15 points

SECTION IX CONDUCT - Student Participation and Observers

- (a) Exemplary conduct is expected at all times.
- (b) The student shall not smoke on host school grounds.
- (c) Suspicion of smoking shall be a reason to disqualify a student from the present and ALL future meets.
- (d) Students shall not leave host school grounds during a meet.
- (e) Students shall not leave immediate area of meet except with coach's permission.
- (f) Student shall obey all rules of the host school and it is the student's responsibility to discover and to learn these rules.
- (g) Students are responsible to learn the procedures and rules pertinent to the actual meet questions.

SECTION X RULES

- (a) Rules may be amended by two-thirds vote of all member schools (one per school); two (2) weeks written notice is given to all schools not present when rule revisions are made.

SECTION XI BOARD OF COACHES

- (a) Each member school shall have at least one coach.
- (b) Any mathematics teacher, teaching mathematics, is eligible to belong to the board of coaches provided his or her school is a member.

SECTION XII BANK OF EXAMPLES

- (a) Each school shall contribute to the league's bank of examples once a year, specifically two (2) weeks before the first meet by sending to the President-Treasurer two (2) examples in each category plus one (1) team question with computation and answers. One example per 3 x 5 card.
- (b) The President-Treasurer may request more examples for the bank if he deems it necessary.

SECTION XIII CANCELLATION OF A MEET

- (a) A meet will be cancelled if state police advise against travel.
- (b) If individual schools decide against travel they should notify the host school by 1 p.m.
- (c) The Executive Committee shall decide if the meet will be cancelled.
- (d) Any "Make-up" meets will be held on a week day.
- (e) The "Make-up" date, if any, shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

SECTION XIV MEETINGS AND MEETS

- (a) The President shall call a coaches' meeting at his school for 3:30 P.M. on the last Wednesday in September and the second Wednesday in May.
- (b) There shall be a minimum of 4 varsity meets each year arranged by the coaches.

SECTION XV HOST SCHOOL

- (a) The host school will serve refreshments or give notice that they can not, one (1) week in advance, at least, to the member schools.
- (b) The host school shall provide an extra timer, extra pencils, and scrap

- paper.
- (c) The host school shall provide a competition room, a refreshment room, and a scoring room, each of which shall be separate.
 - (d) The scoring room shall be occupied during a meet by those only who are told to enter by the official scorer.

SECTION XVI THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the following officers: President-Treasurer, Chairmen and Official Scorers.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall decide on classification of all new schools.
- (c) The Executive Committee shall decide on classification of all schools each year before the first varsity meeting and it may demand information in writing deemed necessary for this function. The Executive Committee shall notify all schools of this classification before the first varsity meet.
- (d) The Executive Committee shall assume all responsibilities assigned to it in all other sections of this constitution.
- (e) The Executive Committee shall act for the best interests of the League concerning matters not written down but shall consider incorporating into the constitution within two years from their first decision matters of continuing recurrence.

SECTION XVII FRESHMAN MEETS

- (a) There shall be one or two freshman meets per school year. But none before February 1.
- (b) These meets shall be unofficial, with no results recorded or kept.
- (c) Each school will be limited to one team.
- (d) Each team shall consist of five members but only 4 shall compete per round, save the team round in which all five members participate.
- (e) There shall be five rounds per meet including the team question.
- (f) Student dress and conduct shall be as at varsity meets.
- (g) Host School Duties shall be the same as at varsity meets.

SECTION XVIII LEAGUE SECTIONS - As of October 1, 1966 the league will operate in 2 sections.

- (a) The Northern Section shall include Wachusett Regional, Tahanto Regional, Worcester Academy, Assumption Prep, Sacred Heart Academy, Holy Name, Marian, and Auburn.
- (b) The Southern Section shall include St. Louis, Charlton, Southbridge, Marianhill, Tantasqua, Warren, Woodstock Academy, Marianapolis Prep.
- (c) The section within which a school competes in no way affects its classification.